

# Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust PLC

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The Company’s shares are listed on the premium segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and are admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange. The Company is subject to its articles of association, the Listing Rules, the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, the UK Corporate Governance Code and the Companies Act 2006. The Company is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is not authorised or regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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## Risk profile / Risk management systems

The current risk profile of the Company, including the risks the Company is or may be exposed to, is described within the risk and risk management related content of the Annual Report for the year end 31 March 2020. The Annual Report also includes detailed information about the sensitivity of the Company to certain risks. The next Annual Report for the year end 31 March 2021 will be published in June 2021 and may contain certain changes regarding risks the Company is or may be exposed.

The purpose of this document is to provide supplemental information to shareholders in the context of the AIFMD and in the context of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"). Article 6 of the SFDR requires asset managers to disclose the following information: how sustainability risks are integrated into their investment decisions, and the results of an assessment of the likely impacts of sustainability risks on their funds.

This document has to be considered in conjunction with the risk management information already provided in the Annual Report.

The AIFM of the Company has established a permanent risk management function to ensure that effective risk management policies and procedures are in place and to monitor the risks and compliance with risk limits. The AIFM has a risk management process document filed with the regulator of the AIFM and risk management policy's which cover the risks associated with the AIF and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework is reviewed and approved at least annually. Regular reporting is prepared and reviewed by the AIFMs Senior Management. The Board of TEMIT is informed regularly about the risk profile and the risk measures monitored.

For each relevant risk area, risk limits are set by the AIFM which take into account the objectives, strategy and risk profile of the AIF including the risk linked to the use of a borrowing facility to invest into assets. These limits are monitored regularly as required by the nature of the risk area, and the sensitivity of the portfolio to key risks is undertaken periodically as appropriate to ascertain the impact of changes in key variables to the AIF. Exceptions from limits monitoring and stress testing would be reported to the Board of TEMIT immediately along with remedial measures being taken.

The use of the borrowing facility explained within the leverage section of this document may adversely impact the Company. If the returns from the assets purchased with the proceeds of the loan facility do not cover the cost of borrowing or if the assets purchased decrease in value and the market value at the time of disposal is below the amount borrowed to purchase them the impact on the Company's value could be negative. Currency fluctuations between the borrowing currency and the asset currency may also impact the performance adversely given that the Company doesn't hedge currency risk. The risks are limited through the leverage limit set and the ongoing review of asset performance.

TEMIT's assets consist mainly of listed securities and the principal risks in relation to the AIF are therefore market related and include market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. Further details in relation to the nature and extent of these risks are already described in more detail in the Directors report and section 13 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

At the end of February 2020 and throughout the month of March 2020 equity markets exhibited unprecedented volatility levels as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spread from a regional crisis in China's Hubei province to a global pandemic. A number of countries implemented lock downs and quarantine measures, the effect of which is likely to be a severe slowdown in global economic activity. Concurrent with the COVID-19 crisis, the failure of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia to reach agreement on crude oil supply cuts, has triggered a major sell-off in Brent crude prices. Markets recovered over the course of the year when lockdown measures were eased and commercial activity picked up again; they were additionally comforted by the approvals of several vaccines and by the earlier than anticipated start of vaccination programs in early 2021. Multiple risks linked to the pandemic, from further outbreaks of the pandemic, setbacks in the vaccination, virus mutations and geopolitical and economic instability, may persist. Those elements can have negative impacts on portfolio assets.

Diversification and concentration limits are set for market risk and are monitored daily.

Amongst other measures considered regularly by the Investment Manager, the AIFM is assessing and monitoring market risk through relative Value at Risk (VaR) calculated using the Monte Carlo approach. Value at Risk (VaR) is a statistical risk measure that estimates the potential portfolio loss from adverse market moves in an ordinary market environment. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR can be defined as the predicted loss a portfolio can experience at a specified confidence level (e.g., 99%) over a given period of time (e.g., 20 days).

The VaR calculations are based on a confidence level of 99% with a holding period of not greater than 1 month (20

days) and a historical observation period of not less than 1 year (250 days). A 99% 1 month VaR means that the expectation is that 99% of the time over a 1 month period the Fund will lose less than this number in percentage terms. Therefore, higher VaR numbers indicate higher risk.

The AIFM uses the relative VaR methodology. Relative VaR is simply the absolute VaR of the portfolio divided by the absolute VaR of the benchmark. The benchmark that is used is the one that is most representative of the AIF's strategy and likely risk exposures. The relative VaR ratio (using the MSCI Emerging Market Index) as at 31 December 2020 was 1.00. The minimum, maximum and average relative VaR ratio observed during the period 1 April 2020 and 31 December 2020 are:

- Minimum: 0.98
- Maximum: 1.11
- Average: 1.05

The figures observed during the period indicate that the risk, measured by the VaR methodology, remained close to the risk inherent to the benchmark indicated above.

It is noted that the use of this VaR methodology, as any other statistical risk measure, has limitations. There is some probability that the loss could be greater than the VaR amounts and therefore the AIFM can neither guarantee that losses will not exceed the VaR indicated, nor that losses in excess of the VaR amounts will not occur more frequently. Risk statistics are subject to fluctuations and historical figures may not reflect current or future portfolio characteristics or could be translated into any performance outlook.

The AIFM assesses on a regular basis the sensitivity of the TEMIT portfolio in relation to a general market drop of the MSCI Emerging Market index.

TEMIT's equity trading activity is conducted on a Delivery versus Payment basis with approved counterparties only, minimising counterparty exposure. Any counterparty is subject to a review and approval process prior to any trading activity. The risk function of the AIFM prepares and assesses counterparty exposure reports regularly and reviews reporting provided by FTIs Counterparty Credit Committee. As of 31 December 2020, TEMIT is subject to counterparty risk arising from cash balances held.

***No risk limits set by the AIFM in coordination with the Board of the Company have been exceeded or were likely to be exceeded in the period since 1 April 2019.***

## **Liquidity Risk**

***As at 31 December 2020, the Fund did not hold any assets subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.***

***There are no new arrangements for managing the liquidity/liquidity risk of the Company.***

TEMIT's closed end structure has relatively low liquidity requirements, reducing the impact of potential illiquidity in the portfolio. The risk function of the AIFM performs a regular assessment of the asset liquidity status using liquidity market data from different sources to ensure that the portfolio is sufficiently liquid in normal and exceptional market conditions.

Shares in the Company are not redeemable, and shareholders do not have the right to require their shares to be purchased by the Company. Accordingly, the liquidity management policy ensures that the Company's investment portfolio is sufficiently liquid to meet the following principal obligations:

- the Company's operating and financing expenses: in practice, these expenses are typically covered by dividends received from the Company's investments;
- the possible need to repay borrowings at short notice, which would require to be met by the sale of assets and
- the need to repay borrowings from the new credit facility used for investment purpose.

## **Leverage under AIFMD considerations**

The leverage definition under AIFMD is wider than the traditional gearing definition applied. In accordance with the EU Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/13, leverage is any method which increases the Company's exposure, including the borrowing of cash and the use of derivatives. It is expressed as a percentage of Company's exposure to its net asset value and is calculated on both a gross and commitment method.

Under the gross method, exposure represents the sum of the Company's positions (including all holdings like ordinary shares) after deduction of cash balances and cash equivalents, without taking account of any hedging or netting arrangements. Under the commitment method, exposure is calculated without the deduction of cash balances and cash equivalents and after certain hedging and netting positions are offset against each other if applicable.

As indicated in the Directors report, at year end, the Company had drawn £100 million which are repayable within five years. The Investment Manager is not using derivatives to hedge any risks as of 31 December 2020.

The Company has access to an un-secured multicurrency revolving loan facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch and to a fixed term loan facility with Scotiabank Europe plc. The size of the revolving facility amounts to £120 million while the fixed term facility amounts to £100 million. Under the revolving facility, up to £120 million may be borrowed, and drawings are available in pounds sterling, US dollars and Chinese renminbi. The maximum amount of Chinese renminbi which may be drawn down is the lesser of the equivalent of £99 million or 82.4% of the available commitment or 82.5% of the Maximum Permitted Borrowing. Under the fixed term facility, only one utilisation may be requested which must be equal to the total commitment of £100 million and the drawing is available in pounds sterling only. The purpose of the two facilities is to allow the investment manager to borrow within the limits set for investment purposes.

There is no guarantee that the amounts borrowed and invested will create positive returns in which case interest payments and loan repayments will reduce the value of the Company.

The rights of any lenders to the Company to receive payments of interest or repayments of principal will be senior to those of the Shareholders. Consequently, the Company might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when fundamental investment considerations would not favor such sales. Also, the terms of any borrowings may contain provisions that limit certain activities of the Fund including the ability to make distributions.

The maximum incremental level of leverage approved by the Board of the Company which the AIFM is entitled to employ on behalf of the Company for AIFMD monitoring and reporting purposes is 25% which, considering 100% of long assets held in the portfolio, relates to a ratio of 1.25 (or 125%) for both the gross method and the commitment method. In accordance with the AIFM agreement, any changes to these limits will be agreed in advance between the AIFM and the Company. The leverage limits are set by the AIFM and approved by the Board and are in line with the maximum leverage levels permitted in the Company's Articles of Association.

***There was no change to the level of leverage applied for AIFMD monitoring and reporting purposes since 1 April 2020.***

As of 31 December 2020, the amount borrowed by the fund and reportable under the AIFMD leverage figure calculation equated to 4.06% of the fund's total net assets.

***The actual level of leverage recorded under the requirements of AIFMD for 31 December 2020 is 1.04 (or 104.18%) using the "commitment" method and 1.01 (or 101.25%) using the "gross" method. Under the gross method cash and cash equivalents are excluded from calculation while amounts borrowed are included as required by the relevant regulation.***

## **Sustainability Risk**

The AIFM of the Company has implemented a policy in respect of the integration of sustainability risks in its investment decision making-process. The AIFM of the Company and/or Investment Manager integrate sustainability risks and opportunities into their research, analysis and investment decision-making processes.

Sustainability risk means an environmental, social, or governance event or condition, that, if it occurs, could potentially or actually cause a material negative impact on the value of a Fund's investment. Sustainability risks can either represent a risk of their own or have an impact on other risks and may contribute significantly to risks, such as market risks, operational risks, liquidity risks or counterparty risks.

Sustainability risks are important elements to consider in order to enhance long-term risk adjusted returns for investors and determine specific Fund's strategy risks and opportunities.

The AIFM of the Company and/or relevant Investment Manager make use of specific methodologies and databases into which environmental, social, and governance (ESG) data from external research companies, as well as own research results, are incorporated. Assessment of sustainability risks is complex and may be based on ESG data which is difficult to obtain and incomplete, estimated, out of date or otherwise materially inaccurate. Even when

identified, there can be no guarantee that these data will be correctly assessed.

To the extent that a sustainability risk occurs, or occurs in a manner that is not anticipated by the AIFM of the Company and/or the relevant Investment Manager's models, there may be a sudden, material negative impact on the value of an investment. Such negative impact may result in an entire loss of value of the relevant investment(s) and may have an equivalent negative impact on the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Investment Manager considers that sustainability risks are relevant to the returns of the Fund. The integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision process may have the effect of excluding profitable investments from the investment universe of the Fund and may also cause the Fund to sell investments that will continue to perform well.

Appreciation of sustainability risk is to a degree subjective and there is no guarantee that all investments made by the Fund will reflect beliefs or values of any particular investor on sustainable investments.

A sustainability risk could materialise as the occurrence of an environmental, social or governance event or condition causing material negative impact on the value of one or several investments and thus negatively affecting the returns of the Fund.

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