

# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS JAPAN DYNAMIC MY FUND

# QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024



#### Dear Valued Investor,

Greetings from Eastspring Investments Berhad!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to invest with Eastspring Investments Berhad.

#### We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual/Semi-annual/ Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 31 December 2024.

You may also download these reports from our website at www.eastspring.com/my

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Client Services at 03-2778 1000.

Yours sincerely,

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### FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic MY Fund (the "Fund")
Fund Category/ Type	Wholesale (feeder)/growth
Fund Objective	The Fund aims to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in the Eastspring Investments - Japan Dynamic Fund, which invests primarily^ in securities of companies in Japan. ^ primarily means at least 66% of the Target Fund's net asset value.
Performance Benchmark	Morgan Stanley Capital International Japan Index ("MSCI Japan Index") (Net) <b>Source:</b> Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited and Bloomberg.
Fund Income Distribution Policy	Distribution of income (if any) is incidental.

### KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD/YEAR ENDED

Category	Second quarter from 1.10.2024 to 31.12.2024	First quarter from 1.7.2024 to 30.9.2024	30.6.2024
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Collective investment scheme Derivatives Cash and other assets <b>Total</b>	97.61 2.34 0.05 <b>100.00</b>	96.49 3.58 (0.07) <b>100.00</b>	98.38 1.79 (0.17) <b>100.00</b>
Net Asset Value (NAV) (JPY'000) RM Hedged-class	2,724,479	3,051,612	3,387,552
Units In Circulation (Units '000) RM Hedged-class	69,582	82,978	91,283
Net Asset Value Per Unit (JPY) RM Hedged-class	39.1548	36.7761	37.1106
Net Asset Value Per Unit in respective currencies RM Hedged-class	1.1129	1.0595	1.0877
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit in respective currencies RM Hedged-class	1.1232	1.1235	1.1012
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit in respective currencies RM Hedged-class	1.0471	0.9362	0.9156
Capital Growth (%) RM Hedged-class	5.03	(2.59)	17.13
Income Distribution (%) RM Hedged-class	-	-	-

## KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Category	Second quarter from 1.10.2024 to 31.12.2024	•	30.6.2024
Total Return (%) RM Hedged-class	5.03	(2.59)	17.13
Gross Distribution Per Unit in respective currencies RM Hedged-class	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit in respective currencies RM Hedged-class	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%) Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	-	-	1.94 2.21

## KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

			1 year 1.1.2024 to 31.12.2024	3 years 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2024	5 years 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2024
			(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return RM Hedged-class			17.84	19.76	14.06
	1.7.2023 to	1.7.2022 to	1.7.2021 to	1.7.2020 to	1.7.2019 to
Year ended	30.6.2024	30.6.2023	30.6.2022	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
Year ended	30.6.2024 (%)	30.6.2023 (%)	30.6.2022 (%)	30.6.2021 (%)	30.6.2020 (%)
Year ended Annual total return					
Annual total return					(%)
Annual total return JPY Class	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	<b>(%)</b> (13.48)

Source: The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management

#### Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

Percentage growth	=	NAVt NAVo <sup>-1</sup>
NAVt	=	NAV at the end of the period
NAV <sub>0</sub>	=	NAV at the beginning of the period
Performance annualised	=	(1 + Percentage Growth) <sup>1/n</sup> - 1
		Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period
n	=	Number of years

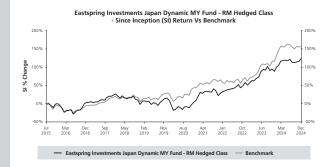
Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

#### **Fund Performance**

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of 93.19%, underperforming the benchmark return of 97.00% by 3.81%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of 5.03%, outperforming the benchmark return of 2.53% by 2.50%. Key contributors were Panasonic Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and Ricoh. However, our holdings in Sumco, Sumitomo Chemical and Kubota detracted from the performance during the period under review.



# The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested.

Benchmark: MSCI Japan Index (Net)

**Source:** Lipper for Investment Management, Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited and Bloomberg, as at 31 December 2024.

Past performance of the Fund is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Fund Performance	For the financial per	iod ended	31 Decemb	er 2024:	
renormance	Currency Class	Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
	RM Hedged-class	0.00	5.03	5.03	2.53
	* Capital return compo	onents (NAV	per unit to N	AV per unit)	
Distribution/ Unit Split	No distribution or ur ended 31 December		e declared <sup>-</sup>	for the fin	ancial period
Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review	Based on our valuation-driven investment approach, the portfolio manager trimmed or sold shares in companies where valuations look relatively less compelling compared to other high conviction positions, while initiating or adding to positions in names that have been heavily discounted by the market and present substantial upside potential in our view.				e valuations h conviction ames
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## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	31-Dec 2024	30-Sep 2024	Changes
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Collective investment scheme Derivatives Cash and other assets	97.61 2.34 0.05	96.49 3.58 (0.07)	1.12 (1.24) 0.12

#### Asset Allocation as at 31 December 2024



There were no significant changes in asset allocation of the Fund for the period under review.

# MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

State of Affairs of the Fund	There has been neither significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review. We have launched a new share class of the Fund, the RM Class, on 31 January 2025. Hence, we have issued the Fourth Supplementary Information Memorandum dated 31 January 2025 to reflect the new updates and incorporate the following key changes:
	<ul> <li>Include the key information in relation to the RM Class;</li> <li>Expand the disclosure of currency risk for RM Class;</li> <li>Update the information in relation to the fund management function;</li> <li>Revise the switching fee, computation of NAV and NAV per Unit, illustration on how Units are allocated and illustration on how redemption proceeds are calculated;</li> <li>Update the information in relation to how to pay for an investment and switching between funds;</li> <li>Update the information in relation to lodging a complaint; and</li> <li>Update the address of our Selangor sales office.</li> </ul> Please refer to our website for the Fourth Supplementary Information Memorandum dated 31 January 2025.

### MARKET REVIEW

In Q4 2024, the Japan equity market (MSCI Japan Index) returned +5.9% in JPY terms and -3.6% in USD terms.

After a strong Q3, the JPY weakened from USDJPY 143 at the end of Q3 to end the year at USDJPY 157, driven by macroeconomic factors that supported USD's continued strength and dampened investor sentiment on JPY's near-term prospects. Early in the quarter, macroeconomic data in the US remained strong while in Japan, uncertainty loomed over the government's policy direction after the ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost its majority position in the Lower House election in late October. This raised questions over the government's support for the BoJ's rate normalization plans. President-elect Trump's victory in the US presidential election in early November drove the USD higher as a reflection of market expectations that the US will likely focus on fiscal easing and higher growth, weakening the yen. While the JPY rebounded slightly as the market priced in a higher likelihood of a rate hike on the back of stronger-than-expected inflation figures, the BoJ's decision to keep rates unchanged in December brought the yen back to its lowest level since July.

In other macro news, inflation in Japan persisted with core consumer inflation hitting 2.7% in November and exceeding the BoJ's 2% threshold for almost three years. With wage hikes showing signs of broadening in Japan and the spring wage negotiations (Shunto) expected to provide momentum for wage growth, conditions for a near-term rate hike continue to fall into place, with most investors expecting it to occur in the BoJ's next meeting in late January.

### REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

During the period under review, the Manager and its delegates (if any) did not receive any soft commissions from stockbrokers.

## SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

No securities lending or repurchase transaction have been carried out during the financial period under review.

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# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS JAPAN DYNAMIC MY FUND

### CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Financial period from 1.10.2024 to 31.12.2024	Financial period from 1.10.2023 to 31.12.2023
	JPY	JPY
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS) Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	141,698,530	(70,167,052)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency	111,050,550	(10,101,002)
contracts	50,824,333	(26,407,270)
Net foreign currency exchange gain	1,040,471	5,335,726
	193,563,334	(91,238,596)
<b>EXPENSES</b> Management fee Trustee fee Audit fee	(12,956,051) (431,867) (81,420)	(11,055,676) (368,521) (59,064)
Tax agent fee	(32,755)	(27,672)
Other expenses	(353,110)	(143,108)
	(13,855,203)	(11,654,041)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	179,708,131	(102,892,637)
TAXATION		-
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	179,708,131	(102,892,637)
Profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:		
Realised amount	137,729,647	49,693,696
Unrealised amount	41,978,484	
	179,708,131	(102,892,637)

# CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	31.12.2024	30.6.2024
	JPY	JPY
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	3,506,771	5,393,488
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Forward foreign currency contracts	2,659,470,583	3,332,509,368
at fair value through profit or loss Amount due from Manager	63,822,187 17,803,887	60,782,638 61,683,096
Amount due from brokers Management fee rebate receivable	33,000,000 3,436,593	4,067,009
Other receivable TOTAL ASSETS	2,781,040,021	511,581
	2,701,040,021	3,404,347,100
Accrued management fee Amount due to Manager Amount due to Trustee	4,123,416 52,296,472 137,446	4,915,960 35,002,416 163,864
Amount due to Indite Amount due to broker Other payables and accruals	4,118	37,000,000 313,245
TOTAL LIABILITIES	56,561,452	77,395,485
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	2,724,478,569	3,387,551,695
<b>EQUITY</b> Unit holders' capital Retained earnings	2,097,267,100 627,211,469	2,902,011,424 485,540,271
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	2,724,478,569	3,387,551,695
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS) RM Hedged-class	69,582,195	91,282,561
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN JPY RM Hedged-class	39.1548	37.1106
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
RM Hedged-class	MYR1.1129	MYR1.0877

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings/ accumulated losses	Total
	JPY	JPY	JPY
Balance as at 1 October 2024	2,604,109,133	447,503,338	3,051,612,471
Movement in unit holders' contribution: Creation of units from applications Cancellation of units	318,799,887 (825,641,920)	-	318,799,887 (825,641,920)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period Balance as at 31 December 2024		179,708,131	179,708,131
Dalance as at 51 December 2024	2,037,207,100	027,211,405	2,724,478,505
Balance as at 1 October 2023	2,048,789,626	(115,142,524)	1,933,647,102
Movement in unit holders' contribution: Creation of units from applications	3,720,622,767	-	3,720,622,767
Cancellation of units Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	(2,089,045,762)	- (102,892,637)	(2,089,045,762) (102,892,637)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	3,680,366,631	(102,892,037) (218,035,161)	3,462,331,470

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Financial period from 1.10.2024 to 31.12.2024	Financial period from 1.10.2023 to 31.12.2023
	JPY	JPY
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts Management fee rebate received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses Net realised foreign currency exchange gain Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	96,311,700 10,845,969 (13,220,338) (440,677) (598,800) 878,345	1,712,000,000 (3,245,000,000) (8,887,035) 7,535,121 (9,410,734) (313,694) (66,725) 4,815,124 (1,539,327,943)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from units created Payments for cancellation of units Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	315,471,552 (850,332,133) (534,860,581)	3,664,521,717 (2,118,289,375) 1,546,232,342
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(55,084,382)	6,904,399
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES	162,126	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	58,429,027	306,707
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,506,771	7,211,106

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