

NJ
Korea Reunification SDG



# Bi-Weekly Risk Report

14 May 2024



# **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 <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: 14.16 mln € as of 14/05/2024

Project Max AUM: 25 mln

Project Liquidability at max. AUM 89% 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 – www.nicheam.com



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...





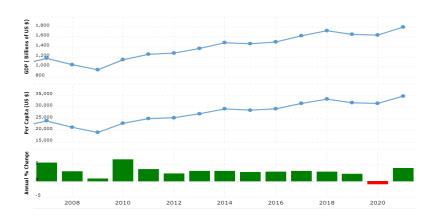
#### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

Year	MSCI Korea Value	MSCI Korea
2021	-6.26	-10.04
2020	28.35	42.63
2019	5.59	10.39
2018	-23.32	-22.60
2017	36.61	45.51
2016	11.79	6.98
2015	-8.41	-7.94
2014	-19.76	-12.61
2013	5.78	3.10
2012	11.55	20.16
2011	-13.39	-12.84
2010	25.44	25.29
2009	74.99	69.42
2008	-49.65	-55.87

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

BUT

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



The most undervalued market worldwide

 ANNUALIZED

 1 Mo
 3 Mo
 1 Yr
 YTD
 3 Yr
 5 Yr
 10 Yr
 Since Dec 31, 19 6
 Div Yld (%)
 P/E
 P/E Fwd
 P/BV

 -5.70
 -13.06
 14.54
 5.72
 -0.92
 -0.64
 -1.72
 4.63
 3.20
 12.30
 7.93
 0.70

On top of this, a cheaper, safer and politically/ethically more acceptable indirect exposure to China

| Note |

P/BV MSCI China A -3.85 -13.09 -0.03 -13.25 -8.77 4.91 2.52 14.82 10.99 1.62 -15.24 21.12 -11.24 -16.95 1.27 2.66 9.34 -3.89 -12.16 10.80 -2.14 -3.67 1.59 13.52 11.04 **MSCI Emerging Markets** 

INDEX PERFORMANCE - NET RETURNS (%) (OCT 31, 2023)

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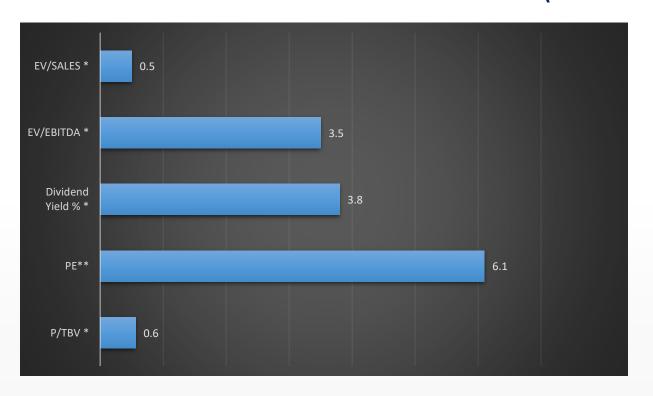
FUNDAMENTALS (OCT 31, 2023)

MSCI Korea Value

# ...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 May '24 )

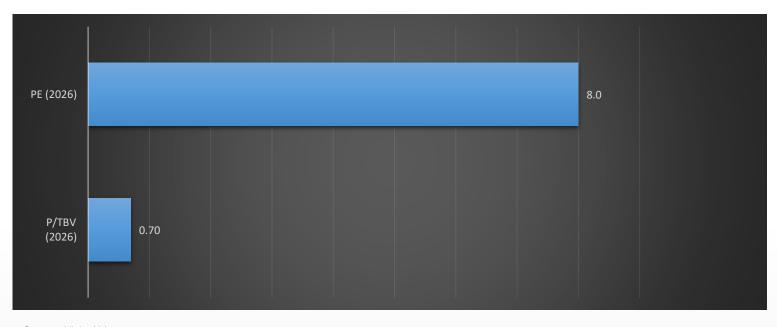


<sup>\*</sup> Last available

<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 '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*	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	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.	-
18/04/2024	Daihan Pharmaceutical	28100	+3.1%	Total	28500	+83%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM

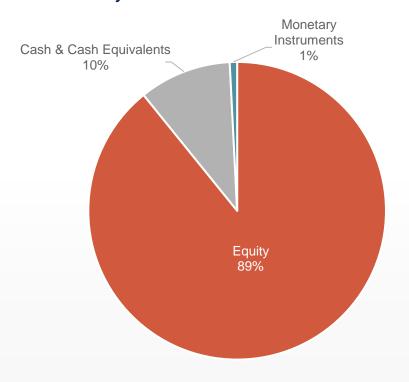
Source: NicheAM

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

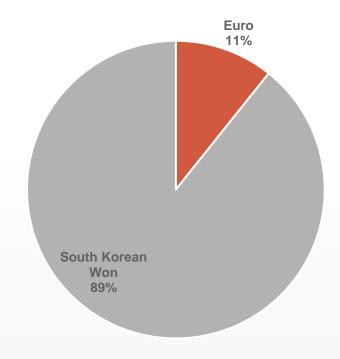




# Breakdown by Asset Class as of 14 May '24



# Breakdown by Currency as of 14 May '24



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

Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Kb Financial Group Inc - Reg Shs	1.92%	Hs Ad	0.95%
Kisco Corp Tentative	1.90%	Hanwha Solutions Corporatio	0.93%
Hana Financial Group Inc - Reg Shs	1.76%	Coway Co Ltd	0.93%
Industrial Bank Of Korea - Reg Shs	1.72%	Dgb Financial Group Ltd	0.93%
Woori Financial Group	1.54%	Kyungdong City G	0.92%
Kt Corporation	1.50%	Cj Freshway Corp	0.91%
Cuckoo Electronics Co Ltd	1.47%	Sk Telekom	0.90%
Korea Gas Corp	1.45%	Lg Electronics Inc Pfd Shs.Non Voting	0.89%
Bnk Financial Group Inc	1.33%	Ace Bed Co Ltd	0.87%
Samsung Fire And Marine Insurance Pref.	1.32%	Korean Reinsurance Co	0.87%
Samsung Securities Co Ltd - Reg Shs	1.26%	Skchem Non-Cum Pfd	0.87%
Sk Square Co., Ltd.	1.24%	Lotte Rental Co Ltd	0.84%
lyundai G.F. Holdings	1.22%	Bookook Secs Co	0.84%
Oongwon Industries Co Ltd	1.19%	Interlark Holding	0.83%
Vimco Registered	1.18%	Yesco Shs	0.81%
g Uplus Corp - Reg Shs	1.16%	Sam Jung Pulp	0.80%
ongyang Life	1.16%	Daesang Corp	0.79%
Shinsegae Information & Comm	1.16%	Hwacheon Machine	0.78%
lecto Innovation Co Ltd	1.15%	Cj Cheiljedang Corp	0.77%
Daelim Industrial Pref/Non-Voting	1.12%	Kuhmo Industrial Co Ltd	0.73%
OI E And C - Registered Shs	1.08%	Korean Air	0.72%
Asia Paper Manufacturing Co	1.06%	Hyundai Energy Solutions	0.72%
lyundai Home Shopping	1.03%	Vieworks	0.70%
Ottogi Corporation	1.03%	Pharmgen Science Inc	0.69%
Samsung Life Insurance Co Ltd	1.02%	Tae Kwang Industrial Co Ltd	0.69%
Maeil Dairies Co Ltd	1.01%	Hwa Sung Industrial	0.68%
Vhan In Pharmaceutic	1.01%	Megastudy	0.68%
landsome	0.99%	Cs Holdings Co Ltd	0.67%
Gwangjushinsegae Co Ltd	0.99%	Hyundai Engineering Construction-Reg Shs	0.65%
lyundai Fire Marine Insurance Co Ltd	0.98%	Hyundai Department Store Shs	0.64%
Daishin Securities Pref.Non.Voting	0.96%	Hyosung Corp	0.63%
Shinhan Financial Group	0.95%	Db Financial Inv	0.63%



Equity Exposure: 90% No of holdings: 123 Average Weight: 0.64% Median Weight: 0.73%

TOP 5 : 8.84% TOP 10: 15.91% TOP 25: 32.97% TOP 50: 55.52%

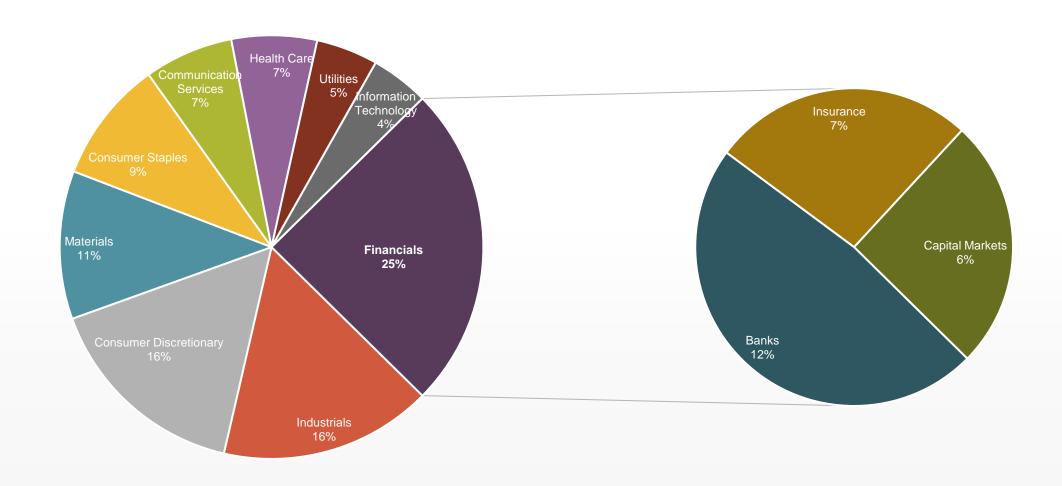
## EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 May '24)

Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Multicampus	0.62%	Shinsegae Food Co Ltd	0.39%
Woori Investment & Securities Pfd N.Vot	0.61%	Hl Mando Co. Ltd	0.39%
Seegene Inc	0.61%	Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd Repr.2Shs	0.39%
Youngone Corp	0.61%	Dongwon F And B	0.38%
ock & Lock	0.60%	Megastudyedu Co Ltd	0.38%
marketkorea Inc	0.59%	Kt Adr	0.37%
Bgf Rg Registered Shs	0.59%	Saraminhr Co Ltd	0.36%
Korea Electric Power Corp	0.58%	Kwang Dong Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.36%
(yobo Securities	0.58%	Suheung Capsule Co Ltd	0.35%
Geumhwa Psc Co Ltd	0.56%	Hyundai Livart	0.31%
lyundai Green Food Co. Ltd	0.55%	Sk Telecom Co Ltd-Spon Adr	0.31%
Oongkook Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.55%	Kpc Holdings Corp	0.31%
aehan Flour Mills	0.54%	Daehan Synthetic	0.30%
orea Electric Terminal	0.53%	Youngone Corporation	0.30%
hin Heung Energy And Electronics Co Ltd	0.51%	Kyeryong Construction Industrial Co Ltd	0.29%
-Mart	0.51%	Jls Co Ltd	0.27%
uhwa Securities Co Ltd	0.50%	Dongbu Engineering Construction	0.27%
lyundai Steel Co	0.50%	Korea Life Insurance Co Ltd	0.25%
Cell Biotech Co Ltd	0.49%	Lg Haussys Prf Shs N.Vtg	0.24%
shin Spinning Co Ltd	0.47%	Namhae Chemical Corp	0.24%
px Chemical Co Ltd	0.47%	Lotte Chilsung Beverage Co Pfd Shs N.Vtg	0.22%
alue Added Technology Co Ltd	0.47%	Daewoo Securities - Pfd Shs Non Voting	0.21%
sangyong Fire Marine Insurance	0.46%	Korea Circuit Co Ltd-Pref	0.20%
is Engineering & Construction	0.45%	Ezwel Co Ltd	0.20%
t Skylife	0.45%	Huons Global Co Ltd	0.18%
ncheon City Gas Co Ltd	0.44%	Digital Daesung Co Ltd	0.17%
Voongjin Thinkbig Co	0.43%	Charm Engineering	0.14%
ilobal Enterprise Co Ltd	0.41%		
ursys Inc	0.41%		
uons Co Ltd	0.40%		
indoricom	0.40%		
long Shim Holdings Co Ltd	0.40%		



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





## EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Change in holdings (30 May '24 - 14 May '24)



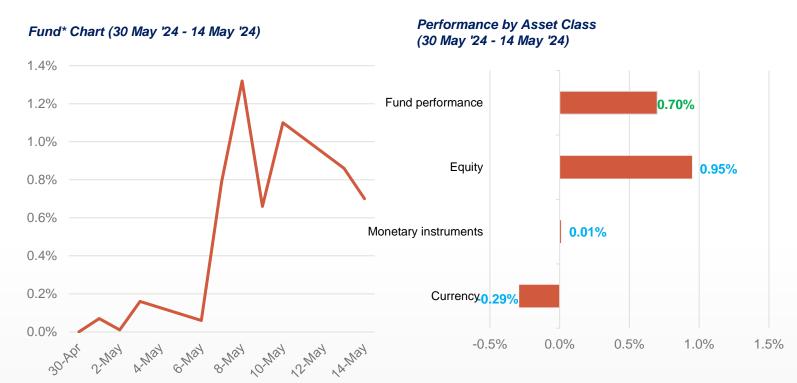
Holding Trade End Portfolio Change in Weight\* Total Return on sold positions\*\*

No trades during the period.

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



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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: 14,16 mln € Project closure at 25 mln €

### Performance contribution by Asset Class and Sector (30 May '24 - 14 May '24)

		2 weeks	
	Avg Weight (a)	Return (b)	Contribution (c = a*b)
Contribution by asset class			
Equity*	89.1%	1.06%	0.95%
Cash & monetary instruments	10.9%	0.01%	0.00%
Currency		-0.29%	-0.26%
Total performance			+0.70%
Equity Contribution by sector			
Financials	21.9%	1.7%	0.37%
Materials	10.1%	1.7%	0.17%
Communication Services	6.0%	2.3%	0.14%
Health Care	5.8%	2.4%	0.14%
Consumer Discretionary	14.2%	0.7%	0.10%
Information Technology	3.9%	1.7%	0.07%
Consumer Staples	8.3%	0.4%	0.03%
Utilities	4.3%	0.0%	0.00%
Industrials	14.6%	-0.5%	-0.07%

<sup>\*</sup>Equity Performance is net of fees

Source: NicheAM. Refinitiv

## EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Performance (30 May '24 - 14 May '24)



#### Top performers\*

#### **Bottom performers**

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	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution		Avg Weight	Return	
Hanwha Solutions	0.9%	13.9%	0.12%	DL E&C	1.1%	-8.2%	
Cuckoo Holdings	1.4%	7.0%	0.10%	Shin Heung	0.5%	-8.5%	
KB Financial Group	1.8%	5.0%	0.09%	Korea Electric Power	0.6%	-7.2%	
Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance	0.9%	8.9%	0.08%	Handsome	1.0%	-4.2%	
T	1.5%	5.3%	0.08%	Hyundai Department Store	0.7%	-5.0%	
lana Financial Group	1.7%	4.3%	0.07%	MegaStudyEdu	0.4%	-8.0%	
lyundailivart	0.3%	24.8%	0.07%	DGB Financial Group	1.0%	-3.2%	
DL 1P Pref Shs	1.1%	5.8%	0.06%	Industrial Bank Of Korea	1.7%	-1.6%	
amsung Life	1.0%	6.0%	0.06%	Gradiant	0.9%	-2.7%	
oway	0.9%	5.3%	0.05%	Hwa Sung Industrial	0.7%	-3.3%	
ld Hyundai Energy Solutions	0.7%	6.8%	0.05%	Dongwon Industries	1.2%	-1.9%	
amsung Fire Ins Preferred Stock	1.3%	3.2%	0.04%	Shinsegae I&C	1.2%	-1.9%	
amsung Securities	1.2%	3.2%	0.04%	Korea Electric Terminal	0.6%	-3.7%	
Ottogi	1.0%	3.8%	0.04%	Hl Mando	0.4%	-4.8%	
Vieworks	0.7%	5.5%	0.04%	Asia Paper Manufacturing	1.1%	-1.8%	

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

Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

### Ex-ante analysis: VaR 1 month 95% as of 14/05/2024

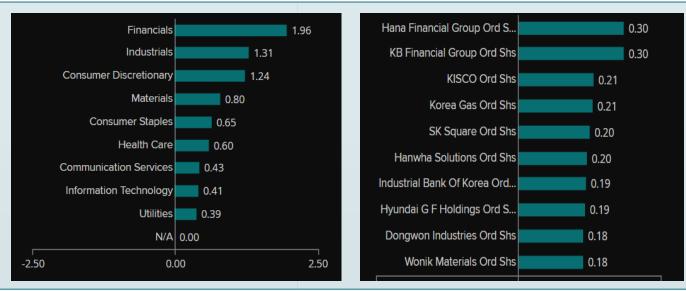


#### Portfolio VaR Sensitivity

KR	95% VaR	99% VaR
Historical 1D	-1,51%	-2,09%
Historical 1W	-3,38%	-4,66%
Historical 1M	-7,08%	-9,78%

#### VAR 1M – 95% BY SECTOR AS OF 14/05/2024





Source: MSCI Risk Metrics, Niche AM

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



Index	Price as of 14/05/2024	% 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)	% Price Change Year to Date (€)	% Price Change 1 Year (local ccy)	% Price Change 1 Year (€)	% Price Change Since inception ** (local ccy)	% Price Change Since inception ** (€)
NicheJungle Korea Reunification SDG*	1076.43	-	0.70%	-	0.43%	-	4.67%	-	7.59%	-	7.64%
MSCI ACWI Net (.dMIWD00000NUS)	422.25	3.98%	2.51%	6.07%	5.16%	8.79%	10.99%	23.08%	23.42%	43.21%	30.23%
MSCI Asia Pacific Value (.dMIAP0000VPUS)	167.39	2.07%	0.63%	6.50%	5.58%	5.62%	7.74%	13.56%	13.88%	33.05%	21.00%
MSCI Asia Pacific (.MIAP00000PUS)	178.49	2.43%	0.98%	6.52%	5.60%	5.37%	7.50%	11.02%	11.32%	30.25%	18.45%
Korea KOSPI (.KS11)	2730.34	1.42%	1.50%	4.19%	0.66%	2.83%	-0.70%	10.30%	8.79%	23.00%	17.26%
Tokyo Stock Exchange (.TOPX)	2730.95	-0.45%	-0.99%	5.66%	0.82%	15.41%	6.17%	30.27%	13.34%	45.30%	25.89%
Indonesia (.JKSE)	7083.76	-2.08%	-2.47%	-1.75%	-5.76%	-2.60%	-4.93%	5.61%	-2.95%	3.70%	-9.24%
China (.HSI)	19073.71	7.38%	6.03%	20.12%	19.19%	11.89%	14.10%	-2.82%	-2.16%	14.81%	4.93%

<sup>\*</sup> class I

Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

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



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