# **Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies Fund**



# **28 February 2023**

### **Fund Objective**

To outperform (after deduction of costs) the MSCI Japan Small Cap Index, as stated in sterling, by at least 1.5% per annum over rolling five-year periods.

The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. In addition, the manager believes an appropriate performance comparison for this Fund is the Japanese Smaller Companies Sector.

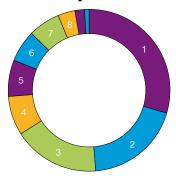
There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period and actual investment returns may differ from this objective, particularly over shorter time periods.

## **Key Information**

Fund Manager	Praveen Kumar / Paul Schwerda
Launch Date	01 April 1983
Fund Size	£424.69m
IA Sector	Japanese Smaller Companies
Active Share	95%*
Annual Turnover	24%

<sup>\*</sup>Relative to MSCI Japan Small Cap Index. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, MSCI.

# **Sector Analysis of Total Assets**



1	Industrials	29.6%
2	Information Technology	19.1%
3	Consumer Discretionary	17.3%
4	Health Care	7.8%
5	Consumer Staples	7.3%
6	Communication Services	6.4%
7	Financials	6.3%
8	Materials	3.4%
9	Real Estate	1.9%
10	Cash	0.9%

A negative cash position may sometimes occur due to obligations awaiting settlement.

## **Investment Proposition**

We invest in attractively valued smaller companies that we believe offer good growth opportunities. Growth may come from innovative business models, disrupting traditional Japanese business practises, or market opportunities such as growth by Japanese companies outside Japan.

# **Top Ten Holdings**

Holdings		% of Total Assets
1	Nakanishi	3.3
2	Descente	3.1
3	MatsukiyoCocokara	2.9
4	RakSul	2.5
5	Tsugami	2.4
6	TechnoPro	2.4
7	Cosmos Pharmaceutical	2.4
8	Harmonic Drive Systems	2.2
9	Toyo Tanso	2.2
10	OSG	2.2
Tot	al	25.8

# **Charges and Yield**

	Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Historic Yield
Class B-Inc (%)	0.00	0.63	0.28
Class B-Acc (%)	0.00	0.63	0.28

The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period.

# Performance

## **Periodic Performance**

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Acc (%)	-5.0	-5.1	1.9	-2.3
Index (%)*	0.7	2.6	4.9	0.8
Target (%)**	1.5	4.2	6.5	2.3
Sector Average (%)**	·* -2.6	-0.4	7.4	1.1
Sector Ranking	6/8	8/8	7/8	7/8

Performance source: FE, StatPro, MSCI, total return in sterling.

#### **Annual Discrete Performance**

			31/12/19-		
	31/12/18	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22
Class B-Acc (%)	-3.2	12.9	30.0	-14.9	-20.3
Index (%)*	-10.5	15.2	3.5	-1.0	-0.6
Target (%)**	-9.1	16.9	5.1	0.4	0.9
Sector Average (%	6)*** -12.4	18.4	13.4	0.5	-7.3

<sup>\*</sup>MSCI Japan Small Cap Index.

<sup>\*\*</sup>MSCI Japan Small Cap Index (in sterling) plus at least 1.5% per annum over rolling five-year periods.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>IA Japanese Smaller Companies Sector.

## **Additional Fund Information**

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Baillie Gifford Overseas Growth Funds ICVC (Investment Company with Variable Capital) which is an umbrella Open-Ended Investment Company. Its Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') is Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

The yields quoted are historic yields based on distributions paid by the Fund in the previous 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the expenses for the financial year and may vary from year to year. It excludes the cost of buying and selling assets for the Fund although custodian transaction costs are included. Further explanation of all the charges and costs relating to this Fund can be found in the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs document which is available through our website, bailliegifford.com.

Active Share is a measure of how actively managed a Fund is and is calculated by taking 100 minus the % of the Fund that overlaps with the comparative index. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the comparative index and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the comparative index. We have chosen to show Active Share against the MSCI Japan Small Cap Index.

Turnover is calculated by taking the smaller figure of either total purchases or total sales for the month and dividing it by an average market value. The Annual Turnover is then calculated as the sum of the monthly turnover figures for the 12 month period.

All figures are rounded, so any totals may not sum.

#### **Further Information**

Any comments expressed in this factsheet should not be taken as a recommendation or advice.

This factsheet does not provide you with all the facts that you need to make an informed decision about investing in the Fund. You need to read the associated Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document and decide whether to contact an authorised intermediary.

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# **Target Market**

This Fund is suitable for all investors seeking a Fund that aims to deliver capital growth over a long-term investment horizon. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. This Fund is compatible for mass market distribution. This Fund may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, seeking a regular source of income and investing for less than five years. This Fund does not offer capital protection.

#### **Risk Warnings**

Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. The value of an investment in the Fund, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.

The specific risks associated with the Fund include:

- Any value assigned to illiquid securities which are difficult to trade, such as those in smaller companies, may not accurately reflect the price the Fund might receive upon their sale.
- Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.
- Investment in smaller companies is generally considered higher risk as the market for their shares may be less liquid and more difficult to trade than that for larger companies. As a result, share price fluctuations may be greater. In addition, smaller companies may not do so well in periods of adverse economic conditions. Where such companies have business models and competitive positions which are less well established, this could result in an increased likelihood of loss for investors.
- The Fund's exposure to a single market and currency may increase share price movements.
- The Fund has exposure to a foreign currency and changes in the rate of exchange will cause the value of any investment, and income from it, to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount invested.
- The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.

Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Investor Information Document or the Prospectus, copies of which are available at bailliegifford.com.

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#### **Important Information Israel**

This Factsheet, as well as investment in the Fund described herein, is directed at and intended for Investors that fall within at least one category in each of: (1) the First Schedule of the Israeli Securities Law, 1968 ("Sophisticated Investors"); and (2) the First Schedule of the Investment Advice Law ("Qualified Clients").

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#### **Important Information Mexico**

The Fund has not and will not be registered in the National Registry of Securities maintained by the National Banking and Securities Commission, and therefore may not be offered or sold publicly in Mexico. The Fund may be offered or sold to qualified and institutional investors in Mexico, pursuant to the private placement exemption set forth under Article 8 of the Securities Market Law as part of a private offer.

# Important Information Colombia

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