

# United Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund

Invest in securities of small and medium Japanese capitalisation corporations aimed at achieving long-term capital growth.



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## About the United Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund

The United Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund (the "Fund") is sub-managed locally by Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company. It aims to achieve long-term capital growth through investing in securities of small and medium capitalisation corporations listed, domiciled, or having substantial operations in Japan.



### Why Japan?

There has been an increase in inflow of funds from foreign investors, with the buying capacity projected to reach 50 trillion yen (> US\$350 billion) by 20261. This is due to 5 key developments in Japan:

#### 1. Rising domestic demand in Japan

Return of tourists from China, etc



More inbound demand



- Land transportation
- Retail
- Service

#### 2. Resilience in an economic slowdown

Long history of healthy reserves



Structural reforms to boost profit



Enhanced ability to weather economic downturns

#### 3. Corporate governance reforms

Regulatory push



Enhanced shareholder value



Higher investor demand

#### 4. Attractive valuations

Bursting of asset price bubble in 1991



Valuation remained low compared to other markets



Inexpensive stocks

#### 5. Competitiveness

Low interest rates



Weak yen



Boost to Japan's competitiveness

## Why invest in Japan's small and mid-cap sectors?

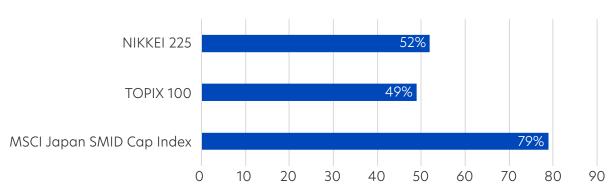
### Hidden gems

Small and mid-cap companies represent more than 80% of the Japanese universe, but many are under-researched, under-appreciated and undervalued. This presents opportunities for investors to uncover hidden opportunities.

## **Domestic representation**

Japan small and mid-cap sectors have a higher exposure to domestic-related businesses. With Japan's economy gaining momentum, these sectors are well-positioned to capitalise on the increased domestic demand.

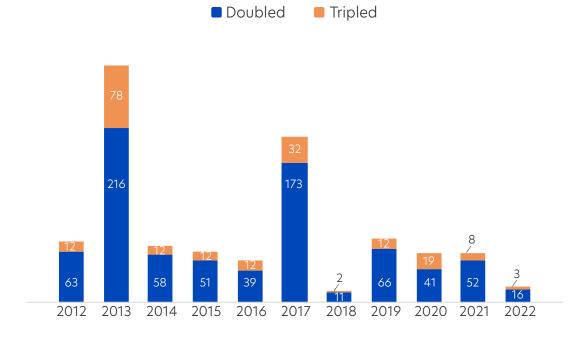
### Japanese stocks with >50% revenue from domestic sources<sup>2</sup>



## Attractive growth potential

Japan's small and mid-cap companies offer more attractive growth potential as compared to large cap companies.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg, SMDAM, as of 30 June 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Bloomberg, SMDAM as of 31 December 2022. Note: Stocks whose market cap as of the year end has doubled or tripled compared to that of last year end are counted. Constituents of TOPIX Small Index are utilised as the data universe.

# Long-term outperformance

Over the past two decades, Japan small and mid-cap stocks have outperformed their bigger-cap counterparts.

#### Performance Comparison of Indices (USD), 31 May 2001 - 31 July 20234

MSCI Japan Small Cap Index	MSCI Japan Mid Cap Index	MSCI Japan Large Cap Index
4.9%	4.0%	3.2%

# **Diverse representation**

The Japan small and mid-cap universe offers a diverse investment landscape, with companies representing a wide range of industries.

#### Sectors that the Fund mainly invests in<sup>5</sup>:

Industrials	Materials	
Information Technology	Real Estate	
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 4}$  Source: Morningstar, as of 31 July 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As of 30 June 2023. Refer to the Fund factsheet for more details on the sector allocation.

## **Fund details**

Fund Name	United Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund
Investment Objective	Aims to achieve long-term capital growth through investing in securities of small and medium capitalisation corporations listed, domiciled, or having substantial operations in Japan.
Fund Classes Available <sup>6</sup>	Class JPY Class SGD/SGD (Hedged) Class USD
Subscription Mode	Cash - JPY, SGD and USD SRS - SGD
Minimum Subscription	Class JPY: ¥100,000 (initial); ¥50,000 (subsequent) Class SGD/SGD (Hedged): S\$1,000 (initial); S\$500 (subsequent) Class USD: US\$1,000 (initial); US\$500 (subsequent)
Subscription Fee	All Classes: Currently up to 5%, maximum 5%
Management Fee	All Classes: Currently 1.75% p.a.; maximum 2.5% p.a.
Dealing Frequency & Deadline <sup>7</sup>	Generally every business day, on a forward pricing basis up till 3pm (Singapore time)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Investors should refer to the Fund's prospectus for more details on the different classes available. Please check with our distributor(s) on the availability of the Fund classes.

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