Yuki Asia Umbrella Fund uki Japan Rebounding Growth Fund

2018 LIPPER FUND AWARD, UK EQUITY JAPAN BEST FUND OVER 3 YEARS EQUITY JAPAN BEST FUND OVER 5 YEARS

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 December 29 for corporate performance for the fiscal year ending March 2024 (for the 2,079 companies that actually announced their forecasts) is as follows: operating income of ¥60.2 trillion up 10.7% from the previous year, ordinary income of ¥75.6 trillion up 5.7% from the previous year, net income of ¥52.1 trillion up 5.5% from the previous year, and gross dividends of ¥18.2 trillion up 4.9% from the previous year. The Japanese stock market fell slightly. Until the middle of the month, it was a wait-and-see situation ahead of monetary policy announcements in Japan and the U.S., but after the Bank of Japan's policy meeting, uncertainty about the future was dispelled and prices rose temporarily. However, U.S. long-term interest rates subsequently declined as expectations for interest rate cuts rose due to slowing inflation in the U.S., and as the yen continued to appreciate, stock prices fell, mainly in export-related stocks that had been enjoying a weaker yen. Many important political elections such as the U.S. presidential election are scheduled to be held in 2024, starting with the Taiwanese presidential election in January. Domestically, as well, there are concerns about political instability, including issues around political funding, and attention to this is required. But corporate earnings remain strong, and consumption can be expected to expand due to increased capital investment and rising wages.

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;
- 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 offer the latest devices that utilize the infrastructure of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and take part in improving customer productivity;
- Companies that respond to environmental regulations through EV and electrical equipment, which are next-generation themes of the automobile industry where supply and demand are tight;
- 5. Companies that are resistant to current inflation and maintain high profitability.

PERFORMANCE CHART



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FUND FACTS

Market Coverage	Actively Managed Japanese Equity Fund				
Currency	Japanese Yen, U.S. Dollar, or Euro				
Inception Date	30 March 2011Yen Unit Class19 August 2015USD Hedged Unit Class01 May 2018EUR 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	¥4,099 Million				
Unit NAV	¥37,566Yen Unit Class\$1,659.67USD Hedged Unit Class€937.07EUR 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	¥1,000,000Yen Unit Class\$10,000USD Hedged Unit Class€10,000EUR Hedged Unit Class				
NAV Calculations	Daily				
Manager	Bridge Fund Management Ltd. Dublin				
Trustee	BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Ltd Dublin				
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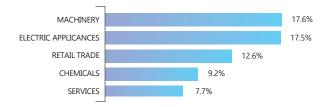
FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT | REVIEW

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 Port, Inc. (7047), a business which matches new graduates to mainly small and medium-sized companies that are struggling to recruit staff. The company's online employment support service has been well received by students looking for jobs. Every year, they have been able to attract approximately 80% of job-hunting students in Japan. Given this track record, and that the company entered the recruitment business as a latecomer, Port, Inc. has succeeded in increasing the unit price to customers as its market share has increased. Port, Inc. is increasing the number of sales personnel who match client companies and students at a pace of about 50%, and the number of matches is increasing as productivity per employee increases. We have added Port to our portfolio as we can expect a further increase in the number of matches and a rise in unit prices, and anticipate EPS growth of nearly 30% every year for the next three years.

PERFORMANCE DATA

	YTD	1M	3M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception
FUND	15.6%	1.1%	1.6%	15.6%	7.2%	41.0%	118.0%	275.7%

SECTOR BREAKDOWN



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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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TOP HOLDINGS

10 Mitsubishi Logisnext Co (7105) TOTAL	2.7% 30.2%
9 Hitachi Construction Machine (6305)	2.8%
8 Panasonic Holdings Corp (6752)	2.8%
7 Takeuchi Mfg (6432)	2.9%
6 NEC Corp (6701)	3.1%
5 Sotetsu Holdings (9003)	3.1%
4 Ryohin Keikaku Co (7453)	3.1%
3 Kubota Corp (6326)	3.2%
2 Okamura Corp (7994)	3.2%
1 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (7011)	3.3%

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT | Future Strategy

The market ended negative in December. Due to the change in U.S. interest rate policy and expectations that the Japanese central bank will raise interest rates, the yen has rapidly appreciated and stocks came under pressure, especially those that had risen on the benefits of a weaker yen. Continuing on from last month, the so-called PBR trade, a trend specific to the Japanese market that had continued from the beginning of the year focused on companies trading at low PBRs, has ended. On the other hand, our analysis shows that growth companies with high PBR trading at fair value have risen significantly. Although concerns remain about an economic slowdown, centering on China, our analysis is that the U.S. stock market is regaining its calm due to stabilization of economic activity, which takes into account pre-Lehman Shock interest rate levels in the U.S. There is great potential for growth companies in the Japanese market when investors prefer to focus on fundamentals, and against the TOPIX's PER multiple of 15.5x, the PER of companies will good earnings that are trading at fair value has dropped to the 12.1x level, and when the market's upward trend is in place, we expect that these companies will rise significantly. Regardless of economic boom or bust, 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 the face of concerning inflationary conditions such as rising raw material prices, so EPS growth will also be sustainable.

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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