# JPMorgan European Discovery Trust plc

#### **Fund overview**

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Objective: The Company aims to provide capital growth from a diversified portfolio of smaller European companies (excluding the United Kingdom). As the emphasis is on capital growth rather than income, shareholders should expect the dividend to vary from year to year. The Company has the ability to use borrowing to gear the portfolio within the range of 20% net cash to 20% geared, in normal market conditions

Portfolio manager(s)

Francesco Conte (1998)

Company Broker(s) Cavendish

Benchmark MSCI Europe ex UK

Small Cap Index (Net)

£757.8m

Dividends paid Edward Greaves (2016) January and July

Share price 370.0p NAV 434.6p

Company launch 24 Apr 1990

Discount(-)/ Premium -14.9%

Company assets Potential gearing

range -20% to 20%

Actual gearing

Company fees & expenses **Ongoing Charges** 

0.94%

Annual management fee 0.75% on Net Assets

Performance fee No

### **ESG** information

# ESG approach - Integrated

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#### Company ratings As at 29 September 2023

Morningstar Category™ Europe ex-UK Small/Mid-Cap Equity FE Crown Fund

# Performance

- 1 Share Price
- 2 Net asset value
- 3 Benchmark: MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index (Net)

#### GROWTH OF £ 10,000 Calendar years



#### Quarterly rolling 12-month performance (%)

As at end of September 2023

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
1	-9.27	14.21	28.97	-29.09	6.52
2	-7.68	16.01	26.18	-27.52	4.12
3	-2.18	10.66	28.57	-23.68	13.08

#### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	59.58	-9.41	44.05	1.86	45.10	-20.61	18.62	28.29	14.87	-25.93
2	48.73	-5.60	32.10	13.80	30.05	-13.85	16.39	25.59	18.02	-23.81
3	36.62	-2.40	16.60	22.50	22.61	-13.25	19.78	19.21	16.83	-16.10

## Cumulative performance (%)

		Cumulati	ive	Annualised	
	1 month	3 months	1 year	YTD	3 years 5 years 10 year
1	-4.02	-4.64	6.52	-4.78	-0.87 0.19 7.89
2	-2.75	-5.60	4.12	-5.71	-1.62 0.39 8.19
3	-2.19	-2.87	13.08	0.10	3.52 3.73 8.43

#### Performance Disclosures

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#### FSG

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YIELD AND DIVIDEND HISTORY						
Prospective dividend yield: 2.4%						
Total dividend for last financ	Financial year end: 31 March					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Total dividend per share (p)	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	9.00	

Portfolio analysis

Measurement	3 years	5 years
Correlation	0.96	0.96
Alpha (%)	-0.42	-0.27
Beta	1.04	1.11
Annualised volatility (%)	19.01	20.69
Sharpe ratio	-0.03	0.09
Tracking error (%)	5.48	5.79
Information ratio	-0.88	-0.47

# Holdings

Top 10	Sector	% of assets
Alten	Technology	2.8
SPIE	Industrials	2.8
Sanlorenzo	Consumer Discretionary	2.5
Royal Vopak	Industrials	2.3
Bravida	Industrials	2.2
SEB	Consumer Discretionary	2.2
BPER Banca	Financials	2.0
Banco de Sabadell	Financials	2.0
SCOR	Financials	2.0
Technogym	Consumer Discretionary	1.9

# Market cap (%) (GBP)



Regions (%)	Co	mpared to benchmark
France	17.9	+6.4
Italy	17.6	+7.2
Sweden	17.5	+2.3
Germany	14.7	+0.7
Netherlands	5.6	+0.6
Switzerland	5.3	-7.8
Denmark	3.5	-2.4
Belgium	3.5	-0.3
Spain	2.5	-3.3
Norway	2.2	-5.0
Others	3.4	-4.7
Cash	6.3	+6.3

Sectors (%)		Compared to benchmark
Industrials	28.5	-1.1
Consumer Discretionary	22.1	+10.6
Financials	17.5	+3.1
Technology	11.6	+2.0
Consumer Staples	5.8	+0.2
Basic Materials	2.9	-2.7
Real Estate	2.2	-5.2
Health Care	1.7	-6.1
Telecommunications	0.9	-0.9
Utilities	0.5	-2.4
Energy	0.0	-3.8
Cash	6.3	+6.3

# Key risks

Exchange rate changes may cause the value of underlying overseas investments to go down as well as up.

External factors may cause an entire asset class to decline in value. Prices and values of all shares or all bonds and income could decline at the same time, or fluctuate in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions.

This Company may utilise gearing (borrowing) which will exaggerate market movements both up and down.

This Company invests 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.

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Risk Indicator - Based on share class volatility for the past 5 years. See Key Information Document (KID) for details.

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 unless where indicated. All the figures are for the previous financial year. For information on ongoing charges please refer to the Company's Annual Report and Accounts. www.jpmeuropeandiscovery.co.uk

#### Performance information

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management/Morningstar. Net asset value performance data has been calculated on a NAV to NAV basis, including ongoing charges and any applicable fees, with any income reinvested, in GBP.

NAV is the cum income NAV with debt at fair value, diluted for treasury and/or subscription shares if applicable, with any income reinvested. Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in GBP with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. The performance of the company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

Indices do not include fees or operating expenses and you cannot invest in them.

Prospective dividend yield is for the investment trust's current financial year. It is indicative only and based on the latest month end mid-market price and the declared and net prospective dividends for the current financial year.

Prior to 01/04/20 the benchmark was Euromoney Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Total Return Index

# **Holdings information**

Market Cap excludes cash.

#### Information Sources

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FE Trustnet crown rating as at 31 Sep 2023.

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.

Gearing 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.

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.

**NAV** The value of investment and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

**Cash** A company's net exposure to cash / cash equivalents [includes investment in liquidity funds and treasury stocks if held] expressed as a percentage of shareholders funds after any offset against its gearing.

**Correlation** measures the relationship between the movement of the fund and its benchmark. A correlation of 1.00 indicates that the fund perfectly matched its benchmark.

Alpha (%) a measure of excess return generated by a manager compared to the benchmark. An alpha of 1.00 indicates that a fund has outperformed its benchmark by 1%.

**Beta** a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by the fund's benchmark). A beta of 1.10 suggests the fund could perform 10% better than the benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

Annualised volatility (%) an absolute measure of volatility and measures the extent to which returns vary up and down over a given period. High volatility means that the returns have been more variable over time. The measure is expressed as an annualised value. Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment adjusting for the amount of risk taken (compared a risk-free investment). The

higher the Sharpe ratio the better the returns compared to the risk taken.

**Tracking error** (%) measures how much a fund's returns deviate from those of the benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed its benchmark.

Information ratio (IR) measures if a manager is outperforming or underperforming the benchmark and accounts for the risk taken to achieve the returns. A manager who outperforms a benchmark by 2% p.a. will have a higher IR than a manager with the same outperformance but who takes more risk.