



# COMGEST GROWTH JAPAN GBP U ACC - IE00BYLQ199

28/02/2021

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (% weight)

Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	4.1
SoftBank Group Corp.	4.0
Fanuc Corporation	3.6
FAST RETAILING CO., LTD.	3.6
Sysmex Corporation	3.5

The above equity exposures are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Port.	Index
Industrials	24.1	23.0
Consumer Discretionary	23.7	17.6
Health Care	12.6	9.1
Information Technology	12.0	13.1
Consumer Staples	9.8	7.8
Communication Services	6.4	9.5
Financials	5.8	9.1
[Cash]	3.1	--
Materials	2.5	6.4
Real Estate	--	2.3
Utilities	--	1.3
Energy	--	0.7

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Port.	Index
Japan	96.9	100.0
[Cash]	3.1	--

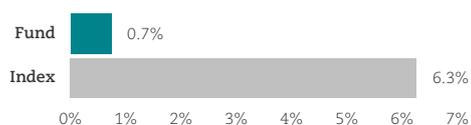
Breakdowns based on GICS sector and MSCI country classifications.

## CARBON FOOTPRINT



Source: Trucost as of 31/12/2020, tCO2e per JPY mn invested. The footprint estimates the amount of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emitted by the portfolio holdings.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



Source: Trucost as of 31/12/2020, the footprint estimates the ratio of annual costs linked to pollution, the use of natural resources including water, the deterioration of ecosystems, waste and climate changes caused by portfolio holdings per million of JPY invested.

## RATINGS (as at 31/01/2021)

Morningstar Category:  
EAA Fund Japan Large-Cap Equity  
Number of funds in Category: 1251



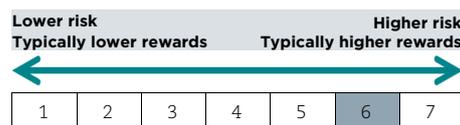
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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Japan Fund is to create a portfolio of high quality long-term growth companies headquartered or carrying out their predominant activities in Japan.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



This indicator represents the risk and reward profile presented in the Key Investor Information Document. It is not guaranteed and may change during the month.

## CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100) AS AT 28/02/2021



## ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT 28/02/2021

	1 month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	-5.21	-9.20	-9.20	39.74	-	-	-	13.34
Index	-0.48	-2.08	-2.08	16.49	-	-	-	4.16
Fund Volatility				23.10	-	-	-	19.10
Index Volatility				25.85	-	-	-	19.40

## CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	-	-	-	19.06	41.19
Index	-	-	-	14.21	9.14

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

	Q4 2018	Q4 2019
Fund	19.06	41.19
Index	14.21	9.14

Performance data expressed in GBP.

Index: Topix - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

## Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

The Morningstar Analyst Rating™ represents Morningstar analysts' opinion of a fund's relative investment merit. It is a forward-looking measure and identifies analyst conviction in a fund's long-term performance prospects relative to a relevant peer group.

The Morningstar Rating™ is an objective, quantitative measure of a fund's historical risk-adjusted performance relative to other funds in its category. The overall rating is a weighted combination of the three-, five- and ten-year ratings. The top 10% of funds will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating.

## Please see risks and other important information on final page

All information and performance data is as of 28/02/2021 and is unaudited  
Source: CAMIL / FactSet financial data and analytics, unless otherwise stated  
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Net Asset Value (NAV):	£12.73
Total Net Assets (all classes, m):	£3,491.31
Number of holdings:	40
Average weighted market cap (m):	£27,437
Weight of top 10 stocks:	35.1%
Active share:	79.1%

Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents.

## KEY INFORMATION

**ISIN:** IE00BYLQ199

**SEDOL:** BYYLQ19

**Bloomberg:** CGJGIAC ID

**Domicile:** Ireland

**Dividend Policy:** Accumulation

**Fund Base Currency:** JPY

**Share Class Currency:** GBP

**Inception Date:** 18/09/2018

**Index (used for comparative purposes only):**

Topix - Net Return

**Legal Structure:**

Comgest Growth Japan, a sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

**Management Company:** None / Comgest Growth plc is self-managed

**Investment Manager:**

Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL)

Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
SEC registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training

**Sub-Investment Manager:**

Comgest S.A. (CSA)

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Investment Team listed below may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest group.

**Investment Team:**

Chantana Ward

Richard Kaye

Makoto Egami

**Investment Manager's fees:** 0.85% p.a of the NAV

**Maximum sales charge:** None

**Exit charge:** None

**Minimum initial investment:** None

**Minimum holding:** None

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**Dealing Frequency:** Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin and the primary trading exchanges in Japan are open for business

**Cut off:** 5:00 pm Irish time on day D-1

An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party

**NAV:** Calculated using closing prices of D

**NAV known:** D+1

**Settlement:** D+3

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## FUND COMMENTARY

We wrote last month that the Value rally had not really come to Japan since the structural problems of the two big Value sectors - banks and autos - were more severe than in other countries. This changed in February, especially in the first week, when financials became a sudden focus of buying. 'Reddit'-type selling pressure in widely foreigner-held stocks, a surge in retail investor activity and the small float of Japan's bank stocks vs. US ones exacerbated the impact.

We think that share prices reflect growth, and that Japan is a broad and deep enough market to find great growth at great prices in different market environments. We have seen similar periods to February 2021 - in 2018, 2016, 2013, 2011 and 2009 - when a sharp change in global yield curves caused a few weeks' disconnection between share prices and earnings, and we have used them to invest in mispriced opportunities, which paid back alpha handsomely. Your fund's one-year forward Price Earnings to Growth ratio is at its lowest level in seven years.

We have conducted over 40 meetings this month with companies we hold or are watching, to confirm the latest momentum. Here are samples from those.

Daifuku suggested that TSMC's latest spending and its potential of overseas market share gain is not reflected in its new mid-term target.

Nidec's Chairman, Shigenobu Nagamori, pointed to the company's electric vehicle motor dominance, especially for emerging partners in China.

Shimano suggested to us that its 27% Operating Profit guidance for this year is well supported by orders already booked.

Yamaha proved to us its recovered factory utilisation and growing orders backlog.

A call with Keyence suggested that the recovery has just begun; China is leading it, however there is also increasing spending in Japan on automation projects which involve Keyence technology.

Nihon M&A Center's Chairman pointed out to us the almost unlimited demand and strong consultant hiring (800 now - and could reach 1,000) which the company is seeing.

Hamamatsu Photonics suggested that October-December earnings were over budget, especially on semiconductor applications.

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- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.
- The value of shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than the initial amount invested.
- Changes in exchange rates can negatively impact both the value of your investment and the level of income received.
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You should not subscribe into this Fund without having first read the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"). Tax applicable to an investment depends on individual circumstances. Depending on where you live, the Fund may not be available to you for subscription. In particular this Fund cannot be offered or sold publicly in the United States. Consult your financial or professional adviser for more information on investing and taxation.

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