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FUND PROFILE

OBJECTIVE Long-term capital appreciation through investment in equities of Japanese companies that are

achieving EPS growth through the skillful execution of unique business models that are well

suited to the economic environment and growth opportunities

APPROACH Intensive bottom-up research (company visits, interviews and fundamental analysis) with

utilization of proprietary database of over 3,800 companies

SUITABILITY Institutional investors with a long term view

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT | OVERVIEW

Our outlook as of March 31 for corporate performance for the fiscal year ending March 2022 for the 2,042 companies that actually announced their forecasts is as follows: ordinary income of ¥64.3 trillion up 35.8% from the previous year, net income of ¥44.7 trillion up 49.5% from the previous year, and gross dividends of ¥15.0 trillion up 13.4% from the previous year. The Japanese stock market fell at the beginning of the month due to rising geopolitical risks surrounding the situation in Ukraine, but then rose as the rate hike by the U.S. FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) was within the expected range and as crude oil prices fell from elevated levels. Toward the end of the month the stock market was supported by the depreciation of the yen and the lifting of COVID19 restrictions. Although corporate performance is currently strong, close attention needs to be paid to the effects of soaring raw material and fuel prices brought on by tightening economic sanctions against Russia and the impact of China's lockdown due to the re-expansion of the coronavirus there. We think it important to continue to conduct due diligence and select companies that can expect medium- to long-term EPS growth.

Investment Themes

WITH THIS IN MIND WE ARE BUILDING OUR PORTFOLIO AROUND THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

- 1. Companies that have established highly profitable business models that will enable them to achieve a high level of earnings growth over the medium to long term;
- 2. Companies with sustainable earnings growth over the medium to long term in the hardware and software fields that contribute to the actualization of IoT and 5G, which are part of the fourth industrial revolution;
- **3.** Companies that contribute to customer productivity improvement by providing services using IoT and 5G;
- Companies that use environmental regulation and energy saving problem solving as opportunities for growth through research and development;
- 5. Japanese bellwether companies with EPS growth and low stock price volatility.

PERFORMANCE CHART



FUND FACTS

Market Coverage	Japanese Equities				
Currency	Japanese Yen, U.S. Dollar, or Euro				
Inception Date	30 March 2011 Yen Unit Class 19 August 2015 USD Hedged Unit Class 01 May 2018 EUR Hedged Unit Class				
ISIN Code	IE00B3VGSP84 Yen Unit Class IE00BVRZ9185 USD Hedged Unit Class IE00BDRTDF67 EUR Hedged Unit Class				
Bloomberg Code	YUKIJPY:ID Yen Unit Class YUKIUSD:ID USD Hedged Unit Class YUKIEUR:ID EUR Hedged Unit Class				
Total Net Asset	¥6,616 Million				
Unit NAV	¥36,068 Yen Unit Class \$1,485.45 USD Hedged Unit Class €876.04 EUR Hedged Unit Class				
Legal Classification	UCITS regulated by Central Bank of Ireland				
Listed	Irish Stock Exchange				
Reporting Year End	July				
Subscription / Redemption	Daily				
Minimum Investment	¥1,000,000 Yen Unit Class \$10,000 USD Hedged Unit Class €10,000 EUR Hedged Unit Class				
NAV Calculations	Daily				
Manager	Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Ltd Dublin				
Trustee	BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Ltd Dublin				
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FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT | REVIEW

Through company visits and participation in earnings announcement meetings, the fund manager added new positions, confirmed existing positions, and increased the weightings of some positions. One company of note is JEOL Ltd. (6951), which continues to receive a high-level of orders for semiconductor mask drawing equipment. The company continues its market monopoly as the only one in the world that can make the mask drawing devices used for EUV exposure using the multibeam method. In order to meet the growing demand in the EUV exposure equipment market for the next three years, the company completed a new factory in October last year and expanded its production capacity by about 2-3 times. In addition, the company has improved its productivity as major customers have begun shifting from the conventional single-beam to the multi-beam method to achieve not only state-of-the-art EUV exposure, but also to improve the non-defective fate for masks used in layers. We have increased our weight in JEOL as it expands its target market and we anticipate sales and profit growth over the medium to long term.

FEES

Manager	0.015%
Administrator	0.085% - 0.025%
Trustee	0.02%
Investment Manager and Placing Agent	1.50%

Plus hedge cost for USD Hedged Unit Class

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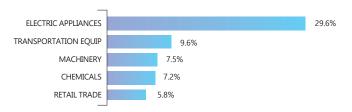
PERFORMANCE DATA

	YTD	1M	3M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception
FUND	-8.6%	6.2%	-8.6%	0.9%	24.2%	32.2%	283.05%	260.7%
TOPIX	-2.3%	3.2%	-2.3%	-0.4%	22.3%	28.7%	77.38%	124.7%

TOP HOLDINGS

TOTAL	32.6%
10 Dexerials Corp (4980)	2.7%
9 JEOL (6951)	2.7%
8 Ibiden Co Ltd (4062)	3.0%
7 Sony Group (6758)	3.0%
6 Tokyo Electron Ltd (8035)	3.3%
5 Ebara Corp (6361)	3.3%
4 Maruwa Co. Ltd (5344)	3.5%
3 Kadokawa Corp (9468)	3.6%
2 Toyota Motor Corp (7203)	3.7%
1 Shinko Electric Ind. (6967)	3.8%

SECTOR BREAKDOWN



FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT | Future Strategy

The Japanese market ended positive in March. There was a worldwide risk-off phase through February, but our analysis is that March was a month when the market turned its focus to fundamentals, and companies with good earnings that were sold off in January-February were the focus of buy backs. The rise in growth stocks and companies valued at fair value was particularly notable. Volatility due to geopolitical risk is expected to continue, but the U.S. FRB's interest rate policy decision has set the direction for the stock market, and we believe that going forward companies will be selected with an emphasis on fundamentals. Since the PER ratio (12.5x) of growth stocks is lower than the Japanese market overall (14.9x), we believe there is room for a rise in stock price for companies with reasonable PERs. Our analysis is that companies with unique business models and high market share will be able to sustain sales growth from the next fiscal year onward and will be able to pass on price increases even in inflationary conditions such as rising raw material prices, so EPS growth will also be sustainable. For this reason, we anticipate that the flow of investment into growth companies will continue post-Coronavirus.

Our investment policy is to focus on fundamentals, building a portfolio focused on companies undergoing a high rate of change with a superior market advantage. We will adjust our position weightings based on target prices using our 3-year earnings estimates, and thoroughly analyze and evaluate company earnings to focus our investments on companies that we expect will improve profits over the medium to long term and have high EPS growth momentum based on unit sales growth.

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