

# JPMorgan Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc

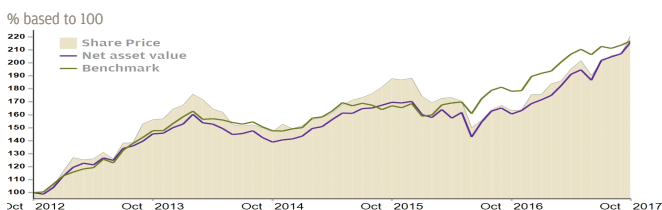
Monthly Update as at 31 October 2017

Overall Morningstar Rating™ (as at 31/10/17) <sup>A</sup> ★ ★ ★  
Morningstar Category™ UK Small-Cap Equity

## Management Commentary

The trust outperformed the benchmark during October. The key positive contributor was our large holding in Victoria Plc, a carpet and flooring manufacturer, which announced a highly earnings-accretive acquisition during the month, leading to a strong share price reaction. Our position in Games Workshop also benefited, as the company produced strong results, leading to analysts upgrading estimates and a positive share price reaction. Not owning Pendragon, which had a profit warning sending the shares down, also benefited. The largest detractor was not owning XP Power, which had good results during the month that sent the shares up.

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE ENDING OCTOBER 2017



### QUARTERLY ROLLING 12M ENDING SEPTEMBER 2017

%	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13
Share Price	23.5	-7.8	21.2	-2.1	56.3
Net asset value <sup>B</sup>	25.3	-1.3	17.6	1.8	39.1
Benchmark	17.8	10.5	9.0	5.6	44.9

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

%	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y
Share price	35.8	51.1	121.8
Net asset value <sup>B</sup>	34.8	55.8	116.4
Benchmark	21.9	47.1	117.2

**Past performance is not a guide to the future.** J.P.Morgan/Morningstar. Net asset value performance data has been calculated on a NAV to NAV (using the cum income NAV with debt at fair) basis, including ongoing charges and any applicable fees, with any income reinvested, in GBP. Please note Benchmark Indices do not include fees or operating expenses and are not available for actual investment.

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

Holding	Sector	Weight
4IMPrint	Consumer Services	3.8%
Fenner	Industrials	3.4%
Games Workshop	Consumer Goods	3.4%
Victoria	Consumer Goods	3.3%
McBride	Consumer Goods	3.2%
Fever-Tree	Consumer Goods	2.6%
OneSavings Bank	Financials	2.6%
Plus500	Financials	2.5%
Forterra	Industrials	2.4%
Arrow Global	Financials	2.3%

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

Aims to provide capital growth from investing in UK smaller companies by outperformance of the FTSE Small Cap Index. The company will predominantly invest in quoted UK small companies from the FTSE Small Cap Index, although where appropriate, it may invest in similar sized UK companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market which is the London Stock Exchange market for smaller, growing companies. The company has the ability to use borrowing to gear the portfolio within the range of 10% net cash to 15% geared in normal market conditions.

## KEY FACTS

Portfolio Manager(s)/Start date	Georgina Brittain (1998) Katen Patel (2014)
Dividends Paid	December
Benchmark	FTSE Small Cap (ex Inv Companies) (€)
Company Broker(s)	Winterflood Securities
Gross assets (as at 31/10/17)	GBP 243.1m
Share price (as at 30/11/17)	1030.0p
Net asset value (NAV) (as at 30/11/17) <sup>B</sup>	1250.7p
Discount(-)/Premium	-17.6%
Total dividend for last financial year (per share)	23.00p
Financial year-end date	31 July
Prospective Dividend Yield <sup>C</sup>	2.2%
Potential gearing range	-10% to 15%
Actual gearing <sup>D</sup>	8.3%

## COMPANY FEES & EXPENSES

Ongoing charges (comprises): <sup>E</sup>	1.12%
	0.80% on gross assets upto £200m,
-Annual management fee	0.70% on gross assets over £200m
-Operating & administrative expenses	0.32%
Performance fee	No

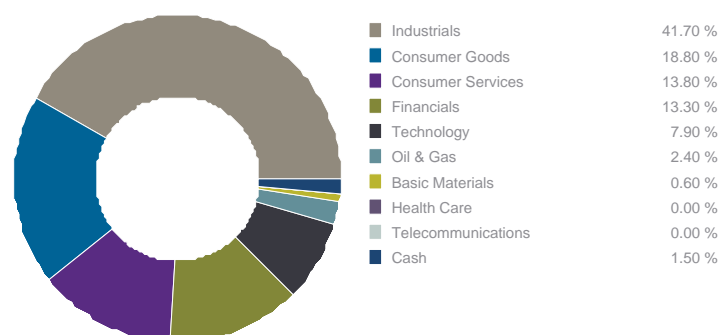
## KEY RISKS

The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Please read the Risk Information, Explanatory Notes, Glossary of Terms and Important Information on the next page.

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## SECTOR BREAKDOWN AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017 <sup>F</sup>



The Trust is an actively managed portfolio, holdings, sector weights, allocations and leverage, as applicable are subject to change at the discretion of the Investment Manager without notice.

## RISK INFORMATION

- External factors may cause an entire asset class to decline in value. Prices and values of all shares or all bonds could decline at the same time, or fluctuate in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions.
- This trust may utilise gearing (borrowing) which will exaggerate market movements both up and down.
- This trust may also invest in smaller companies which may increase its risk profile.
- The share price may trade at a discount to the Net Asset Value of the company.
- The single market in which the Trust primarily invests, in this case the UK, may be subject to particular political and economic risks and, as a result, the trust may be more volatile than more broadly diversified trusts.
- Companies listed on AIM tend to be smaller and early stage companies and may carry greater risks than an investment in a company with a full listing on the London Stock Exchange.

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<sup>B</sup>Cum income only NAV with debt at par, diluted for treasury and/or subscription shares if applicable

<sup>C</sup>Source: Morningstar. Prospective dividend yield is indicative and based on mid market prices, and include the declared and net prospective dividends for the current financial year.

<sup>D</sup>Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total investments (excluding liquidity fund holdings) expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. If the amount calculated is negative, this is known as a "net cash" position.

<sup>E</sup>Ongoing charges are the management fee and all other operating expenses, excluding interest charges on any borrowing and any performance fee payable expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets during the year. All figures are for the previous financial year.

<sup>F</sup>Non-Benchmark holdings (where held) are classified in the appropriate sector/region. Cash is net current assets and holdings used as cash substitutes if applicable.

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## COMPANY CODES

ISIN	GB0007416000
Sedol	0741600
Bloomberg	JMI LN
Reuters	JMI.L

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**BENCHMARK COMPARISON** - Comparison of the Company's performance is made with the benchmark. The benchmark is a recognised index of stocks which should not be taken as wholly representative of the Company's investment universe. The Company's investment strategy does not follow or track this index and therefore there may be a degree of divergence between its performance and that of the Company.

**CASH** - Net current assets including investment in liquidity funds & treasury stocks (if held) and drawn revolving credit facilities (if any) with an original maturity of less than 1 year.

**DISCOUNT / PREMIUM** - If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The discount/premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

**GEARING** - Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total assets expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. Total assets include total investments and net current assets/liabilities less cash/cash equivalents and excluding bank loans of less than one year. If the amount calculated is negative this is known as a 'net cash' position.

**SECTOR / GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWNS** - These are expressed as a percentage of total portfolio and cash. Investments in liquidity funds will be shown as cash.

**TOP 10 HOLDINGS** - These are expressed as a percentage of total portfolio and cash. Investments in liquidity funds / treasury stocks will not be shown in the top 10 holdings.