# **Japanese Fund**

# 31 January 2021



### **Fund Objective**

To outperform (after deduction of costs) the TOPIX, as stated in sterling, by at least 1.5% per annum over rolling five-year periods.

The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. In addition, the manager believes an appropriate performance comparison for this Fund is the Investment Association Japan Sector.

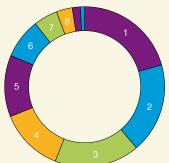
There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period and actual investment returns may differ from this objective, particularly over shorter time periods.

## **Key Information**

Fund Manager	Matt Brett
Launch Date	08 October 1984
Fund Size	£3,306.06m
IA Sector	Japan
Active Share	76%*
Annual Turnover	12%

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

## **Sector Analysis of Total Assets**



1	Man & Machinery	20.6%
2	Commerce & Services	18.2%
3	Electricals & Electronics	17.2%
4	Info, Comm And Utilities	12.9%
5	Financials	12.4%
6	Chemicals & Other Materials	8.1%
7	Pharmaceuticals & Foods	4.8%
8	Real Estate & Construction	3.2%
9	Retail	1.6%
10	Cash	0.9%

A negative cash position may sometimes occur due to obligations awaiting settlement.

## **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**

Но	ldings	% of Total Assets
1	SoftBank Group	5.7
2	Rakuten	3.8
3	SBI Holdings	3.5
4	GMO Internet	3.4
5	Kubota	3.4
6	Nintendo	3.3
7	FANUC	3.0
8	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	3.0
9	Misumi	2.9
10	Sony	2.6
Tot	tal	34.7

Total may not sum due to rounding.

#### **Charges and Yield**

	Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Historic Yield
Class B-Acc (%)	0.00	0.61	1.10
Class B-Inc (%)	0.00	0.61	1.10

The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period.

# **Performance**

# **Periodic Performance**

6	Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Acc (%)	19.2	18.5	6.0	16.8
Index (%)*	17.9	9.3	4.5	11.1
Target (%)**	18.8	10.9	6.1	12.7
Sector Average (%)***	19.0	14.4	5.1	12.2
Sector Ranking	32/72	26/72	26/70	9/67

# Annual Discrete Performance

			31/12/17- 31/12/18		
Class B-Acc (%)	33.9	26.6	-12.6	18.5	18.6
Index (%)*	23.4	15.6	-8.4	14.6	9.5
Target (%)**	25.3	17.3	-7.0	16.4	11.2
Sector Average (%	)*** 23.3	17.9	-11.4	17.2	13.8

Performance source: StatPro, FE, Tokyo Stock Exchange, total return in sterling. \*TOPIX.

All data as at 31 January 2021 and source Baillie Gifford & Co Limited unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

<sup>\*\*</sup>TOPIX +1.5%.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>IA Japan Sector.

#### **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 yields quoted are historic yields based on distributions paid by the Fund in the previous 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The disruption caused by the Coronavirus to global economies, markets and companies could reduce the distributions paid by the Fund in the future.

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. We have chosen to show Active Share against the TOPIX.

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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# **Target Market**

This Fund is suitable for all investors seeking a Fund that aims to deliver capital growth over a long-term investment horizon. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. This Fund is compatible for mass market distribution. This Fund may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, seeking a regular source of income and investing for less than five years. This Fund does not offer capital protection.

### **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:

- Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.
- The Fund's exposure to a single market and currency may increase share price movements.
- The Fund has exposure to a foreign currency and changes in the rate 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.
- 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.

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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