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- The Fund invests in equities and is exposed to the risk of market price fluctuations.
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Seize its dynamic opportunities

Japan is typically seen as a low growth economy with a rapidly ageing population, both of which keep the lid on domestic consumer spending. Yet Japan has always been a corporate, not an economic, revival story. Investors willing to look beyond economic data will discover a market that is attractively valued compared to global equities and offers opportunities on a bottom-up basis.

Japanese corporates are in a good shape owing to the gradual and steady restructuring over the last decade. The corporate reform story has resulted in improved trend profitability and higher operational efficiency. As a result, corporate earnings have remained resilient despite the pandemic.

At Eastspring Investments, our focus remains on identifying the many mispriced Japanese companies with good quality income streams that are yet to be recognised by the market. We expect the corporate reforms and structural changes have another five to ten years to play out. Investors who are keen to reap long-term gains from this market may consider a strategic allocation to Japan equities in their portfolios for these reasons.

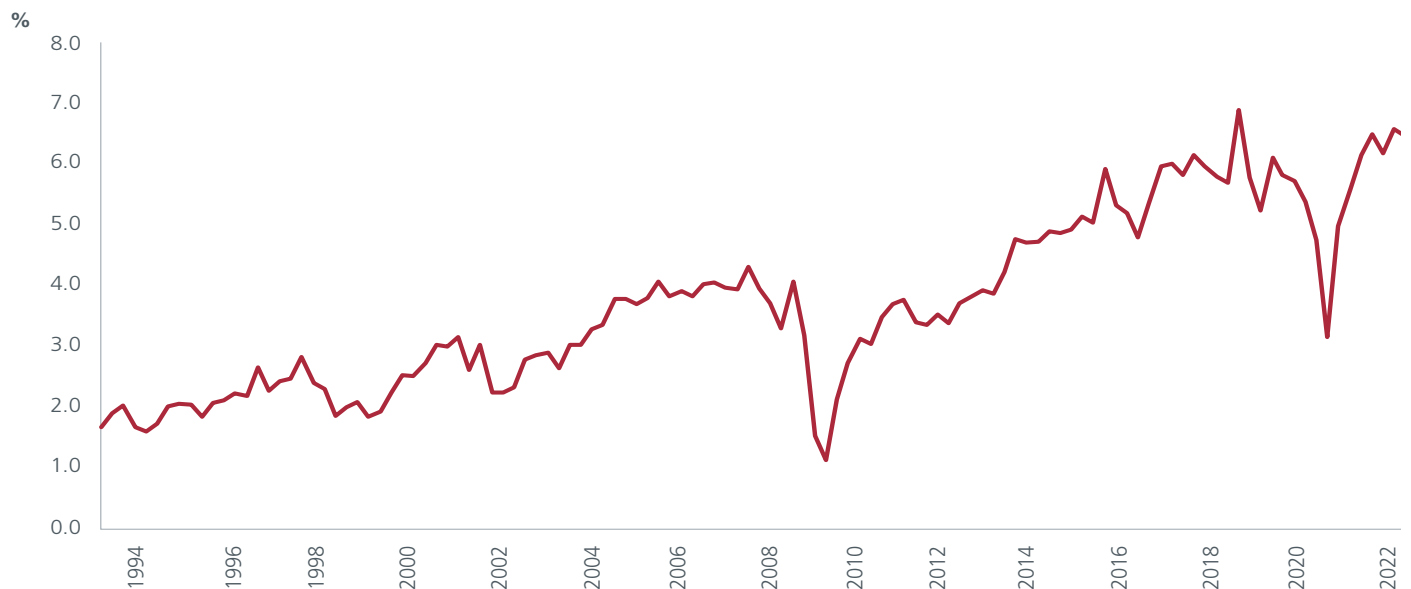
Reasons to invest in Japan

► Corporate reforms are driving profits

Profitability has generally improved on a trend basis; even during the height of the pandemic in 2020, the operating profit margins only fell to the peak level of the previous cycle. This was achieved by Japanese companies managing their capacity and cost base well.

Fig. 1. Corporate profitability is on the rise

Profit Margin as % of Sales

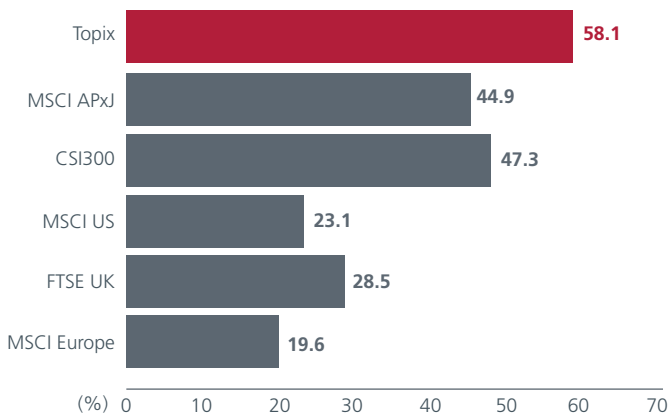


Sources: Profit Margin % of sales from Refinitiv Datastream MOF. For illustration purposes only. The indices described are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. Latest data available as 30 November 2022. Current Profits of all Japanese Incorporated Enterprises Industries (Except Finance and Insurance) / Sales, in Japanese Yen.

➤ **More Japanese companies are cash rich**

Long-term restructuring efforts have included deleveraging of balance sheets, which has led to high levels of cash and offered many companies a level of flexibility in funding their ongoing operations.

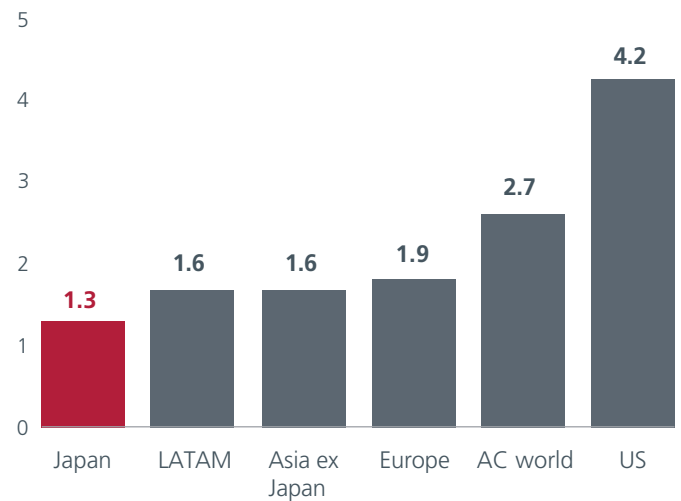
Fig 2: Japan’s non-financial companies have high levels of net cash



➤ **Japan is cheap compared to global peers**

Despite resilient earnings and improved companies’ fundamentals, the market did not re-rate and is still valued much lower than other major markets. Lower starting valuations are supportive of likely future outperformance for the market.

Fig 3 : Japan equities are attractively valued compared to global equities



Source: Fig.2. “Cash rich” companies based on Japan (Topix), US and Europe (MSCI indices) from Nomura, as at 13 December 2022. Companies ratio is the number of positive net cash companies divided by the number of index composite companies. Fig.3. Eastspring Investments, IBES MSCI Indices, Refinitiv Datastream, as at 30 November 2022. Past performance is not an indication of the future or likely performance. For illustration purposes only. The indices described are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. Indices used: MSCI Japan Index, MSCI Europe Index, MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan, MSCI EM Latin America Index, MSCI AC World Index, MSCI USA Index Projections, forecasts, opinions on the economy, securities markets or the economic trends of the markets are based upon Information and sources believed to be reliable at time of publication and subject to change without notice.

About Eastspring Investments – Japan Dynamic Fund (“Fund”)



A high conviction and unconstrained strategy

A portfolio that is unconstrained by market cap or market’s thematic preferences. The portfolio contains 30-50 of our best idea stocks that are undervalued according to their fundamentals or whose prices reflect a significant overreaction by the market.



Differentiated valuation approach

Our value differentiator lies in our detailed analysis that looks for the longer drivers of a company’s sustainable earnings using a consistent valuation framework. This approach systematically identifies “high impact valuation outliers” and is durable over time and market cycles.



Choice of share classes

The Fund is also available in USD hedged share classes. By reducing the exchange rate fluctuations between JPY and the hedged currencies, the hedged share classes offer investors returns that are correlated to the base currency (JPY) of the Fund.



Proven track record

Highly experienced team with a track record of over 16 years of navigating Japan’s equity universe and delivering strong performance. We are also one of the very few true-to-label-based managers of Japan equity.

Fund facts

Benchmark

MSCI Japan Index[^]

Fund Size

JPY 242,817.4 million
(as at 30 November 2022)

Annual management fee

Currently 1.5% p.a.

[^]The MSCI index is calculated with dividends reinvested.

Classes of shares	Currency	ISIN	Annual management fee % (Current)
Class A	USD	LU0560541111	1.500
Class A (hedged)	USD	LU0965088593	1.500
Class A _J	JPY	LU1118698981	1.500

About Eastspring Investments

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Asian centre, global presence



● Sales office ● Sales and investment office ● *Joint venture

300+
number of **investment professionals**

29+
nationalities

25+
years of **operating history**

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