# **Japanese Fund**

## 31 May 2019



## **Fund Aims**

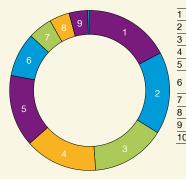
To produce attractive capital growth over the long term through investment in Japan in any economic sector. The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.

#### **Key Information**

Fund Manager	Matthew Brett
Launch Date	08 October 1984
Fund Size	£2,809.90m
IA Sector	Japan
Active Share	79%*
Annual Turnover	9%

\*Relative to TOPIX. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, Tokyo Stock Exchange.

## Sector Analysis of Total Assets



	Commerce & Services	17.3%
	Man & Machinery	16.6%
	Electricals & Electronics	14.9%
	Financials	14.7%
	Info, Comm And Utilities	14.5%
	Chemicals & Other	8.9%
	Materials	
	Retail	4.9%
	Pharmaceuticals & Foods	4.1%
	Real Estate & Construction	3.8%
D	Cash	0.4%

**Investment Proposition** 

Our objective is to produce above-average long-term performance through investment in Japanese equities. We believe the Japanese equity market offers active managers a broad selection of high quality companies capable of delivering attractive and sustainable earnings growth for shareholders. Over time we expect this approach to generate better returns than the Japanese market.

In contrast to other major markets, growth often commands little or no valuation premium in Japan, and we continue to identify global leading businesses which trade on a substantial discount to their peers. This provides an excellent backdrop for our investment style.

## **Top Ten Holdings**

Ho	dings	% of Total Assets
1	SoftBank	8.2
2	Rakuten	4.4
3	SBI Holdings	4.4
4	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	4.4
5	INPEX	3.5
6	Kubota	3.3
7	Misumi	2.8
8	Toyota Motor	2.7
9	GMO Internet	2.6
10	FANUC	2.6
Tot	al	38.7

Total may not sum due to rounding.

## Charges and Yield

Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Historic Yield
0.00	0.63	1.1
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The ongoing charge figures are at 31st October 2018.

## Periodic Performance

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Class B-Acc (%)	-0.4	-6.2	59.9	96.8
Sector Ranking	17/74	29/74	2/70	7/64
Sector Average (%)	-2.8	-7.6	37.3	69.0
Index (%)*	-2.7	-6.4	38.1	74.5

#### Annual Discrete Performance

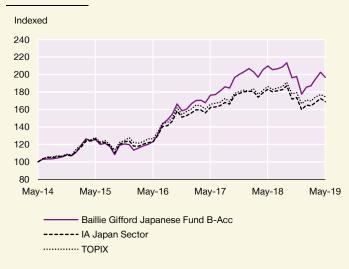
		31/03/15- 31/03/16			
Class B-Acc (%)	26.9	-6.4	44.2	15.4	-1.1
Sector Average (%	) 24.6	-2.8	32.4	9.2	-3.6
Index (%)*	26.0	-1.7	33.0	8.2	-1.8

Performance source: FE, Tokyo Stock Exchange, single pricing basis, total return.

Returns reflect the annual charges but exclude any initial charge paid. \*TOPIX.

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#### Performance



## **Additional Fund Information**

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Baillie Gifford Overseas Growth Funds ICVC (Investment Company with Variable Capital) which is an umbrella Open-Ended Investment Company. Its Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') is Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

The ongoing charge figure may vary from year to year and will exclude the costs of buying and selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund). Further explanation of all the charges and costs relating to this Fund can be found in the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs document which is available through our website, www.bailliegifford.com

Active Share is a measure of how actively managed a Fund is and is calculated by taking 100 minus the % of the Fund that overlaps with the comparative index. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the comparative index and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the comparative index. The comparative index for this Fund is the TOPIX. We have chosen to show Active Share against this index to highlight our active management style against what we deem to be the most relevant index for the Fund. Fund performance is shown against The Investment Association Japan Sector to provide a peer group comparison against other funds in the same sector.

Turnover is calculated by taking the smaller figure of either total purchases or total sales for the month and dividing it by an average market value. The Annual Turnover is then calculated as the sum of the monthly turnover figures for the 12 month period.

#### **Further Information**

Any comments expressed in this factsheet should not be taken as a recommendation or advice.

This factsheet does not provide you with all the facts that you need to make an informed decision about investing in the Fund. You need to read the associated Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document and decide whether to contact an authorised intermediary.

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## **Risk Warnings**

Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. The value of an investment in the Fund, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.

- The specific risks associated with the Fund include:
- The Fund's exposure to a single market and currency may increase share price movements.
- The Fund has exposure to foreign currencies and changes in the rates of exchange will cause the value of any investment, and income from it, to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount invested.
- Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if the custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.

Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Investor Information Document, copies of which are available at www.bailliegifford.com, or the Prospectus which is available by calling the ACD.

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#### Target Market

This Fund is suitable for all investors seeking a fund that aims to deliver growth with a long investment time horizon as a core or component of a portfolio of investments. The Fund will allow ready access to the investment. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. This Fund is compatible for mass market distribution. This Fund may not be compatible for investors outside the target market.



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