

Eastspring Investments – Japan Smaller Companies Fund



Key information

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| Asset class | Equity |
| Fund launch date | 26-Mar-08 |
| Fund size (mil) | 28,928.4 |
| Fund base currency | JPY |
| Benchmark (BM) | Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index |
| Domicile | Luxembourg |
| Fund type | UCITS |
| SFDR Classification* | Article 8 fund |
| Portfolio manager | Max Godwin |
| Investment manager | Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited |

Key measures

| | Fund | BM |
|--|-------------------|-------|
| Number of securities | 53 | 1,333 |
| 3 year tracking error (%) | 6.7 [#] | – |
| 3 year sharpe ratio (%) | 0.1 [#] | -0.1 |
| 3 year standard deviation (%) | 15.9 [#] | 15.3 |
| Alpha | 0.5 | – |
| Beta | 0.9 | – |
| Information Ratio | 0.8 | – |
| Weighted average market cap (USD, bil) | 2.2 | 11.3 |
| P/B forward (12m) | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| P/E forward (12m) | 11.4 | 13.0 |
| Active share (%) | 96.1 | – |

Strategy overview

The Fund seeks to generate long-term capital growth through a concentrated portfolio of the team's highest conviction investment ideas. The team employs a disciplined, priced focused approach anchored around relative valuation to identify and exploit behavioral sources of mispricing. The Fund invests primarily in securities of small and medium-sized companies, which are incorporated, listed in or have their area of primary activity in Japan.

Performance

Returns (%)

| Class | 1 m | 3 m | YTD | 1 y | 3 y (p.a.) | 5 y (p.a.) | 10 y (p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) [†] |
|----------------|------|------|-----|------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Class A | -7.1 | -6.7 | 5.2 | 15.1 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 7.6 |
| Benchmark (BM) | -5.9 | -2.6 | 5.2 | 18.6 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 4.7 |
| Relative | -1.2 | -4.1 | 0.0 | -3.5 | 3.3 | 1.7 | -0.3 | 2.9 |

Calendar year returns (%)

| Year | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|----------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Class A | 22.3 | -6.3 | 8.7 | -4.0 | 17.4 | -26.0 | 28.5 | 16.3 | 9.1 | 2.5 |
| Benchmark (BM) | 17.7 | -13.1 | -2.0 | 9.6 | 16.9 | -15.2 | 29.8 | 4.2 | 14.7 | 0.6 |
| Relative | 4.6 | 6.8 | 10.7 | -13.6 | 0.5 | -10.8 | -1.3 | 12.1 | -5.6 | 1.9 |

Performance Disclosure:

(p.a.): per annum. Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Returns are based in share class currency and computed using the NAV price on bid-bid basis with net income reinvested. The NAV price is net of all fees, expenses and withholding taxes. Calendar year returns are based on the share class performance for the year and if the share class is inception during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of the share class since its inception till end of that calendar year. Fees and expenses vary among share classes, further information is available in the Prospectus. Since inception returns for periods less than a year are not annualised. The benchmark for the hedged share classes, if any, is also calculated on a hedged basis. Benchmark is for information purposes only unless specifically referenced in the Investment Objective. Wef July 2018, the monthly fund and benchmark returns calculated are aligned to the last NAV date of the fund for the month. **Past performances is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.**

[†]Class A Inception date: 26-Mar-08

Top 10 holdings (%)

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|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | SANKYU INC | 3.5 |
| 2. | OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO LTD | 2.9 |
| 3. | KOITO MANUFACTURING CO LTD | 2.9 |
| 4. | DIC CORP | 2.6 |
| 5. | HU GROUP HOLDINGS INC | 2.6 |
| 6. | STAR MICRONICS CO. LTD. | 2.6 |
| 7. | ELECOM CO LTD | 2.6 |
| 8. | STANLEY ELECTRIC CO. LTD. | 2.6 |
| 9. | ORIENTAL SHIRAIISHI CORP | 2.4 |
| 10. | NABTESCO CORPORATION | 2.4 |

*Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability - related disclosures in the financial services.

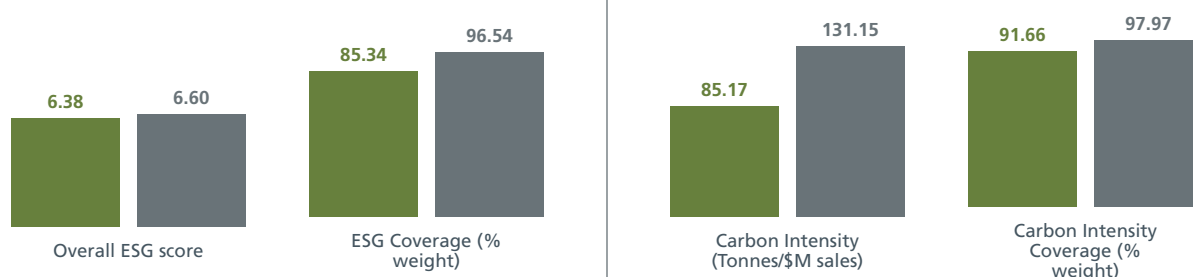
[#]Source: Morningstar

Sector allocation (%)¹

| | Fund |
|---------------------------|------|
| Industrials | 33.2 |
| Materials | 20.0 |
| Consumer discretionary | 13.9 |
| Technology | 10.1 |
| Financials | 9.9 |
| Consumer staples | 5.7 |
| Communications | 4.7 |
| Utilities | 0.6 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1.9 |

Sustainability Characteristics²

■ Fund ■ BM

Share class details³

| Class | Currency | Bloomberg ticker | ISIN | Inception date | Annual management fee% (Current) | Distribution frequency | Ex-date | Dividend per share | Annual dividend yield % |
|---------|----------|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Class A | USD | IOFJSAU LX | LU0354059841 | 26-Mar-08 | 1.500 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Class R | USD | ESJCOMR LX | LU2858734440 | 05-Aug-24 | 0.750 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |

Important information

Prior to investing, Investors should read the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document ("KIID").

¹Due to rounding, the allocation table may not add up to 100%.

²**Sustainability characteristics:** All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings. Note the fund's ESG characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time. Potential risks and opportunities relating to environmental, social and governance factors are considered within the context of the investment objective of the fund, the fund's investment philosophy, investment approach and process. For the avoidance of any doubt, the above benchmark is a performance benchmark as per section 1.1 of the SICAV Prospectus and is not used as a reference for the attainment of the fund's E/S characteristics. The fund's aggregate ESG score and weighted average carbon intensity data are to be considered as outcomes of the investment approach and are not necessarily direct determinants of investment decisions. The fund's aggregate ESG score is derived from third party ESG vendor methodologies and are disclosed for illustrative purposes only. The ESG scoring methodology reflects the analysis and opinions of the third party ESG vendor, which may differ from the overall investment view held by the fund. Eastspring Investments - Japan Smaller Companies Fund qualifies as Article 8 fund within the meaning of Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR" EU 2019/2088), promoting Environmental (E) and Social (S) characteristics without engaging into sustainable investing. Further SFDR disclosures, including information on the promotion of environmental and social characteristics by the fund are available under the SICAV Prospectus as well as under <https://www.eastspring.com/lu/funds/fund-downloads>.

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Benchmark: The Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to represent the performance of small and medium-sized companies across the Japan equity market.

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