# **Japanese Fund**

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#### **Fund Aims**

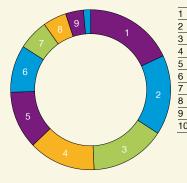
To produce attractive capital growth over the long term. To invest in any economic sector in Japan. Investment will be mainly in shares of companies. The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.

#### **Key Information**

Fund Managers	Sarah Whitley / Matthew Brett
Launch Date	08 October 1984
Fund Size	£1,789.96m
IA Sector	Japan
Active Share	81%*
Annual Turnover	8%

\*Relative to TOPIX. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co and relevant underlying index provider(s).

# **Sector Analysis of Total Assets**



	Man & Machinery	18.0%
	Commerce & Services	16.1%
	Electricals & Electronics	15.2%
	Financials	13.5%
	Info, Comm And Utilities	11.7%
	Chemicals & Other Materials	9.5%
	Retail	6.2%
	Pharmaceuticals & Foods	4.7%
	Real Estate & Construction	3.6%
)	Cash	1.5%

#### **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	ldings	% of Total Assets
1	SoftBank	4.8
2	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	3.9
3	INPEX	3.6
4	Yaskawa Electric	3.4
5	Misumi	3.2
6	Start Today	3.0
7	Kubota	3.0
8	Nintendo	2.6
9	Toyota Motor	2.6
10	Rakuten	2.6
To	tal	32.8

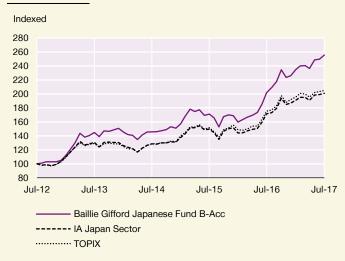
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#### **Charges and Yield**

	Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Historic Yield	
Class B-Inc (%)	0.00	0.67	0.8	
Class B-Acc (%)	0.00	0.67	0.8	

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### Performance



#### Periodic Performance

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Class B-Acc (%)	8.7	26.7	75.3	155.6
Sector Ranking	7/66	6/65	6/59	2/53
Sector Average (%)	5.1	17.1	56.2	100.9
Index (%)*	4.6	16.8	59.1	104.8

### **Annual Discrete Performance**

				30/06/15- 30/06/16	
Class B-Acc (%)	37.6	3.5	16.4	9.5	34.6
Sector Average (%	) 25.2	-1.5	17.5	7.3	24.9
Index (%)*	25.1	-1.2	18.4	9.5	24.2

Performance source: FE and relevant underlying index provider(s), single pricing basis, total return.

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

\*TOPIX.

## **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 charges figure is based on the expenses for the financial year and may vary from year to year. It excludes the cost of buying and selling assets for the Fund although custodian transaction costs are included. 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.

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- 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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