



# Stewart Investors Asia Pacific and Japan Sustainability Fund Class B GBP

a subfund of First Sentier Investors ICVC (the Company) – Fund Factsheet

31 March 2024

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term (at least five years).

The Fund invests in shares of companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in the Asia Pacific region (including Japan) and that are listed on exchanges worldwide.

The Fund invests in shares of high quality companies which are positioned to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable development.

Investment decisions around high quality companies are based on three key points: (i) Quality of management. (ii) Quality of the company including its social usefulness, their environmental impacts and efficiency and responsible business practices. (iii) Quality of the company's finances and their financial performance. Sustainability is a key part of the approach.

The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds. The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

## Fund information

Fund launch date	30 June 1988
Share class launch date	11 December 2009
Fund size (£m)	420.9
UK's investment association sector	Asia Pacific Including Japan sector
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific Net Index*
Number of holdings	57
Fund manager(s)	Douglas Ledingham/David Gait
Minimum investment	£1,000/£50 per month
Initial charge	0% <sup>c</sup>
Ongoing charges †	0.95%
Share type	Income
Sedol	B57XX41
ISIN	GB00B57XX416
Research rating ‡	Morningstar®:Gold
Fund yield	0.5%

\* Please note as of 22nd May 2020 the Fund changed from MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index to the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index and from the IA Asia Pacific ex Japan sector to the IA Asia Pacific Including Japan sector. The benchmark and IA sector for this Fund have been identified as a means by which investors can compare the performance of the Fund and have been chosen because their constituents most closely represent the scope of the investable assets. The benchmark and sector are not used to limit or constrain how the portfolio is constructed nor are they part of a target set for Fund performance.

## Annual performance (% in GBP) to 31 March 2024

Period	12 mths to 31/03/24	12 mths to 31/03/23	12 mths to 31/03/22	12 mths to 31/03/21	12 mths to 31/03/20
Fund return	2.0	5.7	0.2	44.4	-20.7
Benchmark return	9.4	-1.8	-5.1	38.1	-10.9

## Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 31 March 2024

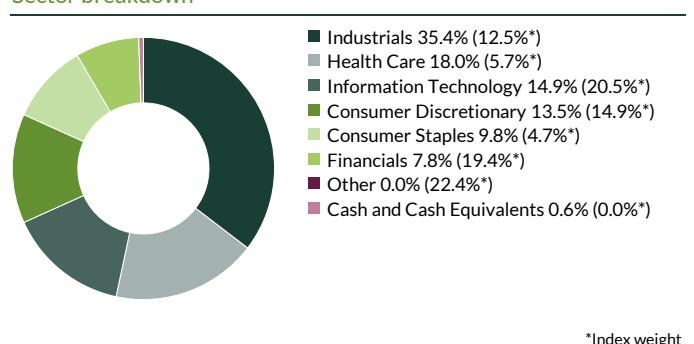
Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since inception
Fund return	-1.6	3.1	2.0	8.1	23.8	115.8	233.7
Benchmark return	6.0	9.6	9.4	1.9	25.4	107.6	163.0

**These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

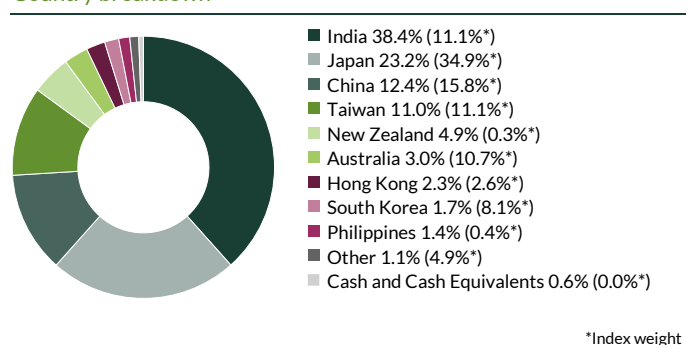
## Ten largest holdings

Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Mahindra & Mahindra	5.4	Mainfreight Limited	3.1
Tube Investments of India Limited	5.1	HDFC Bank	3.0
ELGI Equipments Limited	4.2	Hoya Corporation	3.0
Japan Elevator Service Holdings Co., Ltd.	3.6	IndiaMART InterMESH Ltd.	3.0
MonotaRO Co., Ltd.	3.5	Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)	2.8

## Sector breakdown



## Country breakdown



Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and Stewart Investors.

Cash equivalents may include T-Bills.

All performance data for the Stewart Investors Asia Pacific and Japan Sustainability Fund Class B (Income) GBP as at 31 March 2024. Source for fund - Lipper IM / Stewart Investors. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - MSCI, income reinvested net of tax. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 11 December 2009.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.

### The Fund may experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** Emerging markets tend to be more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater liquidity risk, restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed settlement and difficulties valuing securities.

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

**Single country / specific region risk:** investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company prospectus.

Investment should be made on the basis of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please seek independent financial advice.



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\* On the 22nd May 2020 the Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Fund changed its name to Stewart Investors Asia Pacific and Japan Sustainability Fund, the investment objective, benchmark and policy was also changed. IA sector performance is calculated using monthly average data of the IA Asia Pacific including Japan sector from 1st June 2020 and the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan sector prior to this.

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