

Russell Investments Japan Equity Fund


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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of Japanese companies. The Fund is broadly diversified across different Japanese companies and industry sectors. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.75% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund. This product is an Article 8 product, as defined under EU regulation -- it promotes environmental or social characteristics and invests in companies that follow good governance practices. This product does not have sustainable investment as its objective.

Fund Update

We continue to see some interesting investment opportunities from a fundamental and value perspective in the Japanese market. In the current market environment, the Fund maintains a positive exposure to both growth and value with increasing risk budget to stock specifics. By diversifying Fund positions in both defensive and dynamic styles, while maintaining market sensitivity close to the benchmark, the Fund is well positioned for continued economic and earnings growth, but with reasonable downside protection.

Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Return net of management fee Class A Accum	-3.1	5.2	18.1	9.9	20.9	4.1	5.7	-	4.6
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	-3.7	2.3	16.9	8.2	21.4	6.3	6.8	-	3.2

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/23 31/03/24	31/03/22 31/03/23	31/03/21 31/03/22	31/03/20 31/03/21	31/03/19 31/03/20
Return net of management fee Class A Accum	24.16	-3.91	-6.24	34.94	-8.57
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	24.60	-1.59	-2.28	29.23	-5.43

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/15 31/03/16	31/03/14 31/03/15
Return net of management fee Class A Accum	-0.52	9.62	25.04	-9.65	39.36
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	-0.42	5.24	22.85	-10.61	43.62

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns converted in the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable.

Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

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Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

JPY 14,130.45m

Fund launch date

20 June 1995

Share class launch date

30 June 1995

Management fee

0.90%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE0003506866; FRIJPEI ID

Share class NAV

EUR 3,094.57m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	324	2146
Price/Earnings	18.0	
Dividend Yield	2.1	2.1
Price to Book	1.4	
EPS Growth (1 Year)	31.8	0.0

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	11.7	11.7
Tracking error	3.1	3.1
Sharpe ratio	-0.3	-0.3
Information ratio	-0.4	-0.4
3 year return (net)	5.3%	6.3%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.1%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Hitachi Ltd	2.8%	1.8%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc	2.4%	1.6%
Seven & i Holdings Co Ltd	2.2%	0.6%
ORIX Corp	2.0%	0.5%
Toyota Motor Corp	2.0%	5.2%
Honda Motor Co Ltd	2.0%	1.1%
Sony Group Corp	1.9%	2.4%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	1.8%	2.4%
Recruit Holdings Co Ltd	1.8%	1.3%
Tokyo Electron Ltd	1.7%	1.9%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.3	23.4
Carbon Footprint	63.3	82.6

Source: The portfolio-level ESG Risk Rating is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Rating for securities in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics Risk Rating details are available at <https://www.sustainalytics.com/esg-data>. Carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity of companies in the portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of CO₂e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	25.9%	25.2%
Financials	17.0%	13.0%
Consumer Discretionary	16.6%	18.4%
Information Technology	14.2%	13.3%
Consumer Staples	7.0%	6.1%
Materials	6.7%	5.7%
Communication Services	3.7%	6.7%
Real Estate	3.4%	2.2%
Health Care	3.2%	6.9%
Utilities	1.5%	1.5%
Energy	0.7%	0.9%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Asset Management One Co., Ltd.	Growth	17.9%	14.9%
M&G Investments (USA) Inc.	Market-Oriented	16.6%	14.9%
Polymer Capital Japan Limited	Growth	7.2%	9.2%
Sompo Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Value	29.1%	25.1%
SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Growth	16.6%	14.7%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	12.7%	21.1%

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