

NJ Japanese Orphan Companies SDG



Bi-Weekly Risk Report

14 August 2024



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Project characteristics

Instrument UCITS Fund – Art.8 Plus SFDR

Project website <u>Link</u>

Supplement <u>Link</u>

Class A – IE000HP8OSP6

ISIN Class I – IE000MFX2916

Class Q (listed class) - IE000Y50XF14

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

Project Inception date: 03/10/2022

Project AUM: 15.35 mln € as of 14/08/2024

Project Max AUM: 20 mln

Project Liquidability at max. AUM 82% 5 day – 96% 20 days

Project liquidity: Daily

Institutional and listed classes fees

Project # stocks Min: 140

Max: 180

Project currency hedging policy Between 40% and 60% of the yen exposure is hedged

0% management fees

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

Project Investment Manager: Niche Asset Management Ltd – www.nicheam.com



"Orphan Companies" means companies that, at the time of purchase of securities issued by them, fulfil each of the following criteria:

- · The company must have been listed on a Regulated Market for at least ten years;
- A non-financial company must be free of financial debt, net of cash, financial investments and the difference between trade receivables and payables;
- The company must have a ratio price to tangible book value below 1.2 times;
- . The company must have a minimum free float of at least 2 billion Yen; and
- The company must be covered by no more than 2 sell-side fundamental analysts.

Nikkei Index and Topix Index vs NJ Orphan Companies Portfolio

- The NJ Orphan Companies project has in common with the Topix Index just 0,7% of the holdings (by weight).
- The Nikkei Index has no holdings in common with the NJ Orphan Companies Portfolio.
- The portfolio of Topix benefits more than the portfolio of NJ Orphan Companies from the global economic expansion and vice versa.
- The portfolio of NJ Orphan Companies benefits more than the portfolio of Topix from the Japanese economic recovery and vice versa.

Closed trades

Date	<u>Stock</u>	Selling price (JPY)	Performance	Take Profit (Partial/Total)	Valuation Target (JPY)	Further upsideat at exit, according to valuation gap report	P/E at exit	Notes (if sold before reaching the target)
31/01/23	Nihon Shokuhin Kako Co Ltd	3161	+80%	Partial (60%)	3455	20%	10x	Tactical reduction as we are getting closer to our target
10/05/23	Hokkaido Chuo Bus	3400	-2,5%	Total	5900	74%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
03/07/23	Tokyo Tekko	3293	+118,0%	Partial (37%)	4000	21%	6x	Tactical reduction as we are getting closer to our target
03/07/23	Sansha Electric Manufacturing	1446	+50,1%	Total	1420	< +/- 5%	10x	-
27/07/23	Toyo Seikan Group Holdings	2240	+17,4%	Total	2230	< +/- 5%	12X	-
15/08/23	Miyoshi Oil & Fat Co	1095	+11,6%	Total	1930	65%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
16/08/23	Musashino Bank	2447	+42,4%	Total	2560	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
11/09/23	Toyo Sugar Refining	2133	+147,7%	Total	2200	< +/- 5%	8x	-
28/11/23	Yachiyo Industry	1390	+113.5%	Total	1450	< +/- 5%	9x	-
10/01/24	Taisei Oncho	5143	+154.8%	Total	5200	< +/- 5%	8x	-
20/02/24	Daihatsu Diesel Manufacturing	1412	+170.9%	Total	1340	< +/- 5%	8x	-
28/02/24	Tiger Polymer Corp	1139	+183.7%	Partial (47%)	1550	36%	8x	Tactical reduction
28/03/24	Alps Logistics	2796	+171.5%	Total	2700	< +/- 5%	12x	-
12/04/24	Ohmoriya	1016	+26.5%	Total	1550	53%	10x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
30/04/24	Techno Ryowa	1892	+119.6%	Partial (23%)	3300	+75%	10x	Tactical reduction
30/04/24	Marubun	1456	+95.8%	Total	1530	< +/- 5%	8x	-

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30/04/24	Toyo Machinery & Metal	749	+44.2%	Total	730	<+/-5%	10x	-
30/04/24	CKD	2999	+65.3%	Total	2900	< +/- 5%	8x	-
30/04/24	KAWADA TECH	2998	+171.9%	Total	3150	< +/- 5%	8x	-
07/05/24	Kitano Construction	3464	+56.0%	Total	6080	75%	8x	The company doesn't want to engage with the IM on sustainability
17/05/24	Bank of Nagoya	7344	+118.2%	Total	7500	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/05/24	Chubu Steel Plate	2758	+171.7%	Total	2900	< +/- 5%	8x	-
17/05/24	Chugin Financial Group	5416	+82.0%	Total	5350	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/05/24	Hokuhoku Financial Group	2181	+153.3%	Total	2100	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/05/24	lyogin Holdings	1371	+108.1%	Total	1450	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/05/24	Hachijuni Bank	1409	+120.3%	Total	1500	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/05/24	Araya Industrial	5083	+173.4%	Total	5300	< +/- 5%	10x	-
14/06/24	Nippon Hume Corp	1199	+94.9%	Total	1130	< +/- 5%	10x	-
17/06/24	Hanshin Diesel Works Ltd	2575	+82.7%	Partial (27%)	4030	+56%	12x	Tactical reduction
17/06/24	Hyakugo Bank Ltd	660	+111.2%	Total	700	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
17/06/24	Japan Tissue Engineering Co Lt	694	+36.0%	Partial (28%)	820	+18%	n.s.	Tactical reduction
17/06/24	Koike Sanso Kogyo Co Ltd	5905	+174.4%	Partial (29%)	10450	+77%	8x	Tactical reduction

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18/06/24	Hodogaya Chemical Co Ltd	5859	+94.3%	Total	6100	< +/- 5%	12x	-
18/06/24	Nippon Chemical Industrial Co	2581	+42.6%	Total	2700	< +/- 5%	10x	-
18/06/24	Shiga Bank Ltd	4240	+71.4%	Total	4500	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
26/06/24	Keiyo Bank Ltd	863	+83.74%	Total	900	< +/- 5%	n.s.	-
26/06/24	Shin Nippon Air Technologies C	3935	+121.2%	Total	4100	< +/- 5%	12x	-
26/06/24	Akita Bank Ltd *	2655	+70.1%	Partial (43%)	4400	66%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Bank of Iwate Ltd *	2806	+62.7%	Partial (37%)	4500	60%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Bank of Saga Ltd *	2562	+74.5%	Partial (74%)	3350	31%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Ehime Bank Ltd *	1277	+58.3%	Partial (49%)	1600	25%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Hyakujushi Bank Ltd *	3339	+110.8%	Partial (37%)	4800	44%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Oita Bank Ltd *	3515	+107.3%	Partial (20%)	5600	59%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Shikoku Bank *	1178	+41.2%	Partial (34%)	1600	36%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Tochigi Bank *	372	+42.6%	Partial (48%)	650	75%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote
26/06/24	Yamanashi Chuo Bank *	2054	+96.2%	Partial (40%)	2550	24%	n.s.	Please refer to the footnote

^{*} We have reduced banks even though in many cases we are far from fair value, reducing the sector's weight to around 6%, in order to avoid risks related to any violent and unexpected movement in interest rates, given the still significant presence of domestic bonds on their balance sheets

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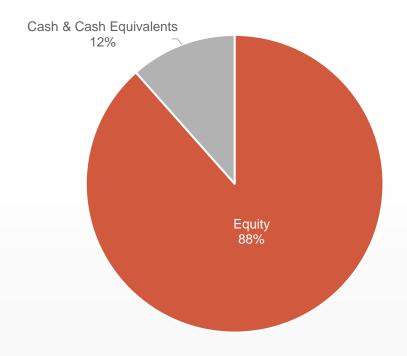
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02/07/24	Koike Sanso Kogyo Co Ltd	5827	+171.2%	Partial (45%)	10450	+79%	8x	Tactical reduction
02/07/24	Tomoe Corp	857	+129.1%	Partial (14%)	2020	+61%	8x	Tactical reduction
02/07/24	Endo Manufacturing Co Ltd	1384	+87.0%	Partial (11%)	1540	+80%	8x	Tactical reduction
02/07/24	Tv Tokyo Holdings Corp	3497	+96.2%	Total	2500	+81%	10x	Tactical reduction
16/07/24	Soda Nikka Co Ltd	1205	+107.0%	Partial(62%)	1590	+32%	8x	Tactical reduction
16/07/24	Morito Co Ltd	1495	+120.8%	Total	1600	< +/- 5%	10x	-
16/07/24	Okumura Corp	5170	+95.3%	Total	5190	< +/- 5%	8x	-
16/07/24	Tsubakimoto Kogyo Co Ltd	2140	+77.4%	Total	<u>2300</u>	< +/- 5%	8x	-
18/07/24	Chuo Spring Co Ltd	1229	+78.9%	Partial(43%)	2020	+64%	8x	Tactical reduction
18/07/24	Harima B-Stem Corp	775	+93.3%	Partial(9%)	1600	+106%	10x	Tactical reduction
18/07/24	Chugai Ro Co Ltd	3362	+95.5%	Partial(37%)	4450	+32%	8x	Tactical reduction
18/07/24	Nichireki Co Ltd	2392	+91.7%	Partial(40%)	3000	+25%	8x	Tactical reduction

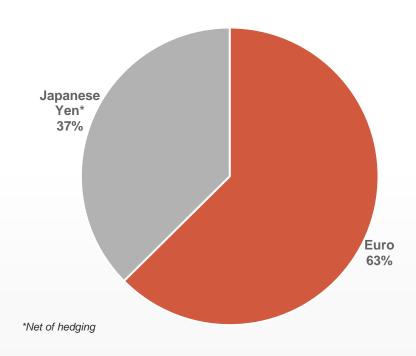
PORTFOLIO: Allocation summary



Breakdown by Asset Class as of 14 August '24



Breakdown by Currency as of 14 August '24



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 August '24)





Equity Exposure: 88% No of holdings: 142 Average Weight: 0.62% Median Weight: 0.57%

TOP 5 : 7.04% TOP 10: 12.83% TOP 25: 27.20% TOP 50: 47.32%

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 August '24)

Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
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Dainichiseika Colour Chemicals Mfg	0.63%	Inoue Kinzoku	0.48%
Katakura Industries	0.62%	Shinko Plantech Co Ltd	0.48%
Yamanashi Chuo Bank Ltd	0.62%	Hokuriku El Constr	0.47%
Super Tool Co Ltd	0.60%	Sec Carbon Ltd	0.47%
Sumitomo Densetsu	0.60%	Hyakujushi Bank	0.47%
Гокуо Kisen - Reg Shs	0.59%	Hanshin Diesel Works Ltd	0.47%
Nagaoka Intl	0.59%	Chugai Ro Co Ltd	0.47%
di-Lex	0.59%	Fujii Sangyo Corp	0.46%
cho Trading Co	0.59%	Nisshin Fusodan	0.46%
Aichi Tokei Denki Co Ltd	0.58%	Hisaka Works Ltd	0.45%
Asahi Diamond Industrial Co Ltd	0.58%	Meiji Electric Industries Co	0.45%
Okayama Paper Industries Co Ltd	0.58%	Nippon Rietec	0.45%
lippon Gear	0.57%	Nippon Kodoshi	0.45%
hinnihon Corp	0.57%	Ohmoto Gumi Co Ltd	0.44%
Akita Bank	0.56%	Chuoh Pack Industry Co Ltd	0.44%
onkyu Co Ltd	0.56%	Toba	0.44%
(yoritsu Air Tech	0.55%	Tsukishima Holdings Co. Ltd.	0.44%
lakano Corp	0.54%	Fuso Dentsu Co Ltd	0.43%
Mk Seiko	0.54%	Toagosei Co Ltd	0.42%
Jeki Corporation	0.54%	Takamatsu Machinery Co Ltd	0.42%
Ikk Switches	0.53%	Awa Bank Ltd	0.42%
Daiken Co Ltd	0.51%	Bank Of Iwate Ltd	0.42%
okohama Maruuo Co Ltd	0.50%	Ainavo Holdings - Reg Shs	0.41%
Denkyo Group Holdings Co., Ltd	0.49%	Oita Bank Ltd	0.41%
Thime Bank	0.49%	Kato Sangyo	0.41%
Global Food Creators Co Ltd	0.49%	Narasaki Sangyo Co Ltd	0.40%
Aiphone Co	0.49%	Shinki Bus Co Ltd	0.39%
Dnamba Co Ltd	0.48%	Mori-Gumi Co Ltd	0.39%
Fochigi Bank Ltd	0.48%	Osaka Kohki Co Ltd	0.38%



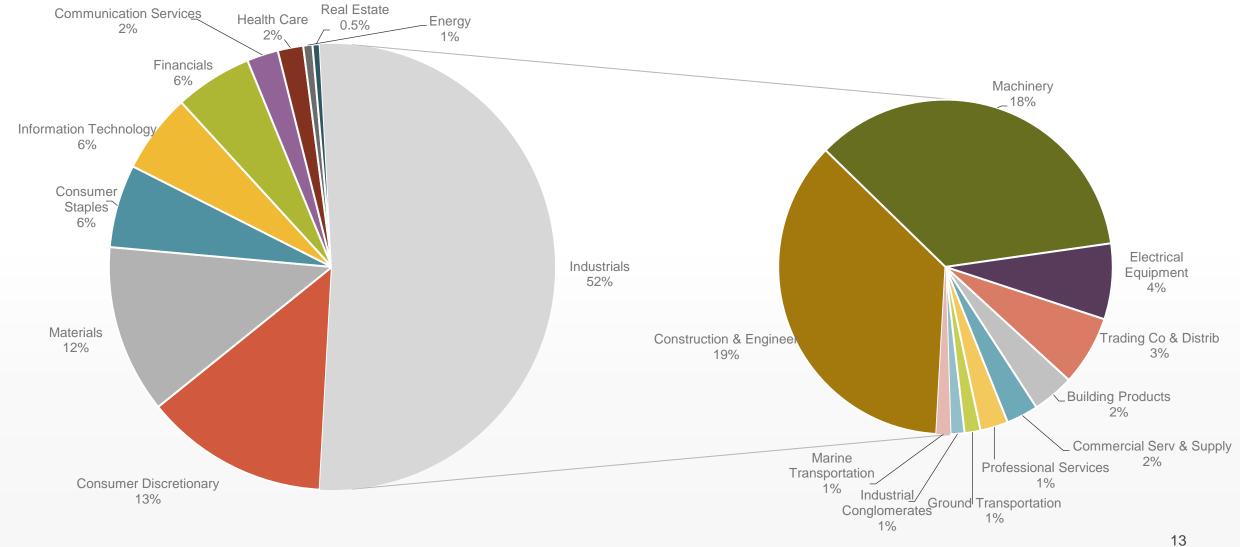
EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Holdings (as of 14 August '24)

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Holding	Portfolio Weight	Holding	Portfolio Weight
Tigers Polymer Corp	0.38%	Sumiken Mitsui Road Co Ltd	0.27%
Nichia Steel Works	0.38%	Yamagata Bank	0.26%
Nippon Computer System Co	0.37%	Car Mate Mfg. Co Ltd	0.24%
Hirano Tecseed	0.36%	Ryoden Corporation	0.23%
Maruzen Showa Unyu Co Ltd	0.34%	Sanko Metal Ind Co	0.23%
Tenox Corp	0.34%	Japan Tissue Engineering Co Ltd	0.22%
Sanyo Industries Ltd	0.34%	Futaba Corp	0.21%
Nichireki Co Ltd	0.31%	Komori Corporation	0.20%
Takamatsu Const	0.30%	Sekisui Jushi	0.20%
Asahi Broadcasting	0.30%	Cerespo Co Ltd	0.19%
Sato Foods Industries Co Ltd	0.30%	Soda Nikka Co Ltd	0.19%
Kanaden Corp	0.29%	Bank Of Saga	0.17%
Sanso Electric Co Ltd	0.28%	Ahjikan	0.12%

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Allocation summary: Breakdown by Sector as of 14 August '24





EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Change in holdings (31 July '24 - 14 August '24)



Holding	Trade	End Portfolio Weight	Change in Weight*	Total Return on sold positions
Ahjikan	BUY	0.12%	0.12%	
Global Food Creators	ADD	0.48%	0.11%	
Yokohama Maruuo	ADD	0.48%	0.07%	

^{*}Not adjusted for subscriptions/redemptions and changes in market value

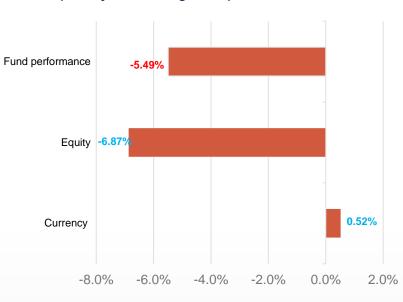
PORTFOLIO: Allocation & Performance summary



Fund* Chart (31 July '24 - 14 August '24)



Performance by Asset Class (31 July '24 - 14 August '24)



*class I

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: 15,35 mln € Project closure at 20 mln €

Performance contribution by Asset Class and Sector (31 July '24 - 14 August '24)

		2 weeks	
	Avg Weight (a)	Return (b)	Contribution (c = a*b)
Contribution by asset class			
Cash	13.5%	-	-
Equity*	86.5%	-6.87%	-5.94%
Currency (net of hedging)		0.52%	0.45%
Total performance			-5.49%
Equity Contribution by sector			
Energy	0.5%	-5.2%	-0.03%
Real Estate	0.5%	-11.1%	-0.05%
Health Care	1.6%	-7.3%	-0.12%
Communication Services	2.0%	-6.4%	-0.13%
Consumer Staples	5.1%	-3.4%	-0.17%
Information Technology	5.0%	-7.4%	-0.37%
Consumer Discretionary	11.5%	-3.7%	-0.43%
Materials	10.5%	-4.2%	-0.45%
Financials	4.9%	-11.9%	-0.58%
Industrials	44.9%	-8.1%	-3.62%
*Equity Performance is net of fees			

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Source: NicheAM, Refinitiv

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Performance (31 July '24 - 14 August '24)



Top performers*

Bottom performers

	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution		Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
Tomoe	0.8%	6.9%	0.06%	Techno Ryowa	0.9%	-17.6%	-0.17%
Pacific Metals	0.7%	3.2%	0.02%	Zenitaka	1.3%	-12.4%	-0.16%
Nihon Kagaku Sangyo	0.9%	2.3%	0.02%	Tokyo Energy & Systems	1.0%	-15.8%	-0.16%
Origin Limited	0.8%	1.5%	0.01%	Kyowakogyosyo	0.9%	-16.4%	-0.15%
Chuo Spring	1.0%	1.1%	0.01%	Human Holdings	1.2%	-10.5%	-0.12%
Shinki Bus	0.4%	0.7%	0.00%	Furukawa	0.7%	-17.1%	-0.12%
Chubu Suisan	0.7%	0.4%	0.00%	Trinity Industrial	1.2%	-10.4%	-0.12%
Sato Foods Industries	0.3%	-0.8%	0.00%	Sanyo Engineering & Construction	0.9%	-13.1%	-0.12%
Ahjikan	0.1%	-7.3%	0.00%	Komaihaltec	0.9%	-11.0%	-0.10%
Nakayamafuku	0.8%	-0.6%	0.00%	Nishikawa Rubber	1.2%	-8.1%	-0.10%
Zett	0.8%	-0.7%	-0.01%	Tochigi Bank	0.5%	-19.9%	-0.10%
Soda Nikka	0.2%	-4.2%	-0.01%	Hanshin Diesel Works	0.5%	-20.0%	-0.09%
Cerespo	0.2%	-5.0%	-0.01%	NKK Switches	0.6%	-16.4%	-0.09%
Yamagata Bank	0.2%	-4.3%	-0.01%	Kawagishi Bridge Works	0.8%	-11.1%	-0.09%
Harima B Stem	0.7%	-1.5%	-0.01%	lwabuchi	0.8%	-11.9%	-0.09%

^{*}Sorted from highest to lowest by Contribution

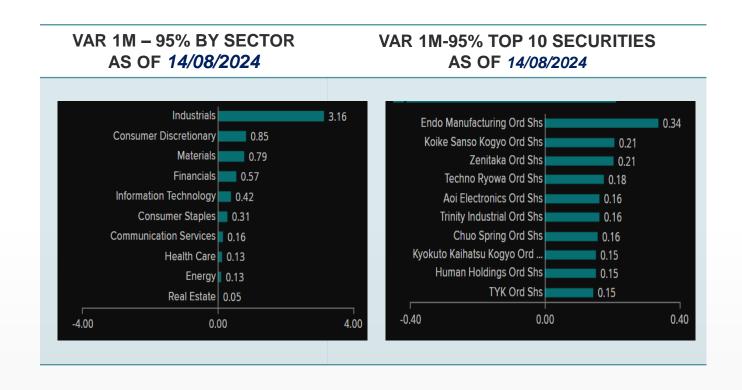
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Ex-ante analysis: VaR 1 month 95% as of 14/08/2024



Portfolio VaR Sensitivity

	95% VaR	99% VaR
Historical 1D	-1,19%	-2,69%
Historical 1W	-2,67%	-6,01%
Historical 1M	-5,60%	-12,62%



PORTFOLIO: FX hedging (as of 14 August '24)



Forex outright trades in place: JPY

Currency Pair	Contract Rate	Amount sold	Amount bought	Amount as a % of total JPY hedged	Maturity
EUR/JPY	169.84	-1,090,000,000 JPY	€ 6,417,993.94		11/10/2024
EUR/JPY	159.26	-180,000,000 JPY	€ 1,130,269.88		11/10/2024
% JPY exposure hedged				58%	

	14 August '24				
Total JPY Gross Exposure	2,201,065,708 (88,6% AUM)				
Total JPY hedged	1,270,000,000 (51,2% AUM)				
Total JPY Net Exposure	931,065,708 (37,4% AUM)				

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Indices % price changes



Index	Price as of 14/08/2024	% Price Change 2 weeks (local ccy)	% 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 Japanese Orphan Companies SDG*	1321.01	-	-5.49%	-	-1.21%	-	6.30%	-	15.69%	-	32.10%
MSCI ACWI Net (.dMIWD00000NUS)	433.40	-1.26%	-2.94%	2.64%	0.83%	11.67%	11.91%	19.23%	18.06%	46.96%	31.10%
MSCI Asia Pacific Value (.dMIAP0000VPUS)	165.73	-3.48%	-5.12%	-0.99%	-2.74%	4.57%	4.80%	10.92%	9.83%	31.19%	17.04%
MSCI Asia Pacific (.MIAP00000PUS)	179.03	-2.49%	-4.15%	0.30%	-1.47%	5.69%	5.92%	10.84%	9.75%	28.99%	15.08%
Korea (.KS200)	360.39	-5.28%	-5.99%	-2.87%	-3.96%	0.67%	-3.88%	7.15%	4.60%	28.09%	21.04%
Tokyo Stock Exchange (.TOPX)	2581.90	-7.60%	-7.52%	-5.46%	-1.38%	9.11%	4.71%	13.20%	10.74%	39.74%	22.32%
TOPX Small Market (.TOPXS)	2895.21	-7.56%	-7.49%	-5.18%	-1.09%	3.97%	-0.22%	8.82%	6.46%	29.17%	13.06%
China (.HSI)	17113.36	-1.33%	-2.76%	-10.28%	-11.64%	0.39%	0.82%	-8.84%	-9.42%	0.20%	-9.95%

^{*} class I

Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

^{* *}Inception date: 03/10/2022



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