

Russell Investments Japan Equity Fund



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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the shares of Japanese companies. The Fund is broadly diversified across different Japanese companies and industry sectors. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 1.75% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments/ Money Managers have full discretion to select investments for the Fund. This product is an Article 8 product, as defined under EU regulation -- it promotes environmental or social characteristics and invests in companies that follow good governance practices. This product does not have sustainable investment as its objective.

Fund Update

The Fund outperformed the benchmark return in the third quarter. In terms of factor positioning, its tilt away from quality was beneficial in the market environment. At the sector level, stock selection within communication services was a key positive contributor. This included overweight exposure to SoftBank and an underweight to Nintendo. Stock selection within technology was also rewarded (overweight Kioxia Holdings). In consumer discretionary an overweight to Aisin Corp was effective. Elsewhere, underweight exposure to the health care sector was helpful. In contrast, stock selection within consumer staples (overweight Seven & I Holdings) and industrials (overweight Nidec Corp) detracted, weighing on gains.

Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in USD	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Return net of management fee Class I Accum	2.4	9.9	21.7	22.5	16.2	19.4	7.1	8.0	6.3
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	2.2	8.4	20.7	22.3	17.3	21.2	8.8	8.2	6.4

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in USD	30/09/24 30/09/25	30/09/23 30/09/24	30/09/22 30/09/23	30/09/21 30/09/22	30/09/20 30/09/21
Return net of management fee Class I Accum	16.15	19.97	22.22	-31.00	19.68
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	17.28	21.18	19.58	-28.71	20.23

Returns shown in USD	30/09/19 30/09/20	30/09/18 30/09/19	30/09/17 30/09/18	30/09/16 30/09/17	30/09/15 30/09/16
Return net of management fee Class I Accum	9.59	-9.02	12.82	20.32	13.78
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns	7.00	-6.17	9.49	15.92	12.98

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns converted in the currency displayed in the performance table above where applicable.

Fund facts
Share Class; Dealing ccy
I Accum; USD
Dealing frequency; Cut off
Daily; 2:00 pm GMT
Domicile; Category
Ireland; UCITS
Fund size
JPY 9,406.68m
Fund launch date
20 June 1995
Share class launch date
31 January 2002
Management fee
0.90%
ISIN; Bloomberg
IE0007966777; FRIJPIA ID
Share class NAV
USD 2.45m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	354	1673
Price/Earnings	17.5	17.2
Dividend Yield	2.1	2.1
Price to Book	1.4	1.7
EPS Growth (1 Year)	15.8	11.7

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	10.5	10.5
Tracking error	3.0	3.0
Sharpe ratio	0.8	0.8
Information ratio	-0.1	-0.1
3 year return (net)	20.0%	21.2%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.2%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
SoftBank Group Corp	3.1%	2.1%
Sony Group Corp	3.1%	3.3%
ORIX Corp	2.7%	0.5%
Toyota Motor Corp	2.6%	3.4%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	2.5%	3.4%
Seven & i Holdings Co Ltd	2.3%	0.5%
Hitachi Ltd	2.0%	2.3%
NTT Inc	1.9%	1.0%
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	1.5%	1.3%
Honda Motor Co Ltd	1.4%	0.8%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	23.6	24.1
Carbon Footprint	59.0	77.0

Source: The portfolio-level ESG Risk Rating is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Rating for securities in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics Risk Rating details are available at <https://www.sustainalytics.com/esg-data>. Carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity of companies in the portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of CO2e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	23.4%	25.8%
Financials	18.6%	15.5%
Consumer Discretionary	16.3%	17.2%
Information Technology	15.0%	12.5%
Communication Services	8.3%	8.3%
Consumer Staples	6.2%	5.6%
Materials	4.4%	5.0%
Health Care	2.9%	5.8%
Real Estate	2.9%	2.1%
Energy	1.3%	0.9%
Utilities	0.8%	1.3%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Asset Management One Co., Ltd.	Growth	15.9%	15.0%
M&G Investments (USA) Inc.	Market-Oriented	16.6%	14.6%
Polymer Capital Japan Limited	Growth	11.2%	17.2%
Sompo Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Value	24.6%	21.5%
SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Growth	16.1%	14.3%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	15.7%	17.4%

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