

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 underperformed the benchmark in the fourth quarter. In factors, the tilt away from large cap stocks was unfavourable. In sectors, stock selection within technology (overweight Omron) detracted, followed by selection within financials (underweight Mizuho). An underweight to and selection within consumer discretionary (underweight Toyota) was also unhelpful. However, selection within industrials (overweight Mitsui E&S Co) and consumer staples (overweight Seven & I Holdings) contributed positively.

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	-1.2	-5.2	0.8	6.9	6.9	0.9	2.9	6.1	5.6
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns (GBP)	-0.6	-4.1	2.4	7.7	7.7	3.0	4.4	6.2	5.7

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in USD	31/12/23 31/12/24	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20
Return net of management fee Class I Accum	6.91	16.10	-17.16	-0.30	12.53
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns (GBP)	7.67	19.58	-15.22	0.76	12.62

Returns shown in USD	31/12/18 31/12/19	31/12/17 31/12/18	31/12/16 31/12/17	31/12/15 31/12/16	31/12/14 31/12/15
Return net of management fee Class I Accum	19.55	-14.35	30.77	5.11	10.84
Topix Index (JPY) - Net Returns (GBP)	18.79	-14.02	26.15	3.12	11.37

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 13,553.84m
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 4.83m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	353	2124
Price/Earnings	15.6	15.3
Dividend Yield	2.2	2.2
Price to Book	1.3	1.5
EPS Growth (1 Year)	25.2	14.3

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	11.3	11.3
Tracking error	3.0	3.0
Sharpe ratio	-0.3	-0.3
Information ratio	-0.3	-0.3
3 year return (net)	1.2%	3.0%
3 year excess return (net)	-1.8%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Sony Group Corp	3.4%	3.0%
Hitachi Ltd	2.9%	2.6%
Recruit Holdings Co Ltd	2.5%	2.2%
ORIX Corp	2.3%	0.5%
Seven & i Holdings Co Ltd	2.2%	0.7%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	2.0%	2.9%
Honda Motor Co Ltd	1.8%	0.9%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc	1.8%	1.9%
Toyota Motor Corp	1.7%	4.2%
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp	1.6%	1.2%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	22.7	23.0
Carbon Footprint	58.6	75.0

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	25.2%	25.4%
Financials	17.1%	14.5%
Consumer Discretionary	17.0%	18.0%
Information Technology	14.4%	12.8%
Consumer Staples	6.9%	6.0%
Materials	6.4%	5.1%
Communication Services	4.9%	7.1%
Health Care	4.0%	7.0%
Real Estate	2.6%	1.9%
Utilities	0.9%	1.3%
Energy	0.6%	0.9%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
Asset Management One Co., Ltd.	Growth	17.9%	15.3%
M&G Investments (USA) Inc.	Market-Oriented	16.6%	15.9%
Polymer Capital Japan Limited	Growth	7.2%	11.1%
Sompo Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Value	29.1%	24.1%
SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Growth	16.6%	15.7%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	12.7%	17.8%

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