

# 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 GBP	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 SH-I Accum	1.1	7.7	22.3	22.2	39.3	16.2	15.4	11.1	5.0
Topix Index (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	1.5	5.8	20.7	20.4	39.0	18.3	16.9	5.0	5.0

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in GBP	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 SH-I Accum	46.15	5.52	-2.22	47.27	-13.83
Topix Index (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	47.14	7.91	1.52	41.80	-10.33

Returns shown in GBP	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 SH-I Accum	-5.41	20.34	14.08	-11.00	26.23
Topix Index (GBP Hdg) - Net Returns (GBP)	-5.56	15.53	12.47	-12.41	30.35

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns. Prior to 1st January 2009, the benchmark was gross of withholding tax, total return. The Benchmark is currently net of withholding tax.

Fund facts
<b>Share Class; Dealing ccy</b>
SH-I Accum; GBP
<b>Dealing frequency; Cut off</b>
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
<b>Domicile; Category</b>
Ireland; UCITS
<b>Fund size</b>
JPY 13,734.92m
<b>Fund launch date</b>
20 June 1995
<b>Share class launch date</b>
31 August 2006
<b>Management fee</b>
0.95%
<b>ISIN; Bloomberg</b>
IE00B1808F97; RUSJESH ID
<b>Share class NAV</b>
GBP 2.55m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	322	2140
Price/Earnings	17.3	16.5
Dividend Yield	2.1	2.1
Price to Book	1.3	1.4
EPS Growth (1 Year)	32.5	23.4

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	11.7	11.7
Tracking error	3.1	3.1
Sharpe ratio	-0.3	-0.3
Information ratio	-0.3	-0.3
3 year return (net)	17.6%	18.3%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.7%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Hitachi Ltd	3.1%	2.0%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc	2.7%	1.8%
Seven & i Holdings Co Ltd	2.3%	0.6%
ORIX Corp	2.2%	0.5%
Recruit Holdings Co Ltd	2.1%	1.5%
Honda Motor Co Ltd	2.0%	1.1%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	1.9%	2.5%
Toyota Motor Corp	1.9%	4.8%
Tokyo Electron Ltd	1.7%	1.8%
NIDEC CORP	1.6%	0.4%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.0	23.2
Carbon Footprint	62.2	83.1

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 CO<sub>2</sub>e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	26.0%	25.1%
Financials	18.2%	13.8%
Consumer Discretionary	16.0%	17.8%
Information Technology	14.2%	13.5%
Materials	6.8%	5.5%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	6.1%
Communication Services	3.7%	6.7%
Health Care	3.2%	6.9%
Real Estate	3.0%	2.1%
Utilities	1.5%	1.6%
Energy	0.7%	1.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

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## Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Asset Management One Co., Ltd.	Growth	17.9%	15.2%
M&G Investments (USA) Inc.	Market-Oriented	16.6%	15.2%
Polymer Capital Japan Limited	Growth	7.2%	9.3%
Sompo Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Value	29.1%	25.5%
SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Growth	16.6%	15.3%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	12.7%	19.4%

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