

Eastspring Investments – Japan Smaller Companies Fund



A Prudential plc company

Key information

Morningstar Overall Rating [▲]	★★★★
Fund size (mil)	25,345.9
Fund base currency	JPY
Fund dealing frequency	Daily
Bloomberg ticker (Class A)	IOFJSAU LX
Net asset value (Class A)	USD 37.818
Benchmark (BM)	Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap Index
SFDR Classification [◆]	Article 8 fund

Investment objective

This Sub-Fund aims to maximize long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of small and mid-sized corporations, which are incorporated in, or listed in, or operating principally from, or carrying on significant business in, or derive substantial revenue from, or whose subsidiaries, related or associated corporations derive substantial revenue from Japan. These corporations generally refer to corporations whose market capitalisation form the bottom third of total market capitalisation of all publicly listed equity in Japan. The Sub-Fund may also invest in larger companies on an opportunistic basis. The Sub-Fund may also invest in depository receipts including ADRs and GDRs, debt securities convertible into common shares, preference shares and warrants.

Performance

Returns (%)

Calendar year returns (%)

Class	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a.)	5 y (p.a.)	10 y (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
A (USD)													
Bid-bid	3.0	8.5	11.9	9.4	13.9	11.5	5.7	8.0	4.6	22.3	-6.3	8.7	-4.0
Offer-bid	-2.2	3.0	6.3	3.9	12.0	10.4	5.0	7.7	-0.6	16.1	-10.9	3.3	-8.8
Benchmark	3.1	9.6	13.1	16.3	11.5	7.0	5.8	5.3	4.5	17.7	-13.1	-2.0	9.6
CJ (JPY)													
Bid-bid	4.0	3.9	2.9	1.3	19.1	19.3	8.9	14.7	17.0	32.3	8.4	22.8	-8.0
Offer-bid	4.0	3.9	2.9	1.3	19.1	19.3	8.9	14.7	17.0	32.3	8.4	22.8	-8.0
Benchmark	4.3	5.0	3.8	6.8	15.8	13.5	7.8	12.8	16.5	25.8	-0.4	9.3	3.8
C (USD)													
Bid-bid	3.0	8.7	12.2	10.2	14.8	12.6	–	6.1	5.4	23.2	-5.3	10.0	-2.9
Offer-bid	3.0	8.7	12.2	10.2	14.8	12.6	–	6.1	5.4	23.2	-5.3	10.0	-2.9
Benchmark	3.1	9.6	13.1	16.3	11.5	7.0	–	5.9	4.5	17.7	-13.1	-2.0	9.6

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Performance: (p.a.): per annum. Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Returns are based in share class currency and computed on bid-bid basis with net income reinvested, if any. Offer-bid is inclusive of sales charge which is subject to changes. Since inception returns for periods less than a year are not annualised. The benchmark for the hedged share classes, if any, is also calculated on a hedged basis. Calendar year returns are based on the share class performance for the year, and if the share class was inceptioned during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of the share class since its inception to the end of that calendar year. Wef July 2018, the monthly fund and benchmark returns calculated are aligned to the last NAV date of the fund for the month. Past performance information presented is not indicative of future performance.

Key measures

Number of Securities	55
3 year tracking error(%) (Class A)	5.6
3 year sharpe ratio(Class A)	0.7
3 year volatility(%) (Class A)	13.7
Price to earnings (Trailing 12m)	12.5
Price to book (Trailing 12m)	0.8
Dividend yield (Trailing 12m, %)	3.4

*Source: Morningstar

Top 10 holdings (%)

1.	KOITO MANUFACTURING CO LTD	2.9
2.	AIR WATER INC.	2.8
3.	JGC HOLDINGS CORP	2.8
4.	KANEKA CORPORATION	2.8
5.	NIPPON KAYAKU CO LTD	2.8
6.	HU GROUP HOLDINGS INC	2.8
7.	OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO LTD	2.8
8.	OKINAWA FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.6
9.	KH NEOCHEM CO LTD	2.6
10.	METAWATER CO LTD	2.5

Allocations**Sector allocation (%)**

Industrials	30.2
Materials	19.3
Consumer discretionary	14.8
Financials	12.1
Consumer staples	9.7
Technology	7.2
Communications	4.0
Equity	1.4
Cash and cash equivalents	1.3

Allocations: Due to rounding, the allocation table may not add up to 100%. The information provided herein are subject to change at the discretion of the Investment Manager without prior notice.

Share class details

Class	Currency	ISIN	Inception date	Subscription method	Annual management fee% (Current)	Sales charge	Distribution frequency	Ex-date	Dividend per share	Annual dividend yield %
A	USD	LU0354059841	26-Mar-08	Cash	1.500	5.000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
C	USD	LU1558648777	01-Feb-17	Cash	0.875	0.000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
CJ	JPY	LU0865491319	14-Dec-12	Cash	0.875	0.000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Share class details:

"N.A. " means that this share class does not distribute dividends.

Important information

Investment manager
Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited

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