

Month in review

- Stock selection in technology – semi & hardware and financial services contributed to returns.
- Stock selection in media and an underweight position in consumer staples detracted from returns.
- At the stock level, an overweight position in Mastercard, the US-listed global payments company, contributed to performance over the period. The company is performing well as spending in credit versus debit is accelerating and overall spending is rising after the Covid-19-related lockdowns. This was reflected in its results, which highlighted revenues up 24% and cross border volumes up 50% year-on-year.
- An overweight position in Amazon, the US online retailer and technology company, detracted from returns over the month. Shares declined as the company posted its first quarterly loss in seven years, a result that reflected broad economic trends related to a slump in online shopping, higher costs from inflation and supply-chain challenges.
- At the regional level, stock selection in the US and an overweight position in Europe & Middle East ex UK contributed to relative returns. Meanwhile, an underweight position and stock selection in emerging markets and having no position in the UK detracted from relative returns.

Looking ahead

- Inflationary pressure from the commodity supply shock due to the Russia-Ukraine crisis and supply chain disruptions from China's zero Covid-19 policy continues to pose a dilemma for central banks. However, the recent monetary policy responses suggest that central banks now view inflation as the more pressing problem to tackle, unless the growth outlook materially deteriorates.
- We believe that there is still considerable pent-up demand, and strong household balance sheets and savings rates mean developed-world consumers are in a better shape to support the economic expansion over the medium term.
- Historically, geopolitical events, even those involving major energy producers, have not had a lasting impact on markets. While the ongoing geopolitical tensions and the prospect of higher interest rates may spark occasional bouts of volatility, we still believe the outlook for equities remains positive.

Performance

Total return on £100 to 30 April 2022	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Share price ⁽¹⁾	108.9	116.2	120.8	131.5	245.8
NAV per share ⁽²⁾	107.1	108.5	111.5	121.1	220.7
MSCI All Countries World Index	96.5	104.3	136.0	161.9	312.1

Summary balance sheet	30/04/2022	31/03/2022	Total return
Market capitalisation	£582m	£612m	
Total assets	£691m	£720m	
Borrowings at amortised cost	£84m	£84m	
Net assets ⁽³⁾	£607m	£636m	
NAV ⁽²⁾ per share	898.7p	936.8p	-3.4%
NAV ⁽³⁾ per share	916.8p	960.8p	-3.9%
Share price	880.0p	925.0p	-4.2%

⁽¹⁾ Net income reinvested and before expenses are deducted.

⁽²⁾ With borrowings at market value ⁽³⁾ With borrowings at amortised cost

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, 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.

Company information

Company founded	1887
Manager	JP Morgan Asset Management Helge Skibeli Rajesh Tanna Timothy Woodhouse
Ongoing charges figure (OCF)	0.56%
Dividend yield	2.8%
Number of listed holdings	62
Gearing/(net cash) ⁽²⁾	0%
Discount to NAV ⁽²⁾	2.1%

The Company's discount policy aims, in normal market conditions, to maintain the discount to NAV at or below 9%.

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Our Objective

To provide investors, over the longer term, with above-average returns through a diversified portfolio of international equities and to achieve dividend growth ahead of UK inflation.

The manager focuses on investing in the best ideas from across the world's stock market:

- **Expertise** - Tapping into the local proprietary analysis of JPMorgan's award winning and experienced global research team.
- **Portfolio** - A global best ideas - go anywhere - portfolio, with the manager focused on identifying companies that will provide the best total returns
- **Results** - Provides the best of both worlds - predictable quarterly income and long-term growth from the best global ideas.

Top 10 holdings (30 April 2022)

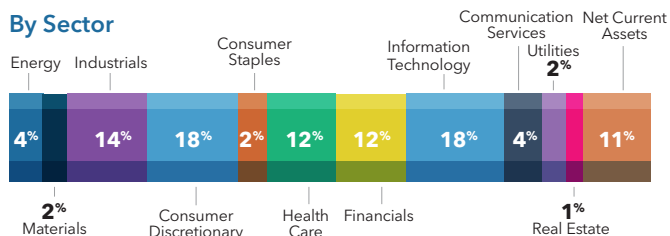
Holding	Country	£m	% ⁽⁴⁾
MICROSOFT	US	33.2	4.8
AMAZON	US	31.1	4.5
AMERICAN EXPRESS	US	19.3	2.8
LVMH	France	18.0	2.6
MARRIOTT	US	16.6	2.4
MASTERCARD	US	15.9	2.3
MCDONALDS CORPORATION	US	15.9	2.3
NXP	US	15.2	2.2
VINCI	France	14.5	2.1
UNITED HEALTH GROUP	US	14.5	2.1
Aggregate of top 10 holdings		194.1	28.1

Link to a [full list of holdings](#)

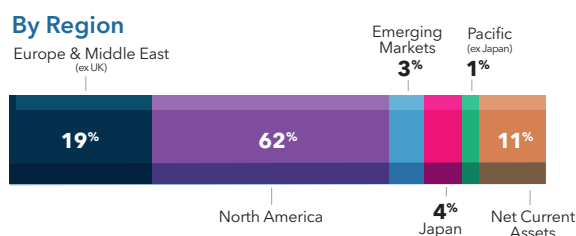
⁽⁴⁾ Percentage of total assets

Distribution of total assets (30 April 2022)

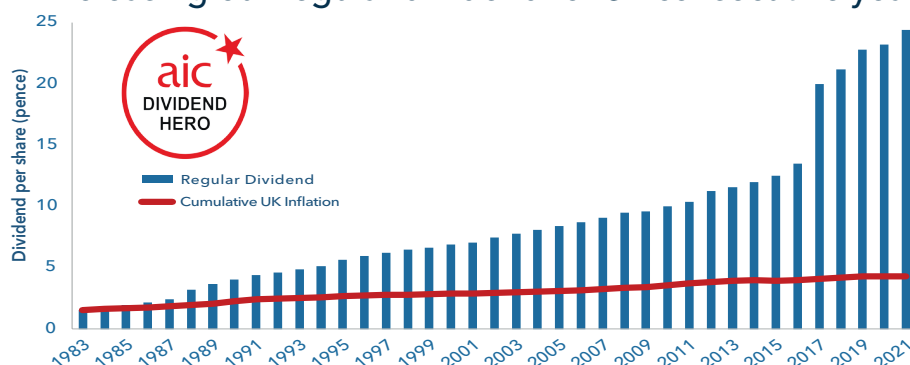
By Sector



By Region



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