

# JPMorgan Japan Small Cap Growth & Income plc

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## Objective:

The Company aims to achieve long-term capital growth through investment in small and medium-sized Japanese companies. Investment is permitted in Japanese quoted companies other than the largest 200 measured by market capitalisation, Japanese domiciled unquoted companies, Japanese domiciled companies quoted on a non-Japanese stock exchange and non-Japanese domiciled companies which have at least 75% of their revenues derived from Japan. Investment is also permitted in UK and Japanese government bonds. The Company has the ability to use borrowing to gear the portfolio and its current policy is to operate within the range of 5% net cash to 15% geared in normal market conditions. Gearing may magnify gains or losses experienced by the Company. The Company pays quarterly dividends equivalent to 1% of its net asset value, set on the last business day of each financial quarter.

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|--|---|---|
| <b>Portfolio manager(s)</b><br>Miyako Urabe (2022)<br>Xuming Tao (2022)  | <b>Share price</b><br>294.0p                  | <b>Actual gearing</b><br>4.6%   |
| <b>Company Broker(s)</b><br>Cavendish                                    | <b>NAV</b><br>335.3p                          | <b>Company fees &amp; expenses</b><br><b>Ongoing Charges</b><br>1.20%                               |
| <b>Benchmark</b><br>MSCI JAPAN SMALL CAP11 Apr 2000<br>Net Return in GBP | <b>Company launch</b><br>11 Apr 2000          | <b>Annual management fee</b><br>0.85% on Net Assets up to £150m and 0.75% on Net Assets above £150m |
| <b>Company assets</b><br>£197.9m   | <b>Discount(-)/Premium</b><br>-12.3%          | <b>Performance fee</b><br>No  |
| <b>Dividends paid</b><br>February, June, August and November             | <b>Potential gearing range</b><br>-10% to 25% |   |

## ESG information

### ESG approach - Integrated

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## Company ratings

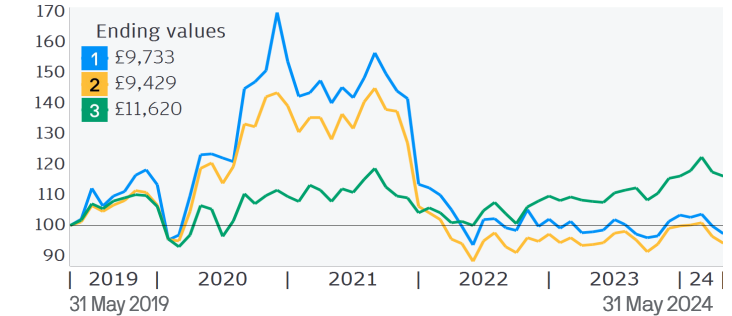
Morningstar Category™ Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity

## Performance

- 1 Share Price
- 2 Net asset value
- 3 Benchmark: MSCI JAPAN SMALL CAP Net Return in GBP

|   | Cumulative |          |        |       | Annualised |         |          |
|---|------------|----------|--------|-------|------------|---------|----------|
|   | 1 month    | 3 months | 1 year | YTD   | 3 years    | 5 years | 10 years |
| 1 | -2.65      | -5.28    | -0.67  | -4.01 | -11.43     | -0.54   | 7.41     |
| 2 | -2.31      | -5.90    | 0.50   | -4.99 | -9.74      | -1.17   | 7.26     |
| 3 | -1.23      | -1.53    | 7.61   | 0.58  | 2.49       | 3.05    | 7.93     |

## GROWTH OF £ 10,000 Calendar years



## Quarterly rolling 12-month performance (%)

As at end of March 2024

|   | 2019/2020 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 | 2023/2024 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | -1.63     | 47.94     | -23.34    | -7.82     | 2.30      |
| 2 | -3.06     | 42.36     | -24.65    | -5.77     | 5.01      |
| 3 | -6.66     | 21.68     | -8.06     | 4.97      | 11.96     |

## YIELD AND DIVIDEND HISTORY

Prospective dividend yield: **4.8%**

Total dividend for last financial year: **14.20p** Financial year end: **31 March**

|                              | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total dividend per share (p) | 17.70 | 21.90 | 20.30 | 14.20 | 14.20 |

## Portfolio analysis

| Measurement               | 3 years | 5 years |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Correlation               | 0.82    | 0.86    |
| Alpha (%)                 | -11.93  | -4.09   |
| Beta                      | 1.37    | 1.21    |
| Annualised volatility (%) | 15.99   | 17.79   |
| Sharpe ratio              | -0.72   | -0.07   |
| Tracking error (%)        | 9.71    | 9.60    |
| Information ratio         | -1.22   | -0.35   |

## Holdings

| Top 10                | Sector                 | % of assets |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Sanwa                 | Industrials            | 3.0         |
| Mitsubishi HC Capital | Financials             | 2.7         |
| Lifedrink             | Consumer Staples       | 2.6         |
| Biprogy               | Information Technology | 2.6         |
| SWCC                  | Industrials            | 2.5         |
| Mitsui Chemicals      | Materials              | 2.5         |
| MEC                   | Materials              | 2.5         |
| Kyudenko              | Industrials            | 2.3         |
| Rakuten Bank          | Financials             | 2.2         |
| Sumitomo Densetsu     | Industrials            | 2.1         |

## Performance Disclosures

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.**

## ESG

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The latest month in review commentary can be found on the J.P.Morgan Asset Management website [here](#).

| Sectors (%)            |      | Compared to benchmark |
|------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Industrials            | 21.4 | -3.9                  |
| Information Technology | 19.4 | +6.4                  |
| Materials              | 15.5 | +3.7                  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 10.7 | -3.4                  |
| Consumer Staples       | 8.7  | +0.9                  |
| Financials             | 5.8  | -5.8                  |
| Real Estate            | 5.3  | -1.5                  |
| Health Care            | 4.8  | -0.1                  |
| Communication Services | 3.3  | +1.3                  |
| Utilities              | 1.3  | -0.4                  |
| Energy                 | 0.0  | -1.0                  |
| Cash                   | 3.8  | +3.8                  |

## Key risks

Exchange rate movements between the pricing currency of the underlying overseas investments held by the Company and sterling (the base currency of the Company) can cause the Company's NAV (in sterling terms) to go up as well as down. For example, if sterling appreciates relative to Japanese yen, the value of the NAV in sterling terms will be negatively impacted; if sterling depreciates, the value of the NAV in sterling terms will be positively impacted.

External factors may cause an entire asset class to decline in value. Prices and values of all shares or all bonds could decline at the same time, or fluctuate in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions.

This Company may utilise gearing (borrowing) which will exaggerate market movements both up and down.

This Company invests in smaller companies which may increase its risk profile.

The share price may trade at a discount to the Net Asset Value of the Company.

The single market in which the Company primarily invests, in this case Japan, may be subject to particular political and economic risks and, as a result, the Company may be more volatile than more broadly diversified companies.

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## Performance information

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management/Morningstar. Net asset value performance (NAV) data has been calculated on a NAV to NAV basis, including ongoing charges and any applicable fees, with any income reinvested, in GBP.

NAV is the cum income NAV with debt at fair value, diluted for treasury and/or subscription shares if applicable, with any income reinvested. Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in GBP with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. The performance of the company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

Indices do not include fees or operating expenses and you cannot invest in them.

**Prospective dividend yield** is for the investment trust's current financial year. It is indicative only and based on the latest month end mid-market price and the declared and net prospective dividends for the current financial year.

Prior to 01/04/21 the benchmark was S&P Japan Small Cap Net Return

## Index Information Sources

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## Definitions

**Benchmark comparison** The benchmark is for comparative purposes only.

**Gearing** Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total investments (excluding liquidity fund holdings) expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. If the amount calculated is negative, this is known as a "net cash" position.

**Discount/Premium** If the share price of an investment company is lower/higher than the NAV per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount/premium. The discount/premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

**NAV** The value of investment and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

**Cash** A company's net exposure to cash / cash equivalents [includes investment in liquidity funds and treasury stocks if held] expressed as a percentage of shareholders funds after any offset against its gearing.

**Correlation** measures the strength and direction of the relationship between movements in fund and benchmark returns. A correlation of 1.00 indicates that fund and benchmark returns move in lockstep in the same direction.

**Alpha (%)** a measure of excess return generated by a manager compared to the benchmark. An alpha of 1.00 indicates that a fund has outperformed its benchmark by 1%.

**Beta** a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by the fund's benchmark). A beta of 1.10 suggests the fund could perform 10% better than the benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Usually the higher betas represent riskier investments.

**Annualised volatility (%)** measures the extent to which returns vary up and down over a given period.

**Sharpe ratio** performance of an investment adjusting for the amount of risk taken (compared a risk-free investment). The higher the Sharpe ratio the better the returns compared to the risk taken.

**Tracking error (%)** measures how much a fund's returns deviate from those of the benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed its benchmark.

**Information ratio** measures if a manager is outperforming or underperforming the benchmark and accounts for the risk taken to achieve the returns. A manager who outperforms a benchmark by 2% p.a. will have a higher IR than a manager with the same outperformance but who takes more risk.