

# Eastspring Investments – Japan Smaller Companies Fund



## Key information

Asset class	Equity
Fund launch date	26-Mar-08
Fund size (mil)	29,653.1
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	52	1,249
3 year tracking error (%)	5.8 <sup>#</sup>	–
3 year sharpe ratio (%)	0.8 <sup>#</sup>	0.8
3 year standard deviation (%)	15.2 <sup>#</sup>	14.6
Alpha	0.3	–
Beta	1.0	–
Information Ratio	0.4	–
Weighted average market cap (USD, bil)	3.0	15.7
P/B forward (12m)	1.1	1.3
P/E forward (12m)	12.4	13.7
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. These corporations generally refer to corporations whose market capitalisation form the bottom third of total market capitalisation of all publicly listed equity 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.) <sup>†</sup>
Class A	-12.4	2.6	2.6	28.5	17.0	9.2	8.5	8.8
Benchmark (BM)	-12.1	4.5	4.5	28.4	16.0	6.5	8.0	6.0
Relative	-0.3	-1.9	-1.9	0.1	1.0	2.7	0.5	2.8

### Calendar year returns (%)

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class A	32.6	4.6	22.3	-6.3	8.7	-4.0	17.4	-26.0	28.5	16.3
Benchmark (BM)	28.6	4.5	17.7	-13.1	-2.0	9.6	16.9	-15.2	29.8	4.2
Relative	4.0	0.1	4.6	6.8	10.7	-13.6	0.5	-10.8	-1.3	12.1

### 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.**

<sup>†</sup>Class A Inception date: 26-Mar-08

## Top 10 holdings (%)

1.	SUMCO CORP	3.1
2.	AIR WATER INC.	3.0
3.	OKINAWA FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.9
4.	DAITO TRUST CONSTRUCTION CO LTD	2.8
5.	NIPPON KAYAKU CO LTD	2.7
6.	JGC HOLDINGS CORP	2.6
7.	UMIOS CORP	2.6
8.	SHIP HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS INC	2.6
9.	KURARAY CO LTD	2.5
10.	YOKOHAMA FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.5

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

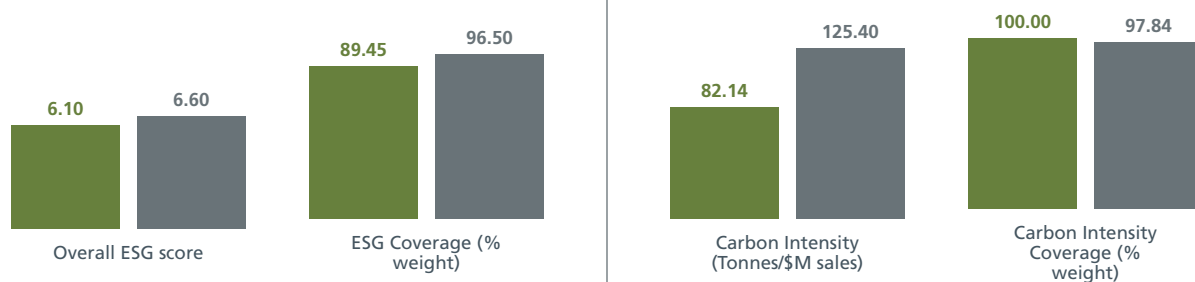
<sup>#</sup>Source: Morningstar

Sector allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund
Industrials	23.6
Materials	18.9
Consumer staples	18.8
Consumer discretionary	13.9
Financials	12.4
Technology	7.1
Communications	3.8
Equity	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents	1.4

Sustainability Characteristics<sup>2</sup>

■ Fund ■ BM

Share class details<sup>3</sup>

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.

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