

NICHE JUNGLE





### **Bi-Weekly Risk Report**

14 March 2024

Please refer to the UCITS fund prospectus and KIID before making any final investment decision



## **Summary**

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

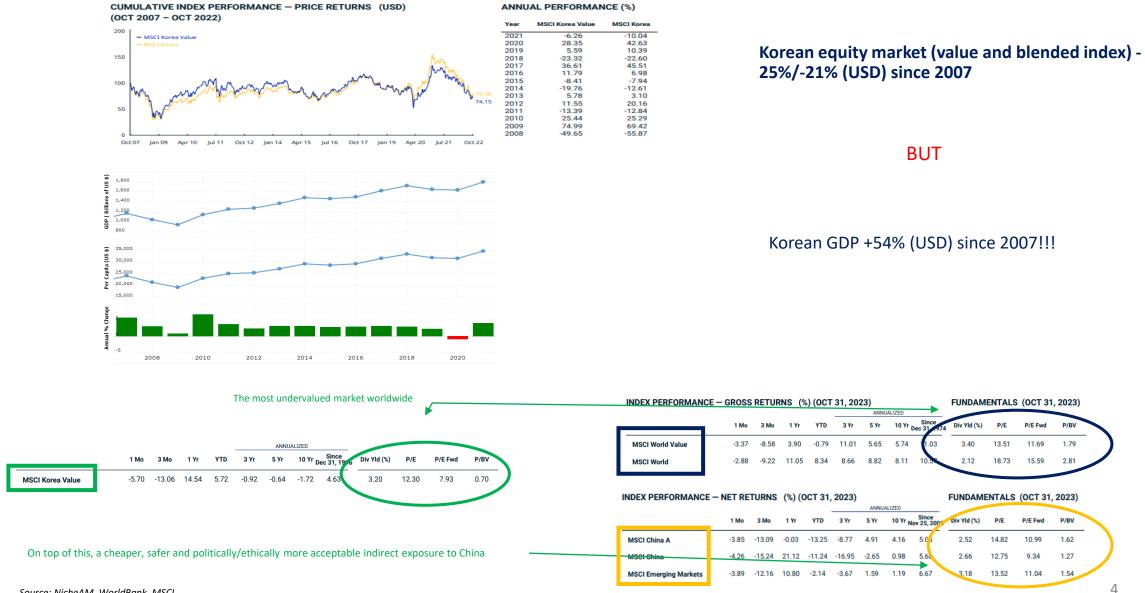
#### NJ Korea Reunification SDG



	Project characteristics
Instrument	UCITS Fund – Art.8 Plus SFDR
Project website	Link
Supplement	Link
ISIN	Class A – IE00007XSO15 Class I – IE0004F6ARY1 Class Q (listed class) - IE000ROCQO77
Project ICAV:	NicheJungle ICAV www.nichejungle.com
Project Inception date:	17/10/2022
Project AUM:	14.35 mln € as of 14/03/2024
Project Max AUM:	25 mln
Project Liquidability at max. AUM	90% 5 day – 97% 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...

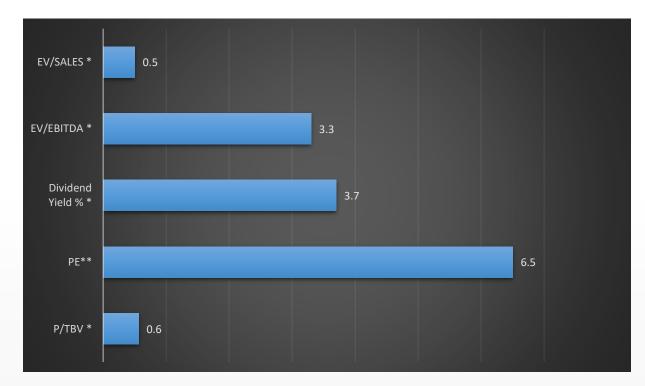


Source: NicheAM, WorldBank, MSCI

...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 14 March '24 )

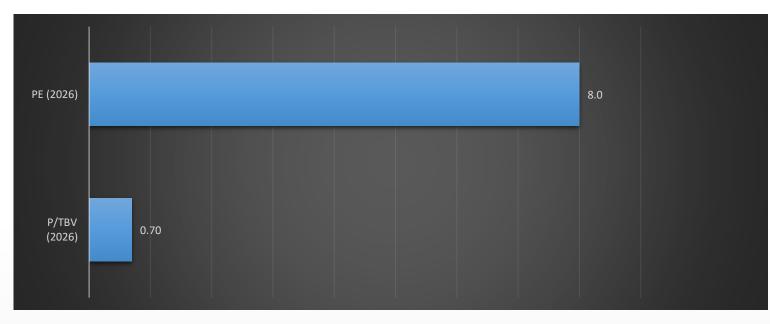


\* Last available

\*\* 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**







90% potential rerating on following assumptions:

#### Exit 2026

**No** reunification/reconciliation (rapprochement)

No inclusion of SKorea in the MSCI Developed Countries

Nominal EPS growth '22-'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**

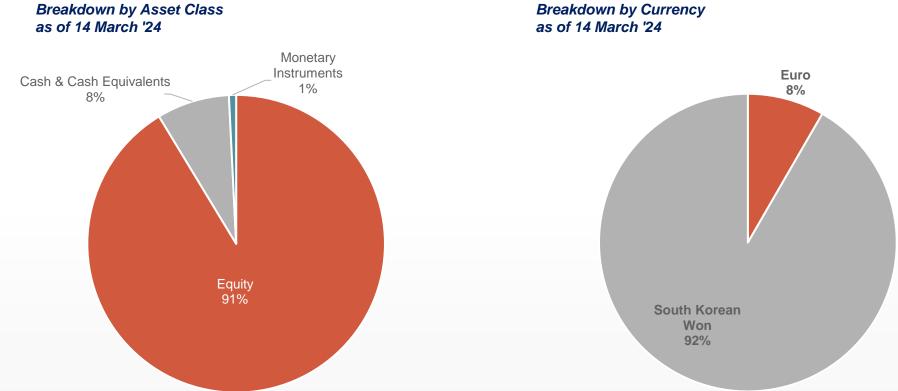
Date	<u>Stock</u>	Selling price (KRW)	Performance*	<b>Take Profit</b> (Partial/Total)	Valuation Target (KRW)	Further upsideat at exit, according to valuation gap report	P/E Adj. at exit **	<b>Notes</b> (if sold before reaching the target)
07/11/2022	Manho Rope & Wire	44922	+59,3%	Total	45000	< +/- 5%	8,0x	-
14/12/2022	Sebang	27539	+78,8%	Total	27200	< +/- 5%	10,0x	-
20/02/2023	Osstem Implant	188518	+62,4%	Total	190000	< +/- 5%	12,0x	-
19/04/2023	Rifa Industrial	25850	+68.4%	Total	30500	+18%	N.s.	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
27/04/2023	KISCO Holdings	20123	+61.6%	Total	36620	+82%	3,5x	Switch with the operating company, Kisco, that presents better upside (>120%) and liquidity
15/05/2023	Oyang Corp	8180	+7,9%	Total	14150	+73%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
01/06/2023	Hyundai Elevator	40532	+74.0%	Total	39600	< +/- 5%	12x	-
05/06/2023	SK RENT A CAR	9466	+47.9%	Total	9100	< +/- 5%	12x	-
03/07/2023	Hd Hyundai Electric	66102	+73.1%	Total	68000	< +/- 5%	12x	-
10/07/2023	Eugene Investment & Sec	4153	+63.5%	Total	4900	+18%	P/TBV 0,5x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
24/07/2023	Posco Holdings	566000	+122.0%	Total	547220	< +/- 5%	P/TBV 1,0x	-
04/08/2023	LX Hausys	52711	+63.9%	Total	53700	< +/- 5%	7,0x	-
08/08/2023	Chinyang Holdings	3275	+9.6%	Total	4770	+46%	P/TBV 0,7x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
06/09/2023	KC Tech	22041	+36.7%	Total	27500	+25%	12x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM
15/09/2023	Asia Holding	168462	+28.7%	Total	237000	+41%	N.s.	Switch with one of its main operating company, Asia Paper, that presents a more compelling risk/reward profile (upside>130%)
25/10/2023	Mirae Asset Life	4490	59.1%	Total	4300	< +/- 5%	8x	-
22/01/2024	Gabia	19194	+87.7%	Total	20200	< +/- 5%	10x	-
23/01/2024	Interflex	17754	+72.5%	Total	17250	< +/- 5%	10x	-
20/02/2024	Soulbrain Holdings	67506	+181.9%	Total	75000	+11%	N.s.	-

\* Local currency

\*\* PE Adjusted for net cash

### **PORTFOLIO: Allocation summary**





## Breakdown by Currency

Source: Niche AM, Thomson Reuters

#### EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 March '24)

Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Industrial Bank Of Korea - Reg Shs	2.00%	Hyundai Home Shopping	0.96%
Kb Financial Group Inc - Reg Shs	1.93%	Ottogi Corporation	0.95%
Hana Financial Group Inc - Reg Shs	1.88%	Sk Telekom	0.94%
Woori Financial Group Inc - Reg Shs	1.65%	Kyungdong City G	0.94%
Kt Corp - Reg Shs	1.61%	Hs Ad	0.94%
Korea Gas Corp	1.56%	Skchem Non-Cum Pfd	0.93%
Tongyang Life	1.43%	Bookook Secs Co	0.92%
Samsung Securities Co Ltd - Reg Shs	1.36%	Korean Reinsurance Co	0.91%
Bnk Financial Group Inc	1.34%	Interlark Holding	0.91%
Samsung Fire And Marine Insurance Pref.	1.34%	Lg Electronics Inc Pfd Shs.Non Voting	0.91%
Shinsegae Information & Comm	1.30%	Hanwha Solutions Corporatio	0.90%
Cuckoo Electronics Co Ltd	1.28%	Coway Co Ltd	0.90%
Dongwon Industries Co Ltd	1.26%	Hwacheon Machine	0.85%
Asia Paper Manufacturing Co	1.20%	Lotte Rental Co Ltd	0.85%
Lg Uplus Corp - Reg Shs	1.19%	Ace Bed Co Ltd	0.84%
Hecto Innovation Co Ltd	1.14%	Kuhmo Industrial Co Ltd	0.82%
Kisco Corp Tentative	1.13%	Sam Jung Pulp	0.81%
Samsung Life Insurance Co Ltd	1.13%	Tae Kwang Industrial Co Ltd	0.80%
DI E And C - Registered Shs	1.12%	Korea Electric Power Corp	0.75%
Sk Square Co., Ltd.	1.11%	Yesco Shs	0.75%
Wimco Registered	1.10%	Korean Air	0.75%
Daishin Securities Pref.Non.Voting	1.08%	Cj Cheiljedang Corp	0.73%
Dgb Financial Group Ltd	1.07%	Hwa Sung Industrial	0.73%
Hyundai G.F. Holdings	1.06%	Pharmgen Science Inc	0.72%
Shinhan Financial Group	1.05%	Daesang Corp	0.71%
Daelim Industrial Pref/Non-Voting	1.05%	Seegene Inc	0.69%
Handsome	1.05%	Megastudy	0.68%
Whan In Pharmaceutic	1.03%	Db Financial Inv	0.68%
Hyundai Fire Marine Insurance Co Ltd	1.02%	Youngone Corp	0.68%
Gwangjushinsegae Co Ltd	0.99%	Cs Holdings Co Ltd	0.67%
Maeil Dairies Co Ltd	0.98%	Vieworks	0.67%
Cj Freshway Corp	0.98%	Multicampus	0.66%



Equity Exposure: 91% No of holdings: 124 Average Weight: 0.74% Median Weight: 0.67%

TOP 5 : 9.07% TOP 10: 16.10% TOP 25: 33.32% TOP 50: 56.50%

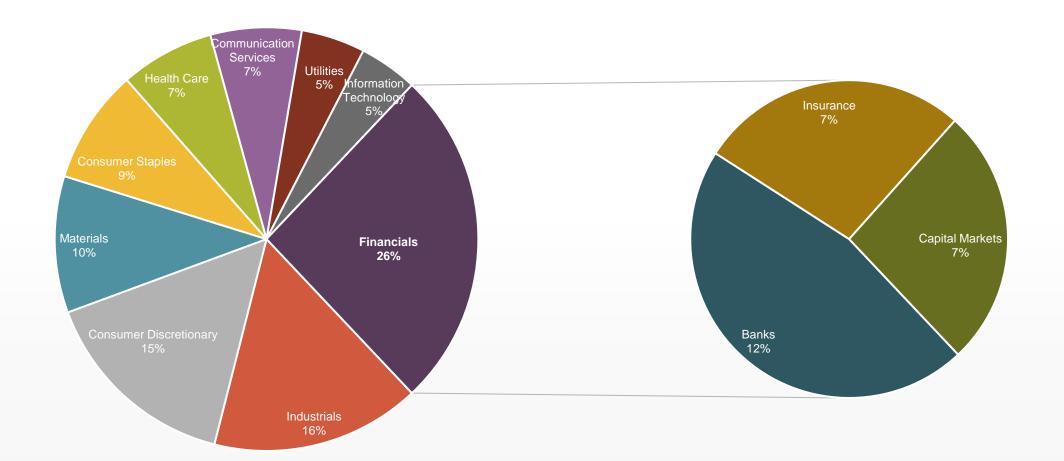
### EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 March '24)

Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Hyundai Department Store Shs	0.66%	Sindoricom	0.40%
Hyundai Energy Solutions	0.65%	Nong Shim Holdings Co Ltd	0.40%
Woori Investment & Securities Pfd N.Vot	0.65%	Kt Adr	0.39%
Hyundai Engineering Construction-Reg Shs	0.64%	Suheung Capsule Co Ltd	0.38%
Kyobo Securities	0.63%	Kwang Dong Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.38%
Bgf Rg Registered Shs	0.63%	Saraminhr Co Ltd	0.37%
Hyosung Corp	0.62%	Fursys Inc	0.37%
Imarketkorea Inc	0.60%	HI Mando Co. Ltd	0.35%
Daihan Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.58%	Sk Telecom Co Ltd-Spon Adr	0.32%
Shin Heung Energy And Electronics Co Ltd	0.58%	Dongwon F And B	0.32%
E-Mart	0.58%	Daehan Synthetic	0.31%
Korea Electric Terminal	0.57%	Youngone Corporation	0.31%
Geumhwa Psc Co Ltd	0.57%	Kpc Holdings Corp	0.30%
Daehan Flour Mills	0.55%	Kyeryong Construction Industrial Co Ltd	0.30%
Hyundai Steel Co	0.54%	Jls Co Ltd	0.29%
Dongkook Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.52%	Korea Life Insurance Co Ltd	0.27%
Lock & Lock	0.52%	Dongbu Engineering Construction	0.27%
Ssangyong Fire Marine Insurance	0.51%	Hyundai Livart	0.25%
Yuhwa Securities Co Ltd	0.51%	Hyundai Green Food Co. Ltd	0.25%
Value Added Technology Co Ltd	0.50%	Namhae Chemical Corp	0.25%
Kpx Chemical Co Ltd	0.49%	Daewoo Securities - Pfd Shs Non Voting	0.23%
llshin Spinning Co Ltd	0.49%	Lotte Chilsung Beverage Co Pfd Shs N.Vtg	0.22%
Woongjin Thinkbig Co	0.48%	Lg Haussys Prf Shs N.Vtg	0.22%
Cell Biotech Co Ltd	0.47%	Korea Circuit Co Ltd-Pref	0.21%
Kt Skylife	0.46%	Ezwel Co Ltd	0.20%
Incheon City Gas Co Ltd	0.44%	Huons Global Co Ltd	0.19%
Gs Engineering & Construction	0.44%	Charm Engineering	0.18%
Megastudyedu Co Ltd	0.42%	Digital Daesung Co Ltd	0.16%
Shinsegae Food Co Ltd	0.41%		
Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd Repr.2Shs	0.41%		
Global Enterprise Co Ltd	0.41%		
Huons Co Ltd	0.41%		



## **EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Allocation summary:** Breakdown by Sector as 14 March '24





### EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Change in holdings (29 February '24 - 14 March '24)



	Holding	Trade	End Portfolio Weight	Change in Weight*	Total Return on sold positions**
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No trades during the period.

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

\*\*Local Currency

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

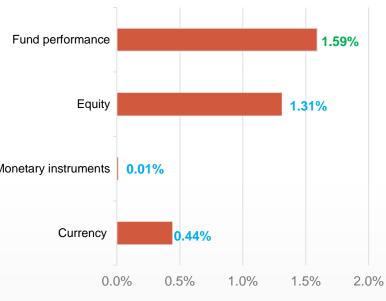
### **PORTFOLIO: Allocation & Performance summary**





#### Fund\* Chart (29 February '24 - 14 March '24)

#### Performance by Asset Class (29 February '24 - 14 March '24)



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increase or decrease returns. The investment involves taking a risk and possible loss of capital.

AUM: 14,35 mln € Project closure at 25 <u>mln €</u>

#### Performance contribution by Asset Class and Sector (29 February '24 - 14 March '24)

		2 weeks	
	Avg Weight (a)	Return (b)	Contribution (c = a*b)
Contribution by asset class			
Equity*	90.8%	1.31%	1.19%
Cash & monetary instruments	9.2%	0.01%	0.00%
Currency		0.44%	0.40%
Total performance			+1.59%
Equity Contribution by sector			
Financials	22.8%	5.1%	1.17%
Consumer Discretionary	13.8%	2.2%	0.31%
Utilities	4.5%	0.1%	0.00%
Materials	9.7%	-0.2%	-0.02%
Communication Services	6.4%	-0.4%	-0.02%
Information Technology	4.1%	-0.7%	-0.03%
Consumer Staples	8.1%	-0.6%	-0.05%
Health Care	6.6%	-1.0%	-0.07%
Industrials	14.8%	-0.7%	-0.10%

\*Equity Performance is net of fees

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

## EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Performance (29 February '24 - 14 March '24)



#### Top performers\*

	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution		Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
KB Financial Group	1.7%	24.3%	0.42%	DL E&C	1.1%	-5.0%	-0.06%
Hana Financial Group	1.7%	14.6%	0.25%	KumhoE&C	0.9%	-5.8%	-0.05%
Industrial Bank Of Korea	1.8%	12.6%	0.23%	Hwa Sung Industrial	0.7%	-5.3%	-0.04%
Cuckoo Holdings	1.2%	18.0%	0.22%	Taekwang Industrial	0.8%	-4.5%	-0.04%
Daishin Sec Preferred Stock	1.0%	18.3%	0.19%	Hyundai Steel	0.6%	-6.4%	-0.04%
Gradiant	0.8%	23.2%	0.19%	Asia Paper Manufacturing	1.2%	-2.6%	-0.03%
Shinhan Financial Group	0.9%	18.8%	0.17%	Suheung	0.4%	-7.7%	-0.03%
Bnk Financial Group	1.3%	11.7%	0.15%	Hyundai G F Holdings	1.1%	-2.8%	-0.03%
Samsung Fire Ins Preferred Stock	1.3%	10.4%	0.13%	Shinsegae I&C	1.3%	-2.2%	-0.03%
Tong Yang Life Insurance	1.4%	9.6%	0.13%	Vieworks	0.7%	-3.8%	-0.03%
Nh Investment & Securities (1P)	0.6%	20.8%	0.12%	CJ Freshway	1.0%	-2.6%	-0.03%
Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance	0.9%	11.1%	0.10%	E-Mart	0.6%	-4.0%	-0.02%
Wonik Materials	1.1%	9.2%	0.10%	Woongjin Thinkbig	0.5%	-4.6%	-0.02%
Lock&Lock	0.5%	15.3%	0.07%	SK Chemicals Pre Shs	1.0%	-2.3%	-0.02%
DL 1P Pref Shs	1.1%	6.0%	0.06%	LG Uplus	1.2%	-1.8%	-0.02%

**Bottom performers** 

\*Sorted from highest to lowest by Contribution

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

## Ex-ante analysis: VaR 1 month 95% as of 14/03/2024



#### Portfolio VaR Sensitivity

KR	95% VaR	99% VaR
Historical 1D	-1,60%	-2,14%
Historical 1W	-3,59%	-4,78%
Historical 1M	-7,53%	-10,02%

#### VAR 1M – 95% BY SECTOR VAR 1M-95% TOP 10 SECURITIES AS OF 14/03/2024 AS OF 14/03/2024 KB Financial Group Ord Shs 0.29 Financials 2.22 Hana Financial Group Ord Shs 0.28 **Consumer Discretionary** 1.23 Tong Yang Life Insurance Ord Shs 0.22 1.14 Industrials Dongwon Industries Ord Shs 0.20 0.77 Materials Industrial Bank Of Korea Ord Shs 0.19 Consumer Staples 0.66 Hanwha Solutions Ord Shs 0.19 0.61 Health Care Korea Gas Ord Shs 0.19 Information Technology 0.46 Woori Financial Group Ord Shs 0.19 0.45 **Communication Services** KT Ord Shs 0.18 Utilities 0.40 Shinsegae I&C Ord Shs 0.18 N/A 0.00 -0.350 0.000 0.350 -2.500 0.000 2.500



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

Index	Price as of 14/03/2024	% Price Change 2 weeks (local currency)	% Price Change 2 weeks (€)	% Price Change 3 months (local ccy)	% Price Change 3 months (€)	% Price Change Year to Date (local ccy)	% Frice Change	% Price Change 1 Year (local ccy)	% Price Change 1 Year (€)	% Price Change Since inception ** (local ccy)	% Price Change Since inception ** (€)
NicheJungle Korea Reunification SDG*	1086.38	-	1.59%	-	5.83%	-	5.64%	-	11.48%	-	8.64%
MSCI ACWI Net (.dMIWD00000NUS)	413.62	1.59%	0.86%	8.21%	9.30%	6.57%	8.09%	26.93%	25.19%	40.28%	26.83%
MSCI Asia Pacific Value (.dMIAP0000VPUS)	164.80	1.58%	0.85%	7.61%	8.70%	3.99%	5.47%	16.41%	14.81%	31.00%	18.44%
MSCI Asia Pacific (.MIAP00000PUS)	176.38	2.00%	1.26%	7.54%	8.62%	4.13%	5.61%	13.66%	12.11%	28.71%	16.37%
Korea KOSPI (.KS11)	2718.76	2.89%	3.03%	6.86%	5.10%	2.39%	1.38%	15.74%	12.53%	22.48%	19.72%
Tokyo Stock Exchange (.TOPX)	2661.59	-0.53%	-0.14%	14.66%	10.78%	12.47%	8.49%	36.66%	21.98%	41.61%	28.65%
Indonesia (.JKSE)	7433.32	1.60%	1.75%	3.59%	4.09%	2.21%	2.46%	11.92%	9.00%	8.82%	-2.18%
China (.HSI)	16961.66	2.73%	2.08%	3.41%	4.26%	-0.50%	0.74%	-11.88%	-12.80%	2.10%	-7.36%

\* class I

\*\* Inception date: 17/10/2022

Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

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