

JOHCM Asia ex Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund

Fund overview

- The Fund aims to generate long-term capital growth through active management of a portfolio of Asian (excluding Japanese) equities (stocks with a market capitalisation of typically less than USD6 billion)
- Singapore-based Senior Fund Manager Cho-Yu Kooi and her team primarily focus on Asian small and medium-sized companies with sustainable, long-term quality growth characteristics
- These are businesses that can grow over economic and liquidity cycles and which generate high returns on the financial capital that they employ
- SFDR classification: Article 8. Please click [here](#) for further details
- Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index
- The use of the Index does not limit the investment decisions of the fund manager therefore the shareholdings of the Fund may differ significantly from those of the Index
- Please see the [Prospectus/KIID/KID](#) for further information. Please ensure you read and understand these documents before making an investment and wherever possible obtain professional advice

Performance highlights

Return since launch (%)



Return history

	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	SL	Annualised*
A EUR Class	1.82	8.36	-7.33	3.49	56.72	121.54	201.40	9.35
Benchmark	-0.26	9.29	11.31	26.27	57.17	105.55	160.66	8.07
Quartile**	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	-

Discrete 12 month performance to end of January

	01.24	01.23	01.22	01.21	01.20	01.19	01.18	01.17	01.16	01.15
A EUR Class	-7.33	-0.89	12.68	34.82	12.32	-12.27	0.97	6.15	1.93	47.49

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

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NAV of Share Class A in EUR, net income reinvested, net of fees. The A EUR Class was launched on 30 September 2011. Performance of other share classes may vary and is available on request.

*Annualised since launch. **Refers to the fund's ranking in a peer group of funds made up from all funds classified as Asia Pacific ex Japan, by the Investment Association (IA) or Asia Pacific ex Japan Small and Mid-Cap by Lipper Global. Funds included may be domiciled in the UK, Ireland, or Luxembourg. Lipper ranking is from A GBP Class.

Share class: A EUR Class

ISIN: IE00B6R5VD95

Fund details

Fund size	EUR 24.17m
Strategy size	EUR 26.71m
Launch date	30 September 2011
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap NR (12pm adjusted)
No. of holdings	50
Domicile	Ireland
Fund structure	UCITS
Tax status	UK reporting status
Denominations	GBP, EUR, USD
Valuation point	12pm Dublin time
SFDR	Article 8

Total strategy assets updated quarterly and shown as at 31 December 2023.

Fund managers



Cho-Yu Kooi

Senior Fund Manager

Cho-Yu has managed the Fund since 2011. She joined JOHCM in 2011 and has 30 years of industry experience.



Samir Mehta

Senior Fund Manager

Samir is the alternate fund manager. He joined JOHCM in 2011 and has 33 years of industry experience.

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Portfolio analysis (%)

Data as at 31 January 2024

Top 10 holdings

	Absolute	Relative
M31 Technology	4.8	4.7
Max Healthcare	4.6	4.6
Minda	3.8	3.6
L'Occitane	3.7	3.7
ABB India	3.6	3.6
Apollo Hospitals	3.6	3.6
Samsonite	3.6	3.6
Sumber Alfaria Trijaya	3.6	3.6
eMemory Technology	3.0	3.0
Aegis Logistics	2.4	2.3
Total	36.7	

Sector breakdown

	Absolute	Relative
Information Technology	33.2	12.1
Consumer Staples	16.5	11.5
Health Care	15.7	6.4
Industrials	18.5	1.1
Energy	2.4	1.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.8	0.5
Utilities	0.0	-2.6
Communication Services	0.0	-3.8
Real Estate	0.0	-7.3
Materials	1.7	-9.5
Financials	0.0	-9.6
Cash	0.2	0.2

Active positions

Top 5	Relative
M31 Technology	4.7
Max Healthcare	4.6
L'Occitane	3.7
ABB India	3.6
Apollo Hospitals	3.6
Bottom 5	Relative
Coforge	-0.5
Mapletree	-0.4
Embassy REIT	-0.4
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding	-0.3
Chicony Electronics	-0.3

Country breakdown

	Absolute	Relative
Taiwan	37.2	10.8
India	28.3	-4.7
Indonesia	9.6	7.4
Hong Kong	8.7	5.2
Thailand	5.6	1.9
Malaysia	4.1	1.3
Philippines	2.9	2.0
Singapore	1.9	-3.1
China	1.5	-6.1
South Korea	0.0	-14.7
Cash	0.2	0.2

Market cap breakdown

	Absolute	Relative
Large (>USD 6bn)	27.9	27.0
Mid (USD 1 - 6bn)	62.5	-7.0
Small (<USD 1bn)	9.5	-20.2
Cash	0.2	0.2

Attribution & contribution (%)

Stock attribution

Top contributors	Relative return
M31 Technology	1.86
Max Healthcare	0.68
L'Occitane	0.46
Apollo Hospitals	0.45
eMemory Technology	0.39
Top detractors	
Polycab	-0.87
Samsonite	-0.56
BYD Electronic	-0.51
Sumber Alfaria Trijaya	-0.37
BizLink	-0.18

Country attribution*

	Relative return
Taiwan	2.27
Korea	1.02
China	0.62
Thailand	0.41
Hong Kong	0.24
Philippines	-0.01
Malaysia	-0.21
Singapore	-0.24
Indonesia	-0.43
India	-1.53

*Excludes cash

Please note that due to rounding breakdowns may not add to 100.00%. All Attribution figures are as at end of day and are calculated on a gross basis.



Fund manager's commentary

- Asian equities declined in January due to the Fed's stance on interest rates, heightened tensions in the Middle East and US restrictions on China
- The fund outperformed by remaining overweight in Taiwan and underweight in China, Hong Kong and Korea
- Selective additions were made in Taiwan's tech sector, as the technology upcycle broadened out to include more sub-sectors with attractive valuations

Asian equities lost ground in January as the Federal Reserve pushed back on hopes of imminent interest rate cuts. Higher oil prices due to the ongoing geopolitical volatility in the Middle East, and the disruption of shipping routes through the Red Sea led investors to price in some geopolitical premium. The MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Small Cap Index fell 2.4% in USD terms and 1.9% in GBP terms. China and Hong Kong equities suffered sharp sell-offs triggered by the lack of strong policy responses to tackle the country's weak economy and deflationary outlook and news flow on further US restrictions on China's biotech and technology sectors. Anticorruption campaigns in the financial and healthcare industries and even the Chinese military shook investor confidence. Korea was also a laggard, dragged lower on broad-based profit-taking across stocks in the healthcare, consumer, gaming, technology and battery supply chain. On the other hand, India was the star performer as investors remained optimistic about its long-term growth trajectory. Taiwan was also well supported after Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company gave a bullish growth guidance, suggesting that the semiconductor industry upcycle is upon us, driven by rising artificial intelligence adoption.

The fund outperformed the benchmark in January, lifted by our overweight stance and good stock selection in Taiwan, and our underweight positions in China and Korea. India was a drag this month due to a negative corporate development in one of our holdings, which we have sold out. The cash was deployed in Taiwan, where we have selectively added to our holdings as profit-taking presented us with opportunities.

With China and Hong Kong equities off to a very rough start to the year, it has been reported that the Chinese government has deployed its "National Team" to prop up the stock market in China. We are sceptical that such a band-aid measure can sustain any short-term rallies without addressing the root causes of the deflationary backdrop and fragile domestic demand, as corporate profitability will remain depressed. As such, we stay underweighted in both China and Hong Kong equities. While we like the long-term growth prospects of India, given the government's supply side reforms to build out its infrastructure and enhance manufacturing opportunities for companies, the market's valuations are rich. As such, we have pared down our position and are now underweight in the Indian market. In Taiwan, we have added selectively to our technology holdings as the technology upcycle broadens out to include more sub-sectors with more attractive valuations. We are hopeful that ASEAN has a chance to shine in 2024 as the "Goldilocks" prognosis of the US economy spurs rate cut hopes and enables ASEAN central banks to pivot to growth as opposed to macro stability in their policy decisions.

Performance over 1 month	%
Fund - A EUR Class	1.82
Benchmark	-0.26

Statistics

	Annualised since launch
Active share* (%)	95.39
Fund volatility (%)	15.65
Benchmark volatility (%)	14.82
Alpha	2.05
R squared	0.73
Correlation	0.85
Tracking error (%)	8.28
Information ratio	0.15
Sharpe ratio	0.52

Data calculated weekly.

*The proportion of stock holdings in a fund's composition is different from the composition found in its benchmark. The greater the difference between the composition of the fund and its benchmark, the greater the active share.

Fund awards & ratings



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Country registration

	A GBP	B GBP	A EUR	B EUR	A USD	B USD
Austria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Denmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
France	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Germany	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jersey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Luxembourg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Netherlands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Singapore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Switzerland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg	WKN	Initial charge	Annual charge	Ongoing charge	Minimum investment*
A EUR Class	IE00B6R5VD95	B6R5VD9	JXJSMEI ID	A1JT3D	Up to 5%	0.90%	1.40%	£1,000
B EUR Class	IE00B6R5HM01	B6R5HM0	JXJSMER ID	A1JT3A	Up to 5%	1.50%	2.00%	£1,000

Performance fee: A performance fee of 15% is payable on the excess if the NAV outperforms the Index Adjusted NAV (as defined in the Fund supplement) on an annual basis. The calculation is performed daily. Any underperformance is carried forward. Please note that the A share class is not subject to a performance fee.

Ongoing Charge is as at 31 December 2023.

*Other currency equivalents apply.

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