



## ANNUAL SHORT REPORT

BLACKROCK JAPAN EQUITY TRACKER FUND

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For the period from 1 February 2013  
to 28 February 2014

# BlackRock Japan Equity Tracker Fund

## Changes in accounting and income allocation dates

As communicated in a letter to investors dated 28 May 2013, the Manager has changed the Fund's annual and interim accounting dates to the last day of February and 31 August respectively in order to consolidate the publication of annual and interim reports. This annual short report covers the extended reporting period from 1 February 2013 to 28 February 2014. The period from 1 February 2013 to 31 August 2013 was commented on in the interim report to 31 August 2013. Additionally, the Fund's income allocation dates have changed. For further information, please refer to the most recent Prospectus.

## Summary of Performance over the Period

The BlackRock Japan Equity Tracker Fund met its objective of closely tracking the FTSE Japan Index over the period from 1 February 2013 to 28 February 2014, with a rise of 10.7%\*, while its benchmark was up by 11.0%.

## Fund Manager's Commentary

The dominant themes over the period were the support that the major central banks across the globe continued to provide to their economies and improvements in the health of those economies. Developed world equity markets performed strongly as a result.

In the US, the Federal Reserve pumped money into the domestic economy via its 'quantitative easing' programme but was able, after much speculation, to begin reducing its spending in December. In the UK, the Bank of England maintained its own programme of measures designed to help the economy and also introduced a policy called 'forward guidance' aimed at providing clarity on the future direction of interest rates. Elsewhere, the European Central Bank was clear in its determination to provide financial support and protect the euro. Meanwhile in Japan, the authorities launched a major package of policies designed to boost growth.

Japanese equities moved higher as government programmes designed to help pull the domestic economy out of the doldrums appeared to be working. In particular, economic updates released over the period suggested that household spending was improving and unemployment had started to fall. Inflation also began to move higher. That being said, the start of this year saw share prices fall as investors lost confidence. This was driven by economic reports which revealed that Japanese economic growth might not be as strong as previously believed and concerns over the health of the Chinese economy, one of the major export markets for Japanese goods.

The Fund is structured to closely track the FTSE Japan Index so its portfolio remains positioned so that the risk characteristics are similar to those of the FTSE Japan Index.

## March 2014

\* Performance figures quoted are based on bid-to-bid dealing prices (the price at which units are sold) and are not the same as the net asset value reported in the financial statements which is at close of business. The relative performance of the Fund was impacted by the timing differential between the Fund's 12 noon valuation point and that of the index (market close). Performance is calculated net of fees and reported for the Fund's class L Accumulation Units.

## Distributions Payable

<b>A Accumulation</b>	The final accumulation distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.6681p net per accumulation unit (31 March 2013: 0.7749p net per accumulation unit).
<b>L Accumulation</b>	The final accumulation distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.8632p net per accumulation unit (31 March 2013: 0.9751p net per accumulation unit).
<b>X Income</b>	The final distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.9065p net per income unit (31 March 2013: 0.9990p net per income unit).
<b>X Accumulation</b>	The final accumulation distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.9240p net per accumulation unit (31 March 2013: 0.9973p net per accumulation unit).
<b>D Accumulation</b>	The final accumulation distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.8835p net per accumulation unit (31 March 2013: 0.9956p net per accumulation unit).
<b>H Accumulation<sup>+</sup></b>	The final accumulation distribution payable on 30 April 2014 is 0.0000p net per accumulation unit (31 March 2013: N/A).

÷ H Accumulation class commenced February 2014.

# Performance Record

## Capital (Unit Prices)

Calendar Year	A Accumulation Units <sup>~</sup>		L Accumulation Units <sup>#</sup>		X Income Units <sup>*</sup>		X Accumulation Units <sup>±</sup>		D Accumulation Units <sup>π</sup>		H Accumulation Units <sup>‡</sup>	
	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p
2014*	141.6	122.5	135.6	123.2	123.6	112.3	126.0	114.5	134.2	122.0	105.2	99.50
2013	155.1	108.5	148.3	108.8	136.4	100.9	137.6	100.8	146.7	107.6	N/A	N/A
2012	120.3	99.63	114.5	99.76	100.9	92.46	106.0	92.46	107.6	98.69	N/A	N/A
2011	130.0	100.1	123.5	99.87	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	128.7	104.9	122.9	102.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	107.9	84.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* To 28 February. ~ A Accumulation class commenced September 2010. # D Accumulation class was renamed as L Accumulation class during June 2012. ± X Income class commenced August 2012. ± X Accumulation class commenced January 2012.

π D Accumulation class commenced June 2012. ‡ H Accumulation class commenced February 2014.

## Income (Net Distributions/Net Accumulations)

Calendar Year	A Accumulation Units <sup>~</sup> Per Unit p	L Accumulation Units <sup>#</sup> Per Unit p	X Income Units <sup>*</sup> Per Unit p	X Accumulation Units <sup>±</sup> Per Unit p	D Accumulation Units <sup>π</sup> Per Unit p	H Accumulation Units <sup>‡</sup> Per Unit p
2014*	0.6681	0.8632	0.9065	0.9240	0.8835	0.0000
2013	1.6015	2.0601	2.1363	2.1450	2.0981	N/A
2012	1.8433	2.2077	N/A	1.2199	0.0011	N/A
2011	1.5720	1.9529	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	0.6470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	N/A	1.5786	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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## Unit Price Summary

	Unit Price as at 28 February 2014	Unit Price as at 31 January 2013
A Accumulation Units	125.9p	114.1p
L Accumulation Units	126.6p	114.4p
X Income Units	114.6p	105.2p
X Accumulation Units	117.7p	106.2p
D Accumulation Units	125.4p	113.2p
H Accumulation Units <sup>‡</sup>	99.00p	N/A

‡ H Accumulation class commenced February 2014.

# Fund Information

## Summary of Investment Objective and Policy

The BlackRock Japan Equity Tracker Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to achieve capital growth by tracking closely the performance of the FTSE Japan Index by investing in companies in the Index.

## Risk Profile

The Fund is exposed to movements in Japanese stock markets and currency fluctuations which may cause the value of the Fund to fall or rise.

## Fund Facts

Fund Manager	Nimish Patel
Establishment Date	21 June 2005
Benchmark	FTSE Japan Index
Assets Under Management	£725,562,097
Income Allocation Dates	30 April & 31 October
Accounting Dates	Last day of February & 31 August

## Ongoing Charges

The ongoing charges figures are based on expenses for the relevant period. These figures may vary from year to year.

Unit Class	1.2.2013 to 28.2.2014 <sup>†</sup>	1.2.2012 to 31.1.2013
A Accumulation	0.52%	0.58%
L Accumulation	0.22%	0.23%
X Income	0.02%	0.03% <sup>π*</sup>
X Accumulation	0.02%	0.03%
D Accumulation	0.17%	0.18% <sup>π*</sup>
H Accumulation <sup>÷</sup>	0.12%	N/A

<sup>†</sup> Ongoing charges figures are based on annualised expenses for the period ended 28 February 2014. <sup>π</sup> X Income class commenced August 2012. <sup>π</sup> D Accumulation class commenced June 2012. <sup>\*</sup> Ongoing charges figures are based on annualised expenses for the period ended 31 January 2013. <sup>÷</sup> H Accumulation class commenced February 2014.

## Risk and Reward Profile

	Lower risk Typically lower rewards							Higher risk Typically higher rewards	
	←							→	
A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
L Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
X Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
X Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
D Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
H Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

The risk indicator was calculated incorporating historical or simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of each unit class. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest category does not mean risk free. For more information on this, please see the Fund's Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), which are available at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com).

# Portfolio Information

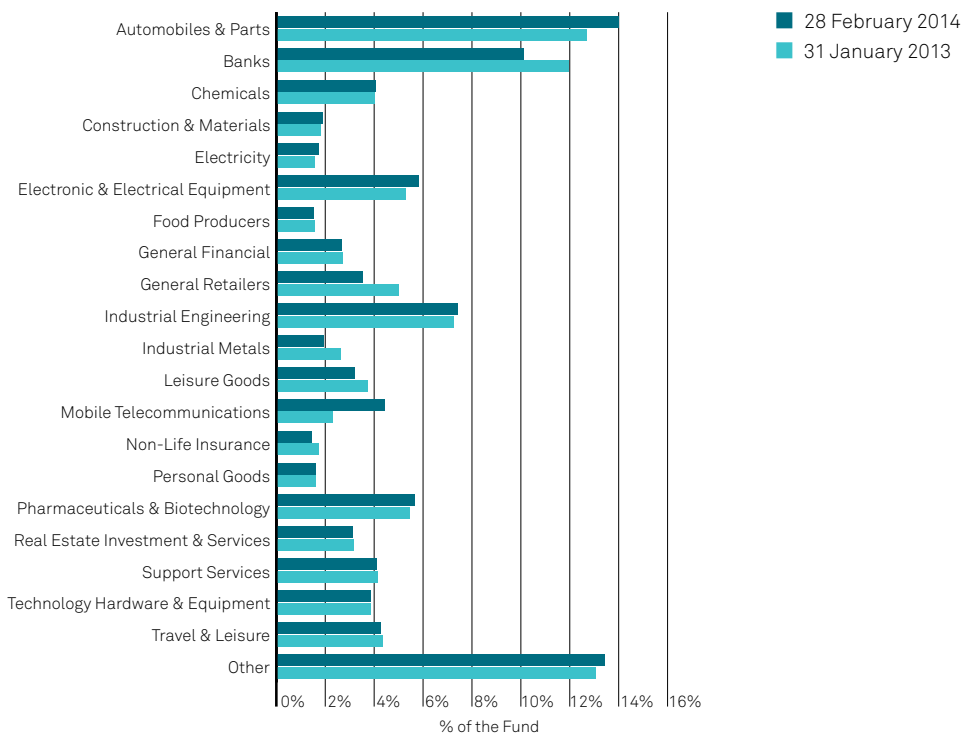
## Five Largest Investments at 28 February 2014

	% of Fund Value
Toyota Motor	5.21
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	2.80
Softbank	2.43
Honda Motor	2.21
Sumitomo Mitsui	2.06

## Five Largest Investments at 31 January 2013

	% of Fund Value
Toyota Motor	4.98
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	3.56
Sumitomo Mitsui	2.50
Honda Motor	2.30
Canon	2.17

## Classification of Investments



All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of an investment to fluctuate. For up-to-date prices and performance, please visit our website **blackrock.co.uk**.

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### **Report and Accounts**

This report is to inform unitholders on the activities of the Fund during the reporting period, and the results of those activities at the end of the reporting period. For more information please contact the Manager. Copies of the Full Reports are available free of charge upon request from the BlackRock Investor Services Team on **0800 44 55 22**.

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