

Eastspring Investments – Japan Smaller Companies Fund (the "Fund")



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Key information

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| Morningstar Overall Rating [▲] | ★★★★ |
| Fund size (mil) | 25,908.7 |
| Fund base currency | JPY |
| Fund dealing frequency | Daily |
| Net asset value (Class A) | USD 38.871 |
| ISIN (Class A) | LU0354059841 |
| Inception date (Class A) | 26-Mar-08 |
| Benchmark (BM) | Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index |

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Morningstar Category: Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity

Key measures

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|------------------------------------|------|
| 3 year tracking error(%) (Class A) | 5.6 |
| 3 year sharpe ratio (Class A) | 0.9 |
| 3 year volatility(%) (Class A) | 13.3 |
| Price to earnings (Trailing 12m) | 12.9 |
| Price to book (Trailing 12m) | 0.8 |
| Dividend yield (Trailing 12m, %) | 3.2 |

Source: Morningstar

Investment objective

The Fund aims to maximize long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily (at least 66% of its net assets) in equity and equity-related securities of small and mid-sized corporations, which are incorporated in, or listed in, or operating principally from, or carrying on significant business in, or derive substantial revenue from, or whose subsidiaries, related or associated corporations derive substantial revenue from 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. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity-related securities of companies with larger total market capitalisation on an opportunistic basis.

Class A Performance

Cumulative returns (%)

| | 1 m | 3 m | YTD | 1 y | 3 y | 5 y | 10 y | Since inception |
|-----------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Fund | 2.8 | 8.6 | 15.0 | 15.5 | 59.2 | 84.7 | 76.1 | 288.7 |
| Benchmark | 2.3 | 10.5 | 15.7 | 20.6 | 50.6 | 44.8 | 77.9 | 147.8 |

Calendar year returns (%)

| Year | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| Fund | 4.6 | 22.3 | -6.3 | 8.7 | -4.0 |
| Benchmark | 4.5 | 17.7 | -13.1 | -2.0 | 9.6 |

Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Returns are based in share class currency and computed on NAV-NAV basis with net income reinvested, if any. Calendar year returns are based on the share class performance for the year, and if the share class was inception during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of the share class since its inception to the end of that calendar year. Wef July 2018, the monthly fund and benchmark returns calculated are aligned to the last NAV date of the fund for the month.

Top 10 holdings (%)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | AIR WATER INC. | 3.1 |
| 2. | JGC HOLDINGS CORP | 3.0 |
| 3. | KANEKA CORPORATION | 2.9 |
| 4. | SUMCO CORP | 2.9 |
| 5. | OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO LTD | 2.9 |
| 6. | NIPPON KAYAKU CO LTD | 2.8 |
| 7. | KH NEOCHEM CO LTD | 2.8 |
| 8. | KOITO MANUFACTURING CO LTD | 2.8 |
| 9. | TOKYO CENTURY CORP | 2.8 |
| 10. | HU GROUP HOLDINGS INC | 2.7 |

Sector allocation (%)

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|---------------------------|------|
| Industrials | 29.2 |
| Materials | 20.1 |
| Consumer discretionary | 15.3 |
| Financials | 12.8 |
| Consumer staples | 9.6 |
| Technology | 7.3 |
| Communications | 3.3 |
| Equity | 1.3 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1.1 |

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

Share class details

| Share class | Currency | ISIN | Annual management fee % (Current) | Distribution frequency | Ex-date | Dividend per share | Annualised dividend rate % |
|----------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| A | USD | LU0354059841 | 1.500 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| A (hedged) | USD | LU2797341570 | 1.500 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| A _J | JPY | LU2797341653 | 1.500 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |

Distributions are not guaranteed and may fluctuate. Past distributions are not necessarily indicative of future trends, which may be lower. Distribution payouts and its frequency are determined by the Board of Directors, and can be made out of (a) income; or (b) net capital gains; or (c) capital of the Fund or a combination of any of (a) and/or (b) and/or (c). The payment of distributions should not be confused with the Fund's performance, rate of return or yield. Any payment of distributions by the Fund will result in an immediate reduction in the net asset value per share. Funds with Monthly and Quarterly Distribution Frequency: Annualised Dividend rate = (Dividend per share / NAV per share of previous ex-dividend date) x (No. of calendar days in a year / No. of calendar days in distribution period) x 100%. Annualised Dividend Rate is calculated based on the dividend distribution for the relevant distribution period and does not refer to the dividend yield for the preceding 12 months, and it may be higher or lower than the actual annual dividend yield. "N.A.": This share class does not distribute dividends. For details of other fees and charges, please refer to the offering document.

Important information

Investment manager

Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited

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