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# **Manchester & London Investment Trust Plc**

# **INVESTOR DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Prospective investors must inform themselves as to (a) the legal requirements within their own countries for the purchase, holding, transfer or other disposal of shares; (b) any foreign exchange restrictions applicable to the purchase, holding, transfer or other disposal of shares which they might encounter; and (c) the income and other tax consequences which may apply in their own countries as a result of the purchase, holding, transfer or other disposal of shares.

#### **Risk factors**

Potential investors should consider the risks associated with the Company's investment strategy and use of leverage and derivatives which are set out in the Company's Annual Report available on its website at https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/. These are NOT, however, intended to represent a complete list of all risk factors relating to an investment in the Company and its shares.

In particular, it should be remembered that the price of a share, and the income from shares (if any), can go down as well as up. An investment in shares is suitable only for investors who are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses which may arise therefrom (which may be equal to the whole amount invested). Such an investment should be seen as long term in nature and complementary to existing investments in a range of other financial assets.

## INTRODUCTION TO MANCHESTER & LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

#### The Company

Manchester & London Investment Trust PLC is an investment company with investment trust status which has been listed on the main list of the London Stock Exchange since 8 December 1997.

The Company has its registered office in London.

#### **Investment Objective**

To achieve capital appreciation.

#### **Investment Policy**

#### **Asset Allocation**

The Company's investment objective is sought to be achieved through a policy of actively investing in a diversified portfolio, comprising any of global equities and/or fixed interest securities and/or derivatives.

The Company may invest in derivatives, money market instruments, currency instruments, contracts for differences ("CFDs"), futures, forwards and options for the purposes of (i) holding investments and (ii) hedging positions against movements in, for example, equity markets, currencies and interest rates.

The Company seeks investment exposure to companies whose shares are listed, quoted or admitted to trading. However, it may invest up to 10% of gross assets (at the time of investment) in the equities and/or fixed interest securities of companies whose shares are not listed, quoted or admitted to trading.

### **Risk diversification**

The Company intends to maintain a diversified portfolio and it is expected that the portfolio will have between approximately 20 to 100 holdings. No single holding will represent more than 20% of gross assets at the time of investment. In addition, the Company's five largest holdings (by value) will not exceed (at the time of investment) more than 75% of gross assets.

Although there are no restrictions on the constituents of the Company's portfolio by geography, industry sector or asset class, it is intended that the Company will hold investments across a number of geographies and industry sectors. During periods in which changes in economic, political or market conditions or other factors so warrant, the Manager may reduce the Company's exposure to one or more asset classes and increase the Company's position in cash and/or money market instruments.

The Company will not invest more than 15% of its total assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds. However, the Company may invest up to 50% of gross assets (at the time of investment) in an investment company subsidiary, subject always to the other restrictions set out in this investment policy and the Listing Rules.

#### Gearing

The Company may borrow to gear the Company's returns when the Manager believes it is in Shareholders' interests to do so. The Company's Articles of Association ("Articles") restrict the level of borrowings that the Company may incur up to a sum equal to two times the net asset value of the Company as shown by the then latest audited balance sheet of the Company.

The effect of gearing may be achieved without borrowing by investing in a range of different types of investments including derivatives. Save with the approval of Shareholders, the Company will not enter into any investments which have the effect of increasing the Company's net gearing beyond the limit on borrowings stated in the Articles.

#### General

In addition to the above, the Company will observe the investment restrictions imposed from time to time by the Listing Rules which are applicable to investment companies with shares listed on the Official List of the FCA.

No material change will be made to the investment policy without the approval of Shareholders by ordinary resolution. In the event of any breach of the investment restrictions applicable to the Company, Shareholders will be informed of the remedial actions to be taken by the Board and the Manager by an announcement

## **Investment Style and Strategy**

The fund's portfolio is constructed with flexibility but is primarily focused on stocks that exhibit the attributes of growth

#### Leverage

'Leverage' is a term used to describe any method by which the Company increases its exposure, whether through borrowing (gearing) or through leverage embedded in derivative positions or by any other means.

Leverage is calculated in two ways: as a gross figure, and by the 'commitment' method, which takes into account netting of positions. As the leverage calculation includes exposure created by the Company's investments, it is only described as 'leveraged' if its overall exposure is greater than its net asset value. This is shown as a leverage ratio of greater than 100%.

The Company is only permitted to use those types and sources of leverage which are consistent with its investment policy and its object of spreading investment risk. In addition to borrowing (gearing), the Company can use derivative instruments to hedge, enhance and protect positions, including currency exposures, and for investment purposes.

Details of any changes to the maximum level of leverage which the Company may employ will be disclosed to investors on the Company's website without undue delay.

The Company will disclose information on the total amount of leverage employed by the Company on its website at the same time as it makes its annual report and accounts available to investors or more frequently at its discretion within its monthly factsheets.

The Company may borrow to leverage the Company's returns when the Manager believes it is in shareholders' interests to do so. The Company's investment policy and the Articles permit the Company to incur borrowing up to a sum equal to two times the net asset value of the Company.

Leverage exposure	Gross method	Commitment method
Maximum limit	275%	250%
Actual	See latest Factsheet at https://mlcapman.com/manche ster-london-investment-trust-plc/	See latest Factsheet at https://mlcapman.com/manche ster-london-investment-trust-plc/

The leverage policy has been approved by the AIF and the AIFM. The policy limits the leverage ratio that can be deployed by the Company at any one time to 275% (gross method) and 250% (commitment method). This includes any gearing created by its investment policy. This is a maximum figure as required by regulation, and not necessarily the amount of leverage that is actually used. The Depositary reviews the calculations and methodology.

Any change to the Company's borrowing policy will only be made with the approval of shareholders by special resolution. The effect of gearing may be achieved by investing in a range of different types of investments including derivatives. The Company will not enter into any investments which have the effect of increasing the Company's leverage beyond the above limits.

## **Dividend Policy**

The Company may declare dividends as justified by funds available for distribution. The Company will not retain in respect of any accounting period an amount which is greater than 15 per cent of revenue profit in that period. Recurring income from dividends on underlying holdings is paid out as ordinary dividends.

#### **Capital Structure**

The Company's capital structure, including details of the powers of the Company's Directors in relation to the issuing or buying back by the Company of its Shares, of shareholder authority for the purchase by the Company of its own Shares still valid at the period end and of acquisitions of own Shares, is summarised in the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

The shareholders have approved the Company to acquire up to 14.99 per cent of its issued share capital.

#### **Business Model**

The Company is an Investment Company as defined by Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 and operated as an Investment Trust in accordance with Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. The Company is also governed by the Listing Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and is listed on the Premium Segment of the main market of the London Stock Exchange under the epic code "MNL". The close company provisions of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 do not apply to the Company.

#### Historical performance of the Company

Details of the Company's historical financial performance are provided in the Company's annual reports and accounts and monthly factsheets, which are available at https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/.

Investors should note that past performance of the Company is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

#### The Board of Directors

The Board is responsible for the appointment of a manager to manage the investment portfolio of the Company within the Investment Policy approved by the shareholders and for agreeing the terms of the alternative investment fund manager agreement ("AIFMA"). Details of the Directors can be found in the Audited Annual Report & Financial Statements at https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/.

#### Changes in investment policy or investment strategy

In accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority, the Company will not make any material change to its published investment policy without prior shareholder approval. Any material change to the published investment policy would also be announced through a Regulatory Information Service. The Company's published investment policy is set out in the section entitled 'Investment policy' above.

Any change in the investment policy or investment strategy which does not amount to a material change to the published investment policy may be made by the AIFM in respect of the Company without shareholder approval.

#### Details of the portfolio

The Company's annual reports and accounts set out a full list of the Company's quoted equity holdings as at the end of the relevant financial period and also include analyses of the performance of the portfolio. The Company's largest holdings are disclosed monthly via its factsheet. Both reports and accounts and factsheets are available at <a href="https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/">https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/</a>.

#### Other investment restrictions

In addition to those restrictions and limits, and in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules, the Company:

- (a) will not invest more than 10% in aggregate of the value of the total assets of the Company in other investment companies or investment trusts which are listed in the Official List (except to the extent that those investment companies or investment trusts have published investment policies to invest no more than 15% of their gross assets in other investment companies or investment trusts which are listed on the Official List);
- (b) will not conduct any trading activity which is significant in the context of the Company's activities as a whole (as defined by the Listing Rules); and
- (c) will at all times invest and manage its assets:
  - I. in a way which is consistent with its object of spreading investment risk; and
  - II. in accordance with its published investment policy.

In order to maintain its tax treatment as an investment trust, the Company aims to comply with section 1158 of the Tax Act, which imposes on the Company an obligation to spread investment risk.

#### Collateral and asset reuse arrangements

The Company currently has collateralised leverage and therefore has granted right of reuse of collateral, rehypothecation rights and has granted guarantees under leveraging arrangements.

Details of the introduction of (and of any changes to) any right of reuse of collateral or any guarantee granted under any leveraging arrangement will be disclosed by the Company to investors on the Company's website without undue delay.

#### Risk in connection with derivatives

The Company may use various derivative instruments, including options and contracts for differences ("CFDs"), as part of its investment strategy. Some of these derivative instruments may be volatile and speculative in nature, and may be subject to wide and sudden fluctuations in market value. In addition, derivative instruments also may not be liquid in all circumstances, so that in volatile markets the Company may not be able to exit its position without incurring a loss. Investing in derivative instruments can result in large amounts of gearing, which may magnify the gains and losses experienced by the Company and could cause the Company's NAV to be subject to wider fluctuations than would otherwise be the case.

#### Miscellaneous

The Company may affect transactions in investments, the prices of which may be subject to stabilisation.

The Company may underwrite or sub-underwrite any issue or offer for sale of securities. Subject to compliance with its investment policy, there are no restrictions on the categories of securities which the Company may underwrite and no financial limits on the extent of the underwriting.

The Company may also invest in funds which are unregulated collective investment schemes.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

#### **Key Risks**

The key risks facing the Company and the mechanisms in place to monitor and measure these risks are set out in the Company's annual report, a copy of which is available from its website.

An investment in the Company is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment, or other investors who have been professionally advised with regard to investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which might result from such an investment. There can be no guarantee that investors will recover their initial investment. The investment may employ gearing and may be subject to sudden and large falls in value. Investors should be aware that movements in the price of the Company may be more volatile than movements in the price of the underlying investments and that there is a risk that investors may lose all their invested money.

#### Risk management systems and metrics

The AIFM employs various risk management systems and processes to manage the risks to which the Company is or may be exposed. These include the production of regular risk analyses of the Company's investment portfolios and regular stress testing against relevant scenarios.

Stress testing scenarios derived from Bloomberg Analytics include both historical events (such as a replay of the Lehman Default in 2008 or the Brexit Referendum result in 2016) and hypothetical events such as a fall in equity markets, increase in volatility or a movement in key exchange rates. The AIFM makes use of quantitative risk metrics and measures, which may then be benchmarked against internal limits, typical historical ranges and other relevant comparators. Such quantitative measures include (but are not limited to): Delta Adjusted Exposure, Parametric Value at Risk, Monte Carlo Simulation Value at Risk, Historical Simulation Value at Risk (VaR measures are calculated at 95%, 97.5% and 99% confidence levels), FX exposure, Portfolio Beta, Portfolio Gamma, Net Long Exposure/Net Assets ratio, Active Share, Portfolio Historic Volatility, Portfolio Modelled Volatility (and the key drivers of modelled volatility). The AIFM also looks at various correlation measures both between assets within the portfolio and versus assets/indices outside the portfolio.

The AIFM undertakes a daily portfolio attribution analysis, which looks at the drivers of portfolio performance to identify stocks that may be underperforming. In addition to investment related risks, the AIFM also undertakes analysis, assessment and monitoring of operational risks including (but not limited to): trade and trade booking errors, fraud, Net Asset Value generation errors, counterparty risk, mandate/regulatory breaches, IT/cyber breaches, failure of outsourced service providers and settlement errors.

The cyber security of third-party service providers is a key risk that is monitored on an ongoing basis. The safe custody of the Company's assets may be compromised through control failures by the Depositary or Custodian, including cyber security incidents. To mitigate this risk, the AIFM receives periodic reports from the Depositary confirming safe custody of the Company's assets held by the Custodian.

The AIFM will periodically disclose to investors the risk management systems which it employs to manage the risks which are most relevant to it. The Company will make this disclosure on its website at the same time as it makes its annual report and accounts available to investors or more frequently at its discretion.

Risk Management processes and procedures as described briefly above and laid out in full in the AIFM's AIFMD Risk Management Policy are overseen by the AIFM's Risk Management Committee which meets on a monthly basis. Key risk indicators ("KRIs") on operational risks are reported to the Senior Management Committee on a monthly basis. Risk Management systems and controls are updated at least on an annual basis.

#### Liquidity risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company could encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities, due to an inability to realise assets when needed.

The AIFM has a liquidity management policy which is intended to ensure that the Company's investment portfolio maintains a level of liquidity which is appropriate to the Company's obligations. This involves an assessment by the AIFM of the prices at which it expects to be able to liquidate the assets, taking into account

the sensitivity of those assets to particular market risks and other relevant factors.

The policy requires the AIFM to identify and monitor investment in asset classes which are considered to be relatively illiquid. However, the majority of the Company's investment portfolio comprises quoted equities, which are readily realisable. Liquidity is not therefore considered to be a significant risk for the Company. The liquidity of the equity portfolio is reviewed regularly and subjected to regular stress tests to verify that liquidity risk remains low. The AIFM's regular analysis calculates the percentage of the portfolio that could be liquidated within various timeframes, the overall time to liquidate the portfolio and the price impact of liquidating the portfolio. This analysis is stress tested using various alternative assumptions with regards to percentage of average daily volume that the AIFM would be able to capture.

The company is a closed end fund so shares in the Company are not redeemable (as referred to in Fund 3.2.2R (8)) and shareholders do not have the right to require their shares to be purchased by the Company. Accordingly, the focus of the AIFM's liquidity management policy is to ensure that the Company's investment portfolio is sufficiently liquid to meet its operating and financing expenses and the possible need to repay borrowings, to the extent that these obligations might have to be met by the sale of assets. The AIFM also considers Prime Broker margin requirements and potential obligations relating to the sale of options within their liquidity analysis. The AIFM reviews its liquidity management policy quarterly and will notify investors, by way of a disclosure on the Company's website, where it makes any material changes to its liquidity management systems and procedures or introduces any new arrangements for managing the Company's liquidity.

The Company does not currently hold any assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature. The Company would disclose the percentage of its assets subject to such arrangements, if applicable, on its website at the same time as it makes its annual report and accounts available to investors or more frequently at its discretion.

#### Professional negligence liability risks

The AIFM maintains additional own funds at a level adequate for its risk profile to cover professional negligence liability risks as required by the AIFMD Rules.

## **DETAILS OF THE SHARES**

## **Details of the shares**

The Company's share capital comprises a single class of ordinary shares.

The ISIN number for the Company's shares is GB0002258472. The shares are issued through CREST.

## Purchases and sales of shares by investors

The Company's shares are admitted to the Official List of the UKLA and to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the Company's shares may be purchased and sold on the main market of the London Stock Exchange through a broker or financial adviser.

The Company's shares are not redeemable. While the Company will typically have shareholder authority to buy back shares, shareholders do not have the right to have their shares purchased by the Company.

## **VALUATION OF THE COMPANY'S ASSETS**

## **Valuation Policy**

The AIFM has overall responsibility and oversight on how the AIFs assets are priced and valued. The AIFM has appointed the Administrator to assist in the valuation of the Company (including NAV calculation and production of financial statements).

The Company's valuation policy is included in the accounting policies of the Annual Report which is available from its website, https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/.

#### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

## Legal status and jurisdiction of the Company and listing on the London Stock Exchange

The Company is a public company limited by shares under the Companies Act with registered number 01009550. It is incorporated in England and Wales and has its registered office at 12a Princes Gate Mews, London, SW7 2PS. The law applicable to the Company is the jurisdiction of its domicile.

The Company's shares are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange. Investors who wish to buy or sell shares in the Company should refer to their broker or other financial adviser.

There is no contractual relationship between the Company and its shareholders who acquire their shares in the secondary market. While investors acquire an interest in the Company on subscribing for or purchasing shares, the Company is the sole legal and/or beneficial owner of its investments. Consequently shareholders have no direct legal or beneficial interest in those investments and the liability of shareholders for the debts and other obligations of the Company is limited to the amount unpaid, if any, on the shares held by them.

#### **Articles of association**

The Company's articles of association set out the respective rights and restrictions attaching to the Company's shares and are binding on the Company and its shareholders. All shareholders are entitled to the benefit of, and are bound by, the Company's articles of association. The Company's articles of association are governed by English & Wales law. The Company is under the jurisdiction of the English courts.

#### Reports to shareholders & performance data

The Company is required by law to publish an annual report and audited financial accounts. Copies of the annual report and accounts are made available to shareholders. Shareholders are also entitled to attend the Company's annual general meeting ("AGM") which is held each year. Details of the AGM timetable are published on the Company's website. The Company also publishes an unaudited interim report covering the first six months of each financial year of the Company.

Copies of the Company's latest annual and interim reports may be accessed at:

https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/

Historic performance data can be found in both the Company's annual report and accounts and the monthly factsheets which can be found on the Company's website.

Investors should note that past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

## **Publication of net asset values**

The net asset value of a share is calculated in accordance with the Company's accounting policies and published weekly through a Regulatory Information Service of the London Stock Exchange. The calculation of the net asset value of a share will be suspended only in circumstances where the underlying data necessary to value the investments of the Company cannot readily, or without undue expenditure, be obtained. Details of any suspension in making such calculations will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service.

#### Fair treatment of investors

The legal and regulatory regime to which the AIFM, the Company and their Directors are subject ensures the fair treatment of investors.

In particular, as directors of a company incorporated in the United Kingdom, the Directors have certain statutory duties under the Companies Act 2006 with which they must comply. These include a duty upon each Director to act in the way she or he considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole. The Company is also listed on the London Stock Exchange and hence follows the rules of the exchange and other regulatory bodies such as the Takeover Panel.

No investor has a right to obtain preferential treatment in relation to their investment in the Company and the AIFM does not give preferential treatment to any investors.

## Information required under FUND 3.2.5R & 3.2.6R

The Annual Report & Accounts will disclose:

- 1. The percentage, if an, of the Company's assets which are subject to special arrangements due to their illiquid nature;
- 2. Any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the Company; and
- 3. The current risk profile of the Company (SRI score also shown on the Factsheets) and the risk management systems employed by the AIFM to manage those risk.

Information will also be provided to investors regarding any changes to:

- 1. The maximum level of leverage that the Company may employ;
- 2. Any right of reuse of collateral or any guarantee granted under the leveraging arrangement; and
- 3. The total amount of leverage employed by the Company.

This information will be provided to investors by way of update to this document or in such other manner the AIFM or Company deem appropriate.

#### PRINCIPAL SERVICE PROVIDERS & DELEGATES

The Company is reliant on its third party service providers with who it has contractual arrangements.

Shareholders do not have contractual rights directly with service providers.

#### **Depositary**

The Depositary is INDOS Financial Limited. The Depositary is incorporated in England and Wales as a limited company. The Depositary's registered and head office is at The Scalpel 18th Floor 52 Lime Street London EC3M 7AF.

The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Depositary has the following principal duties and responsibilities as depositary of the Company:

- ensuring the safekeeping of those of the Company's financial instruments that can be held in custody;
- verifying the Company's rights of ownership in its other assets and maintaining a record of those other assets for which the Depositary is satisfied that the Company's rights of ownership are established;
- ensuring that cash flows are properly monitored; and
- · oversight of processes and procedures.

The Depositary has delegated custody services to the Prime Brokers. No conflicts of interest are expected to arise from such delegation.

In carrying out its role as the depositary of the Company, the Depositary is obliged to act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interest of the Company and the Company's investors.

The Depositary provides its services under the terms of a depositary agreement (the "**Depositary Agreement**"). Either party may terminate the Depositary Agreement on 3 months' notice, such termination to be effective on the appointment of a new depositary.

Unless the Depositary has entered into an arrangement contractually to discharge itself of liability in respect of the loss of financial instruments then if there is a loss of the Company's financial instruments, the Depositary is obliged to return identical financial instruments or the corresponding amount to the Company without undue delay unless the Depositary can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable events to the contrary.

The Depositary has entered into an arrangement with the Prime Brokers to contractually discharge itself of liability in respect of the loss of financial instruments. Under such circumstances of loss it would then fall to the Company AIF to seek redress from the Prime Brokers (acting as Sub-Custodians). The AIFM will notify shareholders through a Regulatory Information Service of any changes with respect to the discharge by the Depositary of its liability in respect of such loss.

The Depositary is otherwise liable to the Company for other losses suffered by it as a result of the Depositary's fraud, negligence or wilful default in the performance of its duties.

The Depositary is independent from the AIFM and the Company's Administrator, and has the requisite FCA authorisation to act as depositary of the Company.

#### **Sub-Custodians/Prime Brokers**

The assets of the AIF are held by the Firm's prime brokers, who are leading financial institutions and service providers. This ensures that MLCM obtains industry competitive terms in relation to the Firm's trading and brokerage arrangements.

All Prime Brokers are vetted and approved against a set of requirements covering such things as: best execution, counterparty risk, financial position, legal documents, systems, controls, margin policy, commission rates, compliance, reputation and reliability.

Prime Brokers are reviewed on an annual basis. The financial position of the AIF's Prime Brokers are regularly monitored.

The AIF's Prime Brokers and corresponding credit ratings (which, as detailed just above, are not the sole considerations when undertaking due diligence on the Prime Brokers) are currently (according to Bloomberg):

- JP Morgan Securities Plc Moody's counterparty risk assessment rating Aa1(cr)/ P-1(cr)
- Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc Moody's counterparty risk assessment rating Aa2(cr)/ P-1 (cr)

The agreements with the Prime Brokers allow the right to re-use and transfer collateral and grant guarantees.

Rehypothecation of collateral is limited to 140% of the AIF's Indebtedness/Liability to the Prime Broker.

As noted above, the Depositary has entered into an arrangement with the Prime Brokers to contractually to discharge itself of liability in respect of the loss of financial instruments. Under such circumstances of loss it would then fall to the Company AIF to seek redress from the Prime Brokers (acting as Sub-Custodians). The AIFM will notify shareholders through a Regulatory Information Service of any changes with respect to the discharge by the Depositary of its liability in respect of such loss.

#### **Auditor**

The Company's auditor is Deloitte LLP of 110 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3BX.

The auditor's duty is to audit the financial statements for each financial year of the Company in accordance with the requirements of United Kingdom law.

The amounts paid to the auditor in respect of each financial year of the Company are disclosed in the Company's annual report and accounts, which are available on the Company's website.

#### **Administrator**

The AIFM has delegated various administrative functions in relation to the Company to Link Alternative Fund Administrators Limited ("Link"): namely, company secretarial and fund administration and accounting duties. Under the terms of the services agreement with Link, Link is obliged to provide its services in a manner that is consistent with agreed service levels and industry best practice and that complies with applicable law and regulation.

#### Registrar

The Company has appointed Link Group to act as the registrar of the Company.

#### **AIFM**

M&L Capital Management Limited is appointed as the AIFM under a management agreement under the laws of England & Wales. It should be noted that both the AIFM and the AIF are incorporated in England.

The Manager is entitled to a base management fee, levied on the assets under management. In addition to a Risk Management and Valuation Fee equating to £59,000. Further details can be found in the Company's latest annual report that may be accessed at <a href="https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/">https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/</a>. The relevant extract is shown below:

The Management Fee payable to the Manager is equal to 0.5% per annum of the Company's NAV (the "Base Fee"), calculated as at the last business day of each calendar month (the "Calculation Date"), and is paid monthly in arrears. An uplift of 0.25% of the NAV will be applied to the fee, should the performance of the Company over the 36-month period to the Calculation Date be above that of the Company's benchmark. In addition, a Risk Management and Valuation fee equating to £59,000 on an annualised basis is charged by the AIFM. The Manager is also reimbursed any expenses incurred by it on behalf of the Company.

The fee is not subject to Value Added Tax ("VAT"). Transactions with the Manager during the year are disclosed in note 17.

The management fee is chargeable to revenue.

The Manager may request brokers to undertake investment transactions on behalf of the fund for which they will be paid execution only commission rates. Any research received from such brokers will be paid for in full by the Manager under a separate agreement.

An investor in the AIF has no contractual rights with either the AIF or the AIFM. The AIF is the legal beneficiary/owner of its investment not any investor.

#### **Delegation of functions by the AIFM**

The AIFM has not delegated any of its functions although it is assisted in the execution of its functions by a number of external service providers.

## FEES, CHARGES & EXPENSES

The Company is liable for any and all expenses and liabilities which it incurs or suffers, without limitation. As the Company is a limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act, shareholders are not liable directly for the debts of the Company and their indirect liability for the debts of the Company is limited to the value of their respective investments in the Company. As all shares in the Company are issued fully paid up, shareholders would not be obliged to make any further contribution to the assets of the Company in the event of the Company's insolvency.

The fees, charges and expenses of the Company include the following:

- the fees, charges and expenses payable to the AIFM (as noted in the section above), the Depositary, and other providers of services direct to the Company;
- audit fees and expenses of the Company's auditor;
- the registrar's fees, costs and expenses;
- interest on and other charges relating to borrowings;
- investor relations costs, including the costs of holding shareholder meetings, printing and distributing the Company's annual and interim reports and issuing other shareholder communications;
- insurance costs;
- share of research fees charged to the AIFM as long as within the annual budget set by the Board;
- costs associated with the listing of the Company's shares on the Official List and their admission to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange; and
- taxation and other duties payable by the Company.

The Ongoing Charges of the Company are disclosed in the Annual Report & Accounts found at our website: <a href="https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/">https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/</a>

# **KEY CURRENT DATA**

Please note that our latest Fund Factsheet can be found on our website at <a href="https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/">https://mlcapman.com/manchester-london-investment-trust-plc/</a> The factsheet contains a whole range of useful data.

### **DEFINITIONS**

"AIFM" M&L Capital Management Ltd

"AIFM Directive" The Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Alternative

Investment Fund Managers (2011/61/EU) and the rules and regulations

implementing that Directive

"MLIT" The Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time

"Board" or "Directors" The board of directors of the Company or the AIFM (as the context requires)

"Companies Act"

The Companies Act 2006 (as amended)

"Company", "we" or "us" Manchester & London Investment Trust PLC

"Depositary"

INDOS Financial Limited, the depositary of the Company

"FCA" The United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority

"FCA Rules" The Handbook of Rules and Guidance issued by the FCA from time to time

"Listing Rules" The listing rules made by the FCA under Part VI of the Financial Services and

Markets Act 2000 (as amended), as amended from time to time

"London Stock

Exchange"

London Stock Exchange plc

"net asset value

per share"

The prevailing net asset value per share from time to time, calculated in

accordance with the Company's normal accounting policies

"Official List" The official list of the UK Listing Authority

"Regulatory Information Service"

A regulatory information service that is on the list of regulatory information

services maintained by the FCA

"shareholders" Holders of shares in the Company

"shares" In relation to shares in the Company, ordinary shares of 2.5p each in the

Company

"Tax Act" The Corporation Tax Act 2010

"UK Listing Authority" or "UKLA"

The FCA, acting in its capacity as the competent authority for the purposes of Part

VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended)

# **GLOSSARY**

"Investment company subsidiary"	Any subsidiary company of an Investment Company used for the purpose of making investments on behalf of that Investment Company
"Recognised market"	Any market of a recognised investment exchange designated as a recognised stock exchange by an order made by the Commissioner for HM Revenue and Customs and any market outside the UK designated in such an order
"Rehypothecation rights"	The practice by banks and brokers of using, for their own purposes, assets that have been posted as collateral by their clients
"Stabilisation"	Any purchase or offer to purchase relevant securities, or any transaction in stabilisation instruments equivalent thereto, by investment firms or credit institutions, which is undertaken in the context of a significant distribution of such relevant securities exclusively for supporting the market price of these relevant securities for a predetermined period of time, due to a selling pressure in such securities
"Delta"	Delta measures the degree to which an option is exposed to shifts in the price of the underlying asset (i.e. stock) or commodity (i.e. futures contract). Values range from 1.0 to $-1.0$ (or 100 to $-100$ , depending on the convention employed)
"Delta Adjusted Exposure"	Delta times the underlying security's notional exposure for options. For all other instruments, the notional exposure of the security. At the sector and portfolio levels, this is the sum of the individual security delta adjusted exposures
"Value at Risk"	Value at risk (VaR) is a statistical technique used to measure and quantify the level of financial risk within a firm or investment portfolio over a specific timeframe
"Parametric Value at Risk"	VaR calculation method using Normally distributed returns. Returns are assumed to be serially independent in that no prior return should influence the current return
"Monte Carlo Simulation Value at Risk"	VaR calculation method using computer generated model for returns
"Historical Simulation Value at Risk"	VaR calculation method using past historical returns
"Beta"	In finance, the Beta of an investment indicates whether the investment is more or less volatile than the market as a whole. In general, a beta less than 1 indicates that the investment is less volatile than the market, while a beta more than 1 indicates that the investment is more volatile than the market. Volatility is measured as the fluctuation of the price around the mean: the standard deviation
"Gamma"	Gamma is the rate of change in an option's delta given a move in the underlying asset's price. Gamma is an important measure of the convexity of a derivative's value, in relation to the underlying asset

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"Net Long Exposure/Net Portfolio Delta Adjusted Exposure / Net Asset Value

Assets ratio"

"Active Share" Active share, a measure of how actively a portfolio is managed, is the

percentage of the portfolio that differs from its comparative index. It is calculated by summing the absolute differences between benchmark and portfolio holdings' weights, then dividing by two (to eliminate double counting). An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the index and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the index (when

using leverage, maximum active share levels can exceed 100%)

"Portfolio Historic Volatility"

A measure of portfolio volatility using the standard deviations of

historically calculated Portfolio returns.

"Portfolio Modelled Volatility"

A measure of portfolio volatility using underlying standard deviations for each current security in the portfolio as well as the correlations of each

security pair in the portfolio.