Fund objective

The Sub-fund aims to outperform (after deduction of costs) the TOPIX, as stated in sterling, over rolling five-year periods by investing in 60 to 80 holdings.

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.

Investment proposition

The Fund applies the same well-tested growth investing philosophy and process that we use across all of our Japanese investments. We aim to capture growth in all forms – from secular opportunities in emerging digital disruptors to the enduring growth of stalwart franchises to special situations of corporate reform. However, for the Japanese Core Growth Fund, we aim to delivery greater consistency of returns, so benefit from a clear risk-controlled framework to help to smooth the impact of market cycles. We prioritise businesses with sustainable competitive advantages, strong balance sheets, and proven management teams that can deliver consistent growth.

Performance overview

Periodic performance

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Inc (%)	5.9	14.7	11.8	4.8
Index (%)*	3.5	26.5	17.7	10.8
Sector Average (%)**	4.1	26.6	17.0	9.3
Sector Ranking	31/107	99/105	89/98	80/93

Annual discrete performance

	30/06/21-30/06/22	30/06/22-30/06/23	30/06/23-30/06/24	30/06/24-30/06/25	30/06/25-30/06/26
Class B-Inc (%)	-12.1	5.3	6.5	3.7	20.0
Index (%)*	-8.4	12.9	13.5	6.9	31.5
Sector Average (%)**	-11.4	12.7	10.6	7.3	32.5

Source: FE, Revolution, Japan Exchange Group. Total return net of charges, in sterling.
Share class returns calculated using 10am prices, while the Index is calculated close-to-close.
*TOPIX.
**IA Japan Sector.

Fund facts

Managers	Matt Brett* / Iain Campbell*
Fund launch date	04 July 2016
Fund size	£124.00m
IA sector	Japan
Active share	72%†
Annual turnover	64%
Guideline number of holdings	60-80
Number of Holdings	69
Structure	OEIC

†Relative to TOPIX. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, Japan Exchange Group.
*Partner

Top ten holdings

Holdings	% Total assets
Recruit Holdings	4.6
Itochu Corp.	3.8
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	3.7
Tokyo Electron	3.7
Sony	3.6
SoftBank Group	3.4
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	3.3
Keyence	3.1
Chiba Bank, Ltd., The	3.0
Shin-Etsu Chemical	2.6

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Sector

	Fund (%)	Index (%)	Difference (%)
Industrials	24.0	25.9	-2.0
Financials	18.2	18.7	-0.5
Information Technology	14.6	15.3	-0.7
Consumer Discretionary	13.6	14.7	-1.1
Consumer Staples	8.5	4.8	3.7
Materials	7.0	5.4	1.6
Communication Services	6.4	6.3	0.2
Health Care	6.2	5.1	1.1
Real Estate	0.8	1.6	-0.8
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

Index: TOPIX. As well as cash in the bank, this balance includes unsettled cash flows arising from both shareholder flows and outstanding trades. Therefore, a negative balance may arise from timing differences between shareholder flows and security trading and does not necessarily represent a bank overdraft.

Active share classes

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	Annual Management Charge (%)	Ongoing Charges Figure (%)	Historic Yield (%)
Class B-Acc	GB00BYZJQH88	BYZJQH8	0.50	0.56*	1.20
Class B-Inc	GB00BYZJQG71	BYZJQG7	0.50	0.56*	1.20

The table displays the primary share classes. Other share classes may be available for those investors who have a separate arrangement. Charges will reduce the value of the investment. Please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document for further details.

*Estimated.

Key terms

Active share is a measure of the Fund's overlap with the benchmark. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the index and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the index.

Annual turnover is calculated as the sum of the monthly turnover figures for the 12-month period.

Periodic performance is a method of evaluating how a fund is doing over time. It compares a fund's performance in each period to its performance in past periods. It also looks at the performance of the fund to the performance of an index or its peers.

Discrete performance is a method of evaluating the degree to which a fund performs compared against its benchmark on a given date.

Historic yield is 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, however, we are unable to give tax advice. Where we believe the historic yield to be materially unrepresentative, forecast yields have been quoted based on estimated income and expenses.

IA Sectors are provided by the Investment Association. These sectors break up the universe of available funds to help investors navigate the large number of available products.

Additional fund information

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). The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is at the latest annual or interim period. The OCF may be lower than previous declarations as a result of a revision to how the indirect fees associated with closed-ended investment companies need to be shown. This does not necessarily mean that fund expenses have gone down rather that we have reverted to how they have been calculated until 30 June 2022 to reflect the revised Investment Association's Guidance on Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs (July 2020, updated January 2022, revised November 2023). 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, bailliegifford.com. Where the share class has been launched during the financial period and / or expenses during the period are not representative, an estimate of expenses may have been used instead. Baillie Gifford operates a single swinging price for the Fund and, therefore, may apply a dilution adjustment to the price to protect long-term investors from the costs associated with buying and selling underlying investments that result from other investors joining or leaving the Fund. This adjustment will affect relative performance, either positively or negatively.

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.

All figures are rounded, so any totals may not sum.

Further information

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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 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 or the Prospectus, copies of which are available at bailliegifford.com.

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Important information Peru

The Fund has not and will not be registered in the Public Registry of the Capital Market (Registro Público del Mercado de Valores) regulated by the Superintendency of the Capital Market (Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores – "SMV"). Therefore, neither this document, nor any other document related to the program has been submitted to or reviewed by the SMV. The Fund will be placed through a private offer aimed exclusively at institutional investors. Persons and/or entities that do not qualify as institutional investors should refrain from participating in the private offering of the Fund.

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