

JK Global Opportunities Fund

February 2022

USD Class -2.04%, GBP Class -2.00%, YEN Class -2.03%, EUR Class -2.08% in February.

The Fund fell -2.04% (USD Class, net of fees) in February, which was primarily driven by our technology holdings in the US and China. Against this, our recent purchases of commodity 'plays' such as Shell, Glencore, and Gold provided a cushion.

Having just come to terms with a more hawkish monetary policy outlook, markets were thrown another spanner with the Russian invasion of Ukraine last month. The situation clearly remains fluid, making any predictions on "what happens next?" almost impossible. What can probably be said with a degree of confidence though, is that the conflict looks set to hit growth and push historically high inflation even higher – threatening to tip economies into stagflation.

Even in the unlikely event of a near-term resolution, it seems improbable that Western sanctions/embargos will be reversed, meaning doing any business with Russia is off the card for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, this is a double-edged sword for the West (Europe especially), as we source a significant amount of natural resources from Russia (the result of short-sighted energy policies). As such, the cost-of-living crisis that was already underway before this conflict looks set to worsen.

As mentioned, this is coinciding with central banks tightening monetary policy to rein in inflation. We can't help but sympathise with policymakers at the moment, as conditions have never been worse to start a tightening cycle – rate-hikes have never started with the yield curve this flat and the S&P 500 already in correction territory. However, any hopes that recent developments might deter them from their previous trajectory have fallen flat so far. Futures markets are still pricing 6 hikes in the US this year and the ECB has just come out with a hawkish surprise regarding their tapering path.

In our view, the overriding concern of policymakers right now is how far behind the inflation curve they are – mindful that blame is at least partly rooted in their own policies (despite their gaslighting to the contrary). With recession risks rising too, it seems reasonable to assume they want to create some room to ease, if necessary, at some point.

With this said, markets face a double whammy of stagflation and the withdrawal of central bank support. Moreover, the second-order effects from sanctions and weak Western leadership present a new dimension of uncertainties, particularly with regards to European bank risk and China-Taiwan tensions – both of which warrant a higher risk premium in markets.

Given the heightened geopolitical uncertainty, as well as the deteriorating macro environment (stagflation & policy tightening), Fund exposures were reduced further in February. Our net equity exposure is now +43%, with the majority of reductions coming from our technology holdings (only +5% of Fund exposure). Where we have increased exposures is in commodity stocks (oil & metals), which we will look to increase further on weakness. Gold is another asset we have been accumulating (+8% of Fund), as it has a long track-record of performing well through periods of war and financial repression. Lastly, we have also been increasing our long Dollar position, particularly against oil-

importers such as the Indian Rupee and Japanese Yen, as well as the Euro, with Europe looking in all sorts of trouble. Outside of this, we are reluctant to make too many big bets in this environment, and therefore look to hold reasonably high cash levels for the foreseeable future.

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USD Class (%) ISIN IE00BBCR2L08													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2022	-7.34	-2.04											-9.23
2021	+2.69	+1.99	-0.98	+1.91	-1.61	+1.11	-1.20	+0.36	-1.44	+0.51	-2.44	-0.35	+0.42
2020	-0.27	-1.87	-5.25	+6.27	+2.16	+5.24	+6.50	+2.75	-3.05	+1.43	+6.40	+7.77	+30.72
2019	+3.17	+2.05	+1.37	+2.21	-6.21	+2.59	-0.08	-1.19	-1.06	+2.89	+1.52	+4.79	+12.22
2018	+6.49	-1.25	-1.89	-0.89	+3.75	-3.06	+0.12	+1.25	-2.14	-6.91	+0.28	-4.47	-9.02
2017	+3.07	-1.06	+2.06	+3.56	+2.15	-0.31	+2.96	+2.35	+0.63	+5.47	+2.60	+1.71	+28.09
2016	-5.53	+0.16	+6.52	-0.81	+0.93	-1.32	+3.74	-0.81	+1.53	+1.86	+0.22	-1.82	+4.26
2015	+1.95	+3.92	+0.28	+2.17	+3.81	-4.75	-0.15	-8.28	-6.48	+6.34	+1.36	-0.74	-1.65
2014	-4.07	-1.88	-0.95	-4.73	+0.85	+1.92	+0.05	-1.59	+1.97	+0.18	+7.70	-2.84	-3.91
2013	+6.06	-1.22	+3.54	+8.83	-2.63	-3.09	+3.02	-0.86	+6.57	+1.00	+4.52	+3.38	+32.33
2012	+2.43	+4.80	-0.65	-2.03	-1.50	-0.87	+0.72	+1.52	-0.56	-1.22	+1.23	+4.79	+8.72
2011	-0.95	-0.20	-1.13	+0.82	-2.88	-1.55	-1.50	-1.17	-3.51	+0.94	-2.63	+0.34	-12.73
2010	+0.81	+0.84	+3.74	+1.92	-3.95	+1.76	+0.74	+0.87	+0.01	+1.39	-0.88	+1.72	+9.13
2009	-2.51	+0.03	+3.13	+2.13	+13.8	+3.42	+6.08	+1.06	+0.99	+1.58	-1.10	+3.14	+35.61
2008	-1.76	-0.01	-0.50	+1.22	-1.15	-4.74	-1.58	-1.00	-1.93	-0.05	-0.44	+2.83	-8.92
2007	+2.01	-1.34	-2.35	-0.81	+1.63	+4.04	+0.41	-6.10	+0.14	-1.38	-3.97	-3.74	-11.27
2006	+0.13	-3.78	+3.72	-2.27	-3.75	+1.57	-4.58	+3.13	-0.84	+2.73	-1.03	+1.61	-3.75
2005	-0.75	+1.04	+0.36	-0.65	-1.05	+0.90	+2.01	+1.99	+9.65	+4.55	+7.71	+9.41	+40.31
2004	+0.82	+2.03	+6.57	+0.16	-2.15	+1.61	-1.66	-0.96	-0.48	-0.78	-0.27	+2.18	+6.98
2003											+0.01	+0.39	+0.40

GBP Class (%) ISIN IE00BBCR2K90													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2022	-7.37	-2.00											-9.22
2021	+2.54	+1.97	-1.12	+1.86	-1.59	+1.11	-1.20	+0.34	-1.49	+0.49	-2.42	-0.43	-0.09
2020	-0.32	-2.00	-5.86	+6.18	+2.13	+5.73	+6.30	+2.64	-3.22	+1.35	+6.39	+7.67	+29.26
2019	+2.98	+1.93	+1.23	+2.13	-6.37	+2.45	-0.32	-1.37	-1.19	+2.72	+1.43	+4.62	+10.20
2018	+6.32	-1.45	-2.01	-1.05	+3.67	-3.30	-0.01	+1.14	-2.35	-7.11	+0.08	-4.64	-10.85
2017	+2.97	-1.11	+1.97	+3.52	+2.16	-0.43	+2.84	+2.19	+0.46	+5.38	+2.54	+1.55	+26.66
2016	-5.68	+0.15	+6.37	-0.85	+0.92	-1.35	+3.67	-0.87	+1.49	+1.80	+0.20	-1.92	+3.50
2015	+1.87	+3.87	+0.24	+2.11	+3.89	-4.65	-0.16	-8.20	-6.51	+6.29	+1.40	-0.77	-1.69
2014	-4.02	-1.96	-0.93	-4.69	+0.89	+1.90	+0.06	-1.61	+2.02	+0.09	+7.77	-2.86	-3.86
2013	+6.18	-1.23	+3.52	+8.65	-2.79	-2.93	+3.05	-0.77	+6.43	+0.96	+4.15	+3.23	+31.51
2012	+2.43	+4.74	-0.62	-1.98	-1.54	-0.84	+0.73	+1.49	-0.54	-1.21	+1.25	+4.75	+8.68
2011	-0.92	-0.19	-1.13	+0.80	-2.89	-1.55	-1.43	-1.14	-3.60	+0.94	-2.67	+0.37	-12.71
2010	+0.83	+0.90	+3.77	+1.93	-4.44	+1.69	+0.70	+0.87	+0.02	+1.38	-0.88	+1.74	+8.62
2009				+1.73	+10.1	+2.66	+5.01	+1.23	+1.25	+1.57	-1.14	+3.32	+28.40

YEN Class (%) ISIN IE00BBCR2M15													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2022	-7.35	-2.03											-9.22
2021	+2.61	+2.12	-1.02	+1.87	-1.65	+1.09	-1.21	+0.33%	-1.48	+0.49	-2.41	-0.45	+0.15
2020	-0.46	-1.91	-5.67	+6.00	+2.17	+5.97	+6.45	+1.93	-3.11	+1.38	+6.34	+7.67	+29.02
2019	+2.95	+1.87	+1.16	+1.97	-6.37	+2.35	-0.27	-1.42	-1.29	+2.63	+1.38	+4.47	+9.36
2018	+6.38	-1.42	-2.06	-1.14	+3.59	-3.26	-0.11	+1.15	-2.45	-7.06	+0.07	-4.74	-11.15
2017	+2.87	-1.14	+1.88	+3.57	+2.21	-0.63	+2.83	+2.20	+0.54	+5.33	+2.42	+1.49	+26.07
2016	-5.47	+0.00	+6.50	-0.83	+0.89	-1.40	+3.87	-0.93	+1.38	+1.74	+0.07	-2.01	+3.36
2015	+1.96	+3.85	+0.29	+2.08	+3.93	-4.77	-0.19	-8.07	-6.54	+6.33	+1.42	-0.85	-1.63
2014	-4.10	-1.86	-0.96	-4.74	+0.82	+1.90	+0.03	-1.61	+2.03	+0.51	+7.92	-2.93	-3.53
2013	+6.31	-1.17	+3.49	+9.16	-2.78	-3.02	+2.98	-0.88	+6.62	+0.99	+4.61	+3.52	+33.21
2012	+2.35	+5.36	-0.68	-2.00	-1.50	-0.92	+0.66	+1.49	-0.58	-1.26	+1.24	+4.98	+9.18
2011	-0.99	-0.21	-1.17	+0.78	-2.91	-1.54	-1.47	-1.21	-3.52	+0.90	-2.67	+0.25	-13.02
2010	+0.76	+0.82	+3.93	+1.90	-3.62	+1.67	+0.68	+0.83	-0.02	+1.32	-0.92	+1.62	+9.17
2009	-0.44	+2.14	+2.41	+3.29	+17.6	+5.35	+2.75	+1.22	+1.17	+1.98	-1.32	+3.85	+46.57
2008	-1.92	-0.22	-0.69	+1.09	-1.31	-4.88	-1.77	-1.32	-1.87	-1.00	-0.86	+2.31	-11.89
2007	+1.64	-1.67	-2.71	-1.19	+1.26	+3.72	-0.03	-6.09	-0.28	-1.75	-4.16	-4.10	-14.68
2006	-0.31	-4.10	+3.40	-2.55	-4.13	+1.21	-5.00	+2.76	-1.23	+2.29	-1.43	+1.25	-7.99
2005	-0.94	+0.93	+0.20	-0.96	-1.36	+0.67	+2.08	+1.71	+9.66	+4.45	+7.66	+8.98	+37.47
2004	+0.74	+2.04	+6.20	+0.45	-2.20	+1.52	-1.82	-1.04	-0.61	-0.88	-0.40	+2.01	+5.88
2003											-0.06	+0.31	+0.25

EURO Class (%) ISIN IE00BBCR2N22													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2022	-7.47	-2.08											-9.40
2021	+2.64	+1.99	-2.45	+1.67	-1.64	+1.06	-1.23	+0.30	-1.48	+0.46	-2.41	-0.48	-1.72
2020	-0.44	-1.95	-5.69	+6.11	+2.05	+5.98	+6.39	+2.60	-3.15	+1.33	+6.36	+7.11	+28.92
2019	+2.90	+1.82	+1.11	+1.96	-6.46	+2.34	-0.22	-1.44	-1.31	+2.63	+1.38	+4.49	+9.07
2018	+6.36	-1.44	-2.09	-1.16	+3.59	-3.39	-0.10	+1.12	-2.53	-7.19	+0.03	-4.75	-11.61
2017										+3.69*	+2.47	+1.43	+7.77*

*Euro Class started on 04-Oct-17

NAV as at 28-Feb-22	
GBP class	248.29
USD class	334.43
Yen class	28,796.34
Euro Class	119.28

Source: Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd.

Asset Type as at above date (market exposure % of Total NAV)		
	Long	Short
Level 1	70	-9
Level 2	18	0
Level 3	0	0
Total	88	-9

Source: JK Investment Management LLP

For more information on the Fund, please see www.jkim.co.uk

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Source: JKIM LLP, Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd.

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