

NJ
Korea Reunification SDG



## Monthly Risk Report

31 July 2023



# **Summary**

- Project characteristics
- Portfolio: Valuation
- Portfolio: Holdings
- Portfolio: Allocation & performance
- Portfolio: Liquidation time horizon
- Ex-ante analysis: VaR 1 month 95%

#### NJ Korea Reunification SDG



#### **Project characteristics**

Instrument UCITS Fund – Art.8 Plus SFDR

Project website <u>Link</u>

Supplement <u>Link</u>

Class A – IE00007XSO15

ISIN Class I – IE0004F6ARY1

Class Q (listed class) - IE000ROCQO77

Project ICAV: NicheJungle ICAV <u>www.nichejungle.com</u>

Project Inception date: 17/10/2022

Project AUM: 12,11 mln € as of 31/07/2023

Project Max AUM: 25 mln

Project Liquidability at max. AUM 97% 5 day – 100% 20 days

Project liquidity: Daily

Project # stocks Min: 100
Max: 150

Project currency hedging policy No hedging policy

Institutional and listed classes fees

0% management fees

20% performance fees (absolute with HWM - no reset)

Project Investment Manager: Niche Asset Management Ltd – <u>www.nicheam.com</u>



The project invests in south Korean companies that are significantly exposed to the domestic market and are operating in infrastructure and consumption businesses. These are the areas that could benefit the most from a reconciliation between South Korea and North Korea. Korean domestic stocks are the most attractive worldwide from a valuation standpoint and the likely imminent inclusion of South Korea among MSCI developed markets could be the catalyst for a significative repricing. The event of reconciliation provides the project portfolio with a further powerful free option to which today Mr Market assigns zero probability. However, as we are used to learn, geopolitical events can hardly be anticipated...

#### Korean equity: a significant opportunity...



#### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

MSCI Korea Value	MSCI Korea
-6.26	-10.04
28.35	42.63
5.59	10.39
-23.32	-22.60
36.61	45.51
11.79	6.98
-8.41	-7.94
-19.76	-12.61
5.78	3.10
11.55	20.16
-13.39	-12.84
25.44	25.29
74.99	69.42
-49.65	-55.87
	-6.26 28.35 5.59 -23.32 36.61 11.79 -8.41 -19.76 5.78 11.55 -13.39 25.44 74.99

Korean equity market (value and blended index) -25%/-21% (USD) since 2007

#### BUT

Korean GDP +54% (USD) since 2007!!!

FUNDAMENTALS (FEB 28, 2023)

12.26 15.91

12.09

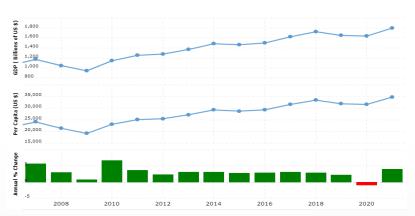
**FUNDAMENTALS (FEB 28, 2023)** 

2.27

3.32

-6.48 -0.45 -14.91 0.92 1.34 -1.50 1.89

2.77



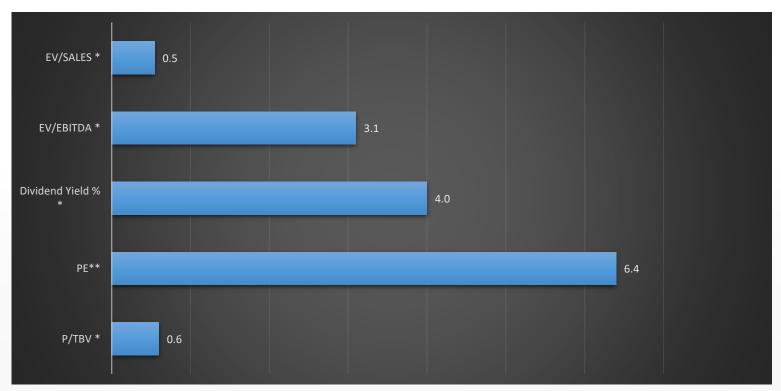
INDEX PER	PERFORMANCE	E – GROSS	RETU	RNS (S	%) (FEB	28, 20			
		1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr		10 Yr D	Since lec 31, 1
MSCI World	World Value	-2.87	-0.73	-1.45	1.71	10.08		7.63	11.75
MSCI World	World	-2.37	0.17	-6.86	4.57	10.43	7.43	9.36	10.6
INDEX PERI	PERFORMANCE	E – GROSS	S RETU	IRNS (	%) (FEE	B 28, 20	,		
		1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr		NUALIZED 10 Yr	Sinc Nov 25,
MSCI China	China A	-4.42	6.78	-16.9	1 4.68	5.64	4 1.63		
MSCI ACWI	ACWI	-2.83	0.10	-7.80	4.16	9,31	1 6.35	8.48	10

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# ...an even better opportunity if played through domestic exposed companies, those you cannot buy through funds or ETFs



#### PROJECT NJ KR EQUITY PORTFOLIO Valuation (as of 31 July'23)

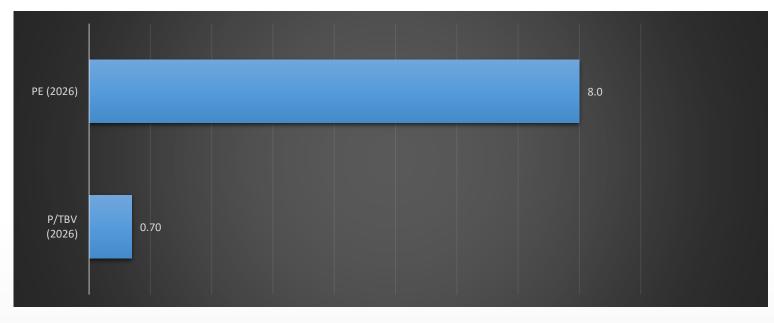


<sup>\*</sup> Last available

<sup>\*\*</sup> Forward estimate, if available, otherwise the latest data Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

# PROJECT NJ KR Portfolio Valuation at exit (as for valuation gap report) after rerating of 90% on cautious assumptions





Source: NicheAM

90% potential rerating on following assumptions:

Exit 2026

No reunification/reconciliation (rapprochement)

No inclusion of SKorea in the MSCI Developed Countries

Nominal EPS growth '23-'26E of just 8%

Modest market rerating of 20% (still >30% upside to MSCI World Value despite better growth outlook)

#### + FREE OPTION

In case of reconciliation (rapprochement) between North and South Korea the upside could be above 150% for the portfolio (see presentation for further details). In fact it is composed by companies that would benefit from the massive investments in infrastructure and the increase in consumptions related to the North Korea opening of the economy (as it was the case decades ago for countries like China and Vietnam)

#### Kospi general Index vs NJ Korea Reunification portfolio

- The Kospi general index, the most popular and inclusive index of South Korea equity, includes in weight less than 10% of the stocks that are part of NJ Korea Reunification portfolio
- 100% of the companies included in the portfolio of NJ Korea Reunification project record more than 30% of total sales in the domestic market, and more than 85% in weight of the companies included in the portfolio of NJ Korea Reunification project record more than 50% of sales in the domestic market
- Less than 25% in weight of the companies included in the Kospi have more than 50% of sales in the South Korean market
- The portfolio of NJ Korea Reunification suffers more than the Kospi from a weakening of the Korean currency, and viceversa, as its investee companies are more domestic oriented
- The portfolio of the Kospi benefits more than the NJ Korea Reunification from the global economic expansion and viceversa
- The portfolio of NJ Korea Reunification benefits more than the portfolio of Kospi from the Korean economic expansion and viceversa
- The portfolio of NJ Korea Reunification will benefit more than the portfolio of Kospi from the inclusion of South Korea in the MSCI Developed Countries Index
- The portfolio of NJ Korea reunification will benefit extremely more than the portfolio of Kospi from a rapprochement between North Korea and South Korea

### Investee companies divested so far

#### **Closed trades**

Date	<u>Stock</u>	Selling price (KRW)	Performance	Take Profit (Partial/Total)	Valuation Target (KRW)	Further upsideat at exit, according to valuation gap report	P/E Adj. at exit	Notes (if sold before reaching the target)
07/11/2022	Manho Rope & Wire Ltd	44922	59,7%	Total	45000	< +/- 5%	8,0x	-
14/12/2022	Sebang	27539	82,6%	Total	27200	< +/- 5%	10,0x	-
20/02/2023	Osstem Implant Co Ltd	188518	61,0%	Total	190000	< +/- 5%	12,0x	-
19/04/2023	Rifa Industrial	25850	63.1%	Total	30500	+18%	N.s.	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
27/04/2023	KISCO Holdings *	20123	54.2%	Total	36620	+82%	3,5x	Switch with the operating company, Kisco, that presents better upside (>120%) and liquidity
15/05/2023	Oyang Corp	8180	3,4%	Total	14150	+73%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
01/06/2023	Hyundai Elevator	40532	+72.3%	Total	39600	< +/- 5%	12x	-
05/06/2023	SK RENT A CAR	9466	+43.8%	Total	9100	< +/- 5%	12x	-
03/07/2023	Hd Hyundai Electric	66102	+67.2%	Total	68000	< +/- 5%	12x	-
10/07/2023	Eugene Investment & Sec	4153	+65.0%	Total	4900	+18%	P/TBV 0,5x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
24/07/2023	Posco Holdings	566000	+118.2%	Total	547220	<+/-5%	P/TBV 1,0x	-

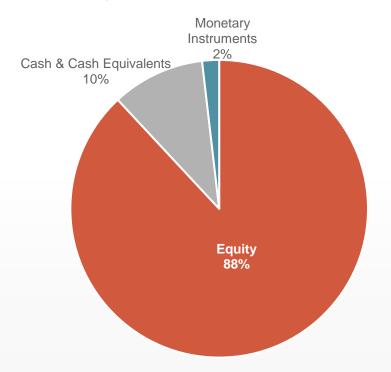
<sup>\*</sup> PE Adjusted for net cash

Source: NicheAM

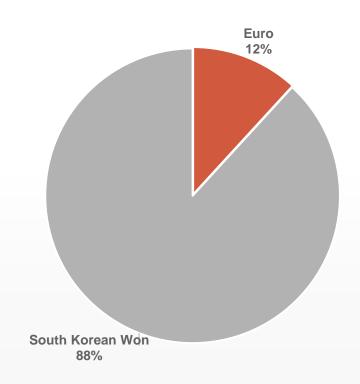




## Breakdown by Asset Class as of 31 July'23

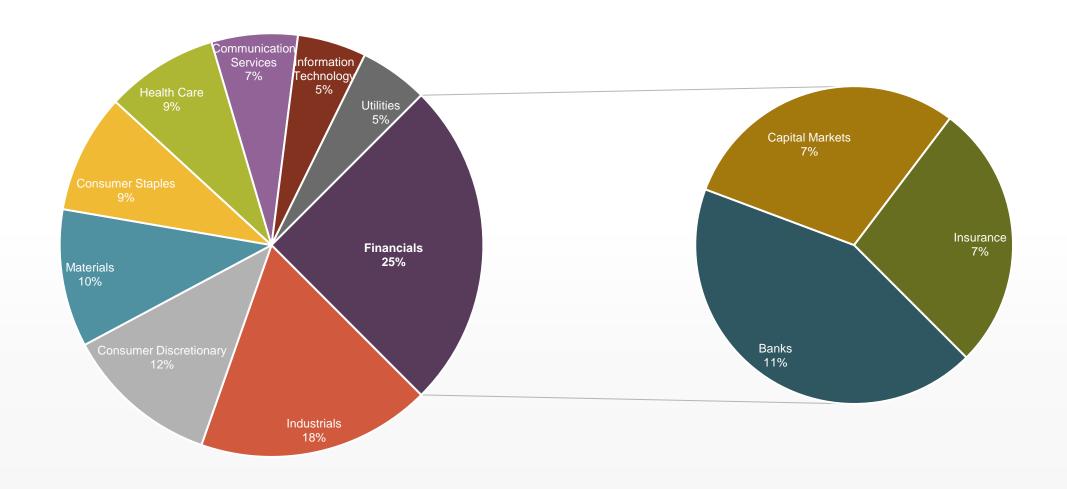


## Breakdown by Currency as of 31 July'23





### EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Allocation summary: Breakdown by Sector (as 31 July'23)



### **EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings** (as of 31 July'23)



Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
	<u> </u>	1	<u> </u>
Indust Bk Of Korea	1.60%	Vieworks	0.95%
Korea Gas Corp	1.60%	Samsung Life Insurance Co Ltd	0.94%
Woori Financial Group	1.53%	Bookook Secs Co	0.92%
Kb Financial Group Inc	1.51%	Pharmgen Science Inc	0.91%
Kt Corporation	1.49%	Hwa Sung Industrial	0.88%
Samsung Securities Co Ltd	1.41%	Whan In Pharmaceutic	0.88%
Hana Financial Group Inc	1.39%	Hyundai Department Store Shs	0.87%
Hecto Innovation Co Ltd	1.35%	Sk Square Co., Ltd.	0.86%
Bnk Financial Group Inc	1.31%	Shinhan Financial Group	0.86%
Cuckoo Electronics Co Ltd	1.30%	Cj Cheiljedang Corp	0.85%
DI E And C - Registered Shs	1.19%	Shinsegae Information & Comm	0.84%
Skchem Non-Cum Pfd	1.18%	Handsome	0.84%
Kuhmo Industrial Co Ltd	1.16%	Hs Ad	0.83%
Wimco Registered	1.13%	Hyundai Home Shopping	0.82%
Hwacheon Machine	1.13%	Gwangjushinsegae Co Ltd	0.80%
Samsung Fire And Marine Insurance Pref.	1.12%	Coway Co Ltd	0.79%
Ottogi Corporation	1.05%	Seegene Inc	0.79%
Sam Jung Pulp	1.05%	Hyosung Corp	0.78%
Daishin Securities Pref.Non.Voting	1.03%	Daesang Corp	0.77%
Dgb Financial Group Ltd	1.02%	Yesco Shs	0.77%
Hyundai Fire Marine Insurance Co Ltd	1.01%	Korean Reinsurance Co	0.76%
Maeil Dairies Co Ltd	1.01%	E-Mart	0.76%
Lg Uplus Corp	1.00%	Imarketkorea Inc	0.75%
Kyungdong City G	1.00%	Geumhwa Psc Co Ltd	0.74%
Korean Air	1.00%	Kyobo Securities	0.73%
Lotte Rental Co Ltd	1.00%	Db Financial Inv	0.73%
Sk Telekom	0.97%	Mirae Asset Life	0.72%
Dongwon Industries Co Ltd	0.97%	Cs Holdings Co Ltd	0.72%
Tongyang Life	0.96%	Kctech Registered Shs	0.72%
Asia Paper Manufacturing Co	0.96%	Korea Electric Power Corp	0.70%

Equity Exposure: 88% No of holdings: 127 Average Weight: 0.69% Median Weight: 0.66%

TOP 5 : 7.73% TOP 10: 14.49% TOP 25: 31.57% TOP 50: 53.14%

### **EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings** (as of 31 July'23)



Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Hyundai Steel Co	0.70%	Hyundai G.F. Holdings	0.41%
Value Added Technology Co Ltd	0.69%	Megastudyedu Co Ltd	0.41%
Shin Heung Energy And Electronics Co Ltd	0.68%	Dongbu Engineering Construction	0.41%
Daihan Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.66%	Multicampus	0.41%
Yuhwa Securities Co Ltd	0.65%	Daelim Industrial Pref/Non-Voting	0.40%
Ace Bed Co Ltd	0.64%	Kyeryong Construction Industrial Co Ltd	0.40%
Cj Freshway Corp	0.64%	Ssangyong Fire Marine Insurance	0.39%
llshin Spinning Co Ltd	0.63%	Fursys Inc	0.39%
Daehan Flour Mills	0.63%	Kpx Chemical Co Ltd	0.38%
Asia Cement Co Ltd	0.63%	Kt Adr	0.37%
Kt Skylife	0.61%	Hyundai Engineering Construction	0.37%
Woori Investment & Securities Pfd N.Vot	0.61%	Jls Co Ltd	0.36%
Korea Electric Terminal	0.61%	Lg Haussys	0.36%
Kisco Corp Tentative	0.61%	Bgf Rg Registered Shs	0.36%
Lock & Lock	0.58%	Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd Repr.2Shs	0.35%
Incheon City Gas Co Ltd	0.54%	Sk Telecom Co Ltd-Spon Adr	0.33%
Cell Biotech Co Ltd	0.54%	Namhae Chemical Corp	0.33%
Dongkook Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.54%	Dongwon F And B	0.32%
Suheung Capsule Co Ltd	0.53%	Kpc Holdings Corp	0.32%
Shinsegae Food Co Ltd	0.52%	Youngone Corporation	0.31%
Megastudy	0.52%	Hyundai Green Food Co. Ltd	0.30%
Gs Engineering & Construction	0.51%	Gabia Inc	0.30%
Hanwha Solutions Corporatio	0.49%	Hyundai Livart	0.29%
Nong Shim Holdings Co Ltd	0.48%	Saraminhr Co Ltd	0.27%
Soulbrain Holdings Co., Ltd.	0.48%	Interflex Co Ltd	0.27%
Global Enterprise Co Ltd	0.47%	Lg Haussys Prf Shs N.Vtg	0.27%
Huons Co Ltd	0.47%	Ezwel Co Ltd	0.26%
Tae Kwang Industrial Co Ltd	0.45%	Lotte Chilsung Beverage Co Pfd Shs N.Vtg	0.25%
Sindoricom	0.43%	Daewoo Securities - Pfd Shs Non Voting	0.24%
Kwang Dong Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.42%	Korea Life Insurance Co Ltd	0.24%

### **EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings** (as of 31 July'23)



Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Korea Circuit Co Ltd-Pref	0.24%	Digital Daesung Co Ltd	0.18%
Charm Engineering	0.23%	Chinyang Holdings Co	0.16%
Woongjin Thinkbig Co	0.20%	Daehan Synthetic	0.13%
Huons Global Co Ltd	0.20%		

### EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Change in holdings (30 June '23 - 31 July'23)



Holding	Trade	End Portfolio Weight	Change in Weight*	Total Return on sold positions
CJ Freshway	BUY	0.64%	0.64%	
Shinsegae Food	BUY	0.52%	0.52%	
Sebang	BUY	0.47%	0.47%	
SK Chemicals Pref Shs	ADD	1.18%	0.38%	
Ottogi	ADD	1.05%	0.30%	
Whanin Pharm	ADD	0.88%	0.29%	
Korea Gas	ADD	1.60%	0.24%	
Hyundai G F Holdings	ADD	0.41%	0.24%	
Tong Yang Life Insurance	ADD	0.96%	0.23%	
Ilshin Spinning	ADD	0.63%	0.22%	
Maeil Dairies	ADD	1.01%	0.18%	
KumhoE&C	ADD	1.16%	0.14%	
Dae Han Flour Mills	ADD	0.63%	0.13%	
Kyungdong City Gas	ADD	1.00%	0.08%	
Eugene Investment & Securities	SELL	0.00%	-0.76%	+65.03%
Posco Holdings	SELL	0.00%	-0.95%	+118.17%
Hd Hyundai Electric	SELL	0.00%	-1.25%	+67.19%

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<sup>\*</sup>Not adjusted for subscriptions/redemptions and changes in market value

### PORTFOLIO: Allocation & Performance summary

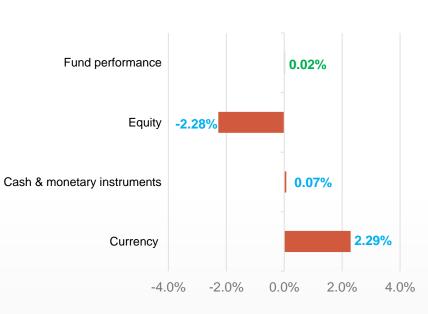


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### Performance by Asset Class (30 June '23 - 31 July'23)



Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future returns. The currency component may increase or decrease returns. The investment involves taking a risk and possible loss of capital.

AUM: 12,11 mln € Project closure at 25 mln €

### Monthly Performance contribution by asset class (30 June '23 - 31 July'23)

	Avg Weight (a)	1 month Return (b)	Contribution (c = a*b)
Contribution by asset class			
Equity*	87.2%	-2,28%	-1,99%
Cash & monetary instruments	12.8%	0,07%	0,01%
Currency		2,29%	2,00%
Total Monthly performance			+0,02%
Equity Contribution by sector			
Materials	9.7%	5.3%	0.52%
Financials	21.9%	0.4%	0.09%
Information Technology	4.7%	-2.0%	-0.09%
Utilities	4.3%	-3.8%	-0.16%
Health Care	7.5%	-2.4%	-0.18%
Communication Services	5.9%	-3.3%	-0.20%
Consumer Staples	7.3%	-5.2%	-0.38%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	-6.3%	-0.65%
Industrials *Equity Portormanco is not of foos	15.6%	-6.0%	-0.93%

\*Equity Performance is net of fees

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

<sup>\*</sup> class I





#### Top performers\*

#### **Bottom performers**

	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution		Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
Posco Holdings	0.8%	67.7%	0.57%	DL E&C	1.2%	-9.9%	-0.12%
KB Financial Group	1.4%	10.4%	0.15%	Gs Engineering & Construction	0.5%	-19.8%	-0.11%
Asia Paper Manufacturing	0.9%	15.7%	0.14%	Vieworks	1.0%	-9.4%	-0.09%
Hyundai Department Store	0.8%	14.9%	0.12%	KumhoE&C	1.0%	-8.2%	-0.08%
Asia Cement	0.6%	20.3%	0.12%	Hwacheon Machine Tool	1.2%	-7.1%	-0.08%
Seegene	0.7%	16.0%	0.11%	Handsome	0.9%	-8.7%	-0.08%
KC Tech	0.7%	13.1%	0.09%	Cuckoo Holdings	1.4%	-5.6%	-0.08%
LX Hausys	0.3%	24.9%	0.08%	Wonik Materials	1.2%	-6.2%	-0.07%
Value Added Technologies	0.7%	10.8%	0.08%	Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance	1.0%	-5.6%	-0.06%
Hyundai Steel	0.7%	9.6%	0.06%	Maeil Dairies	0.9%	-5.9%	-0.06%
Shinhan Financial Group	0.8%	7.0%	0.06%	Imarketkorea	0.8%	-6.9%	-0.05%
Samsung Life	0.9%	6.1%	0.06%	Ottogi	0.8%	-7.1%	-0.05%
Hana Financial Group	1.4%	4.0%	0.06%	Cell Biotech	0.6%	-9.1%	-0.05%
Bookook Securities	0.9%	5.2%	0.05%	Charm Engineering	0.3%	-18.9%	-0.05%
Industrial Bank Of Korea	1.6%	2.8%	0.04%	Hyundailivart	0.3%	-15.1%	-0.05%

<sup>\*</sup>Sorted from highest to lowest by Contribution

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv



#### Liquidation time horizon

	1 day	5 days	10 days	30 days
NicheJungle Korea Reunification SDG	84%	98%	99%	100%

Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Assumptions for what regards the time it takes to liquidate assets for cash on a daily basis:

- Equity: orders placed on the market at 25% of volumes; average 3 months volumes considered
- Fixed income: 0,05% amount outstanding

Internal Liquidity requirement: at least 10% can be liquidated in one week and 40% in one month



Number of days necessary to liquidate 25% of the portfolio: 1 day



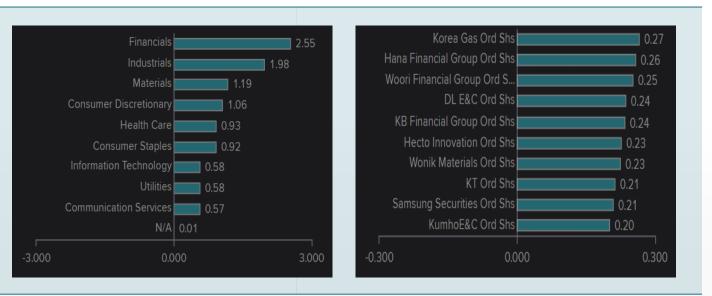
#### Ex-ante analysis: VaR 1 month 95% (as of 31/07/2023)

#### Portfolio VaR Sensitivity

	95% VaR	99% VaR
Historical 1D	-2,06%	-3,26%
Historical 1W	-4,60%	-7,29%
Historical 1M	-9,65%	-15,30%



## VAR 1M-95% TOP 10 SECURITIES AS OF *31/07/2023*



Source: MSCI Risk Metrics, Niche AM

#### **EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Indices % price changes**



Index	Price as of 31/07/2023	% Price Change 1 month (local currency)	% Price Change 1 month (€)	% Price Change 3 months (local currency)	% Price Change 3 months (€)	% Price Change Year to Date (local currency)	% Price Change Year to Date (€)	% Price Change Since inception ** (local currency)	% Price Change Since inception ** (€)
NicheJungle Korea Reunification SDG*	994.01	-	0.02%	-	1.84%	-	-3.01%	-	-0.60%
MSCI ACWI Net (.dMIWD00000NUS)	375.10	3.66%	2.88%	8.50%	8.77%	18.11%	14.98%	27.22%	13.85%
MSCI Asia Pacific Value (.dMIAP0000VPUS)	156.99	5.17%	4.37%	7.06%	7.32%	10.16%	7.24%	24.78%	11.67%
MSCI Asia Pacific (.MIAP00000PUS)	170.76	4.60%	3.81%	6.51%	6.77%	9.64%	6.74%	24.61%	11.51%
Korea (.KS200)	2632.58	2.66%	4.86%	5.24%	10.44%	17.72%	12.64%	18.60%	18.83%
Tokyo Stock Exchange (.TOPX)	2322.56	1.48%	2.16%	12.88%	8.39%	22.78%	10.14%	23.57%	15.83%
Indonesia (.JKSE)	6931.36	4.05%	3.14%	0.23%	-2.26%	1.18%	1.70%	1.47%	-6.72%
China (.HSI)	20078.94	6.15%	5.86%	0.93%	1.85%	1.50%	-1.03%	20.86%	8.89%

<sup>\*</sup> class I

Source: Niche AM, Thomson Reuters

<sup>\*\*</sup> Inception date: 17/10/2022



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