

## JK Global Opportunities Fund

October 2017

The Fund rose +5.38% in October (GBP Class, Net of Fees).

Global equity markets performed well in October, in particular Asia where the MSCI Asia Pacific ex Japan Index gained +4%, outperforming the MSCI World Index by 2%. Global technology stocks continued to perform, aided by some very robust earnings announcements. We remain upbeat on the outlook for the major technology companies and have large positions in the Fund in the likes of Samsung, Alibaba, Tencent, Facebook, and Micron Technology to name but a few. Japanese equities also looked to get in on the act this month, rallying strongly after some very good earnings, the re-election of Abe, and signs that the YEN might start to weaken.

During the month we increased the Fund's long Dollar exposure as we expect US growth to remain strong over the coming quarters, with or without the passage of tax reform. This should enable the FED to raise rates three to four times by early 2019, which should prove supportive for the Dollar.

We also increased the Fund's exposure to Japanese equities. Our feeling here is that the market looks very good value with its earnings potential significantly underestimated. Foreigners have been largely absent for a while now, and appear to be significantly underweight relative to global benchmarks. Our shorter-term view on the Dollar is also a factor here, as is our expectation for a more robust global economic backdrop than that of the consensus.

Elsewhere, the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held on 18-25 October in Beijing, with the new leadership team announced. What is clear is that Xi Jinping has further consolidated power and thus appears freer to pursue his policy agenda. At present we are uncertain as to the likely economic and market impact, although if he attempts to reign in the ongoing credit expansion it could be negative in the near-term. The Indian government announced a bold plan to recapitalize state-owned banks – a positive for both state-owned banks and the market. China and South Korea agreed to mend ties after the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) feud, and the European Central Bank announced it would extend quantitative easing by nine months, to Sept '18, at a reduced pace of €30bn/month.

Overall we remain fully invested in equities, where valuations look very attractive relative to the alternatives. Whilst there are always plenty of things to worry about, trends and momentum, as well as sentiment (which remains cautious) are pointing to further upside into year-end. Within equities our focus remains on Asia and Japan, and US and Chinese technology. We are less excited about the UK and Europe despite reasonable valuations. Sterling remains cheap versus the Euro and Dollar, and whilst Brexit uncertainty will continue to weigh on the UK economy, the negatives are largely priced-in at current exchange rates.

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GBP Class (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2017	+2.97	-1.11	+1.97	+3.52	+2.16	-0.43	+2.84	+2.19	+0.46	+5.38			<b>+21.65</b>
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	<b>+3.50</b>
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	<b>-1.69</b>
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	<b>-3.86</b>
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	<b>+31.51</b>
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	<b>+8.68</b>
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	<b>-12.71</b>
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	<b>+8.62</b>
2009				+1.73	+10.1	+2.66	+5.01	+1.23	+1.25	+1.57	-1.14	+3.32	<b>+28.40</b>

USD Class (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2017	+3.07	-1.06	+2.06	+3.56	+2.15	-0.31	+2.96	+2.35	+0.63	+5.47			<b>+22.75</b>
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	<b>+4.26</b>
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	<b>-1.65</b>
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	<b>-3.91</b>
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	<b>+32.33</b>
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	<b>+8.72</b>
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	<b>-12.73</b>
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	<b>+9.13</b>
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	<b>+35.61</b>
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	<b>-8.92</b>
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	<b>-11.27</b>
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	<b>-3.75</b>
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	<b>+40.31</b>
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	<b>+6.98</b>
2003											+0.01	+0.39	<b>+0.40</b>

EURO Class (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2017										+3.69*			<b>+3.69*</b>

\*Euro Class started on 04-Oct-17

YEN Class (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ytd
2017	+2.87	-1.14	+1.88	+3.57	+2.21	-0.63	+2.83	+2.20	+0.54	+5.33			<b>+21.29</b>
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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	<b>+9.18</b>
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	<b>-13.02</b>
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2003											-0.06	+0.31	<b>+0.25</b>

NAV as at 31-Oct-17	
GBP class	207.04
USD class	263.40
Yen class	24,305.93
Euro Class	103.69

Source: Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd.

Asset Type as at above date (market exposure % of Total NAV)		
	Long	Short
Level 1	142	-32
Level 2	19	0
Level 3	0	0
Total	161	-32

Source: JK Investment Management LLP

For more information on the Fund, please see [www.jkim.co.uk](http://www.jkim.co.uk)

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All data is Net of management and performance fees. Fund was launched on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003. GBP Class launched 1st April 2009.

Mandate broadened to Asia Inc Japan and Name of Fund changed April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Please note that performance from 1st April 2009 to 30th August 2013 is for the JK Absolute Return Fund. This Fund re-domiciled from Cayman to Ireland becoming an Irish UCITS on 30th August 2013 and changed its name to The JK Global Opportunities Fund. Management and performance fees have also been reduced from this date (see Prospectus in for details). Historic performance is not a guide to future returns.

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

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