

**Aims**

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the M&G PP Japan Equity Index Fund – the underlying fund.

Underlying fund objective: The fund gains its exposure via the M&G (ACS) BlackRock Japan Equity fund. The underlying fund aims to be fully invested in the equity securities and equity related securities of companies that are constituents of the MSCI Japan Index. Within the index-relative limits, the Investment Manager uses a structured and systematic, bottom up stock selection process to build a portfolio with similar risk-return characteristics as the index in order to meet the fund's investment objectives. In addition to the fund's objective, the Investment Manager aims to reflect a fundamental ESG approach by overweighting its investments in securities which score well against the Investment Manager's ESG research framework and underweighting the securities which score less well.

**Benchmark**

Benchmark	MSCI Japan Index
Sector	ABI Japan Equities

**Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	3424801
Mex Code	PUPUSH
Isin Code	GB0034248012
Citi Code	P541

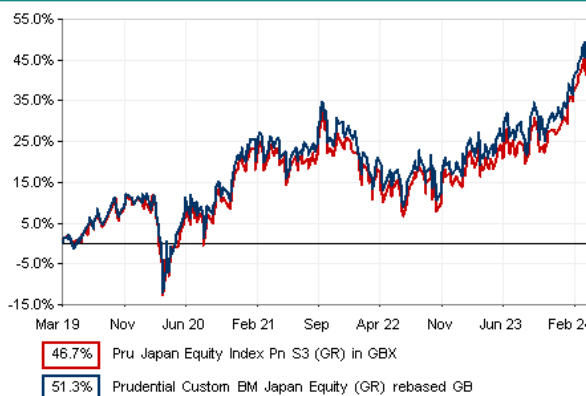
**Fund Overview**

Daily price (19/06/2024)	333.70
Fund size (30/04/2024)	£4.84m
Underlying Fund size	£4.88m
Number of holdings	145
Launch date	31/03/2004

**Fund Charges**

Annual Management Charge (AMC)	Please refer to the "Fund Guide" for your specific pension plan
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**Performance**



**Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end**

	31/03/19 to 31/03/20	31/03/20 to 31/03/21	31/03/21 to 31/03/22	31/03/22 to 31/03/23	31/03/23 to 31/03/24
Fund	-3.3%	25.7%	-3.2%	1.8%	22.4%
Benchmark	-2.1%	26.3%	-2.3%	1.9%	23.0%

**Performance - to latest available quarter end**

	Quarter		Annualised		
	1 2024	3 Years to 31/03/24	5 Years to 31/03/24	10 Years to 31/03/24	
Fund	11.4%	6.5%	8.0%	9.8%	
Benchmark	12.2%	7.0%	8.6%	10.2%	

**Prudential Risk Rating**

**Higher Risk**  
These are specialist equity funds that focus on set geographical regions or a particular type of share e.g. shares of smaller companies or those that conform to certain criteria.

These risk ratings have been developed by Prudential to help provide an indication of a fund's potential level of risk and reward based on the type of assets which may be held by the fund. Other companies may use different descriptions and as such these risk ratings should not be considered as generic across the fund management industry.

We regularly review our fund risk ratings, so they may change in the future. If, in our view, there is a material change in the fund's level of risk, for example due to a significant change to the assets held by the fund or in the way the fund is managed, we will provide information on the new risk rating. We recommend that you make sure you understand the risk rating of any fund before you invest.

You should also consider discussing your decision and the appropriateness of a fund's risk rating with an adviser.

**Fund Managers**



Name: Richard O'Connor  
Manager of the underlying fund for: 18 years, 11 months

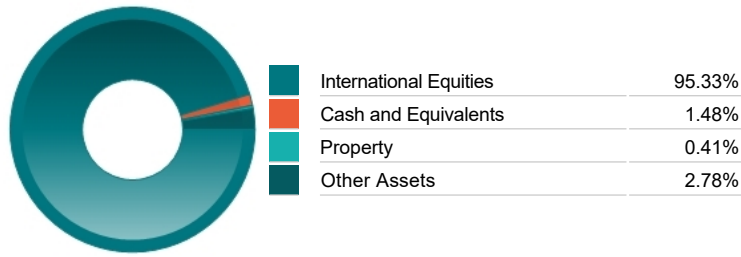
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- Some funds may invest in 'underlying' funds or other investment vehicles. The performance of our fund, compared to what it's invested in won't be exactly the same. That can be due to additional charges, cash management (needed to help people to enter and leave our fund when they want), tax and the timing of investments (this is known as a fund's dealing cycle, it varies between managers and can be several days).
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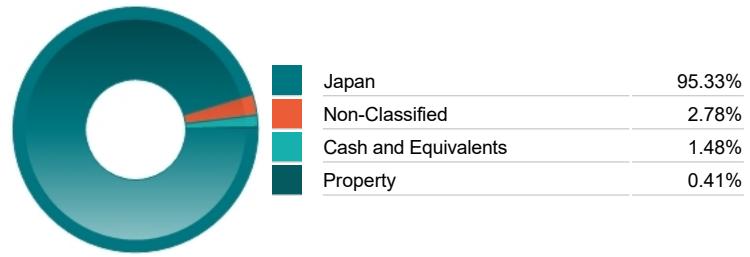
Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION	6.60%	Automobiles & Parts	Japan
2 TOKYO ELECTRON LIMITED	3.22%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	Japan
3 SONY CORP	3.02%	Leisure Goods	Japan
4 MITSUI & CO.	2.74%	Industrial Support Services	Japan
5 HITACHI	2.71%	General Industrials	Japan
6 HONDA MOTOR CO.	2.34%	Automobiles & Parts	Japan
7 MITSUI SUMITOMO INSURANCE CO.	2.14%	Banks	Japan
8 MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP	2.06%	Banks	Japan
9 FAST RETAILING CO.	1.94%	Retailers	Japan
10 ITOCHU CORPORATION	1.82%	General Industrials	Japan

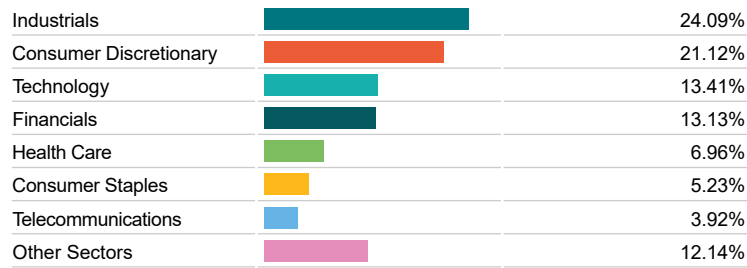
Asset Allocation



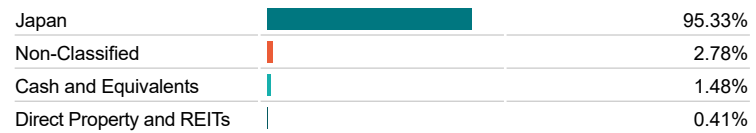
Regional Allocation



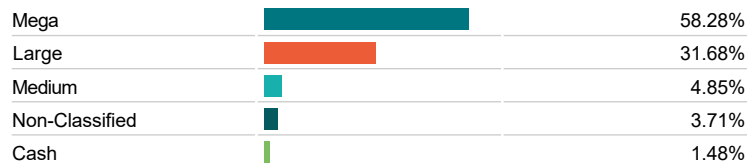
Equity Sector Breakdown



Top Country Breakdown



Breakdown By Market Cap (%)



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## Commentary

Performance as at Q1 2024 - The Japanese stockmarket rallied fiercely in the first quarter of 2024 in local currency terms, with the Nikkei 225 breaching 40,000 for the first time. Returns to sterling-based investors, though, were dampened somewhat by the weakness of the yen. Within the market, technology shares made big gains on the back of a positive earnings season. Around the middle of March, the Bank of Japan ended its negative interest rate policy and raised interest rates – the first time there has been an increase since 2007. Officials set a policy rate range of between 0% and 0.1%, saying its 2% inflation target had come into sight, but pledged to continue buying Japanese government bonds and said financial conditions would remain accommodative. The move was widely expected and came after workers at some of Japan's largest companies secured their biggest pay rise for many years.

Source: M&G

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