

## BL EQUITIES JAPAN

B JPY Acc

Share Class of BL

**BLI** BANQUE DE  
LUXEMBOURG  
INVESTMENTS
**Fund Characteristics**

AUM	¥93493.99 mn
Fund Launch date	27/06/2011
Share class	
Reference currency	JPY
Legal structure	(SICAV)
Domicile	LU
European Passport	Yes
Countries of registration	
AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IT, LU, NL, NO, PT, SE, SG	
Risk Indicator (SRI)	5
SFDR Classification	8
% Sustainable Assets	58%

**Representative Market Index**

MSCI Japan NR JPY

**Fund Manager**

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Dealing frequency daily<sup>1</sup>

Cut-off-time 12:00 CET  
Front-load fee max. 5%  
Redemption fee none

NAV calculation daily<sup>1</sup>  
NAV publication www.fundinfo.com

<sup>1</sup> Luxembourg banking business day

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**Investment Objective**

The fund's objective is to generate long-term capital gains by investing in quality Japanese companies that have a sustainable competitive advantage and a solid ESG (environmental, social and governance) profile. It aims to generate higher risk-adjusted returns than its benchmark universe over a full market cycle.

A minimum of 30% of the fund's assets will be invested in sustainable assets.

Alongside these financial objectives, environmental, social and governance performance targets for the portfolio have been set and are regularly monitored.

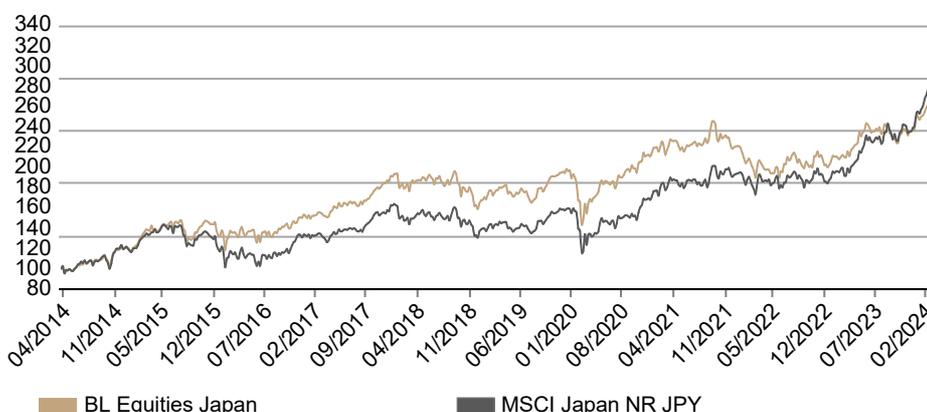
The fund manager implements an active, long-term strategy based on solid convictions.

**Key Facts**

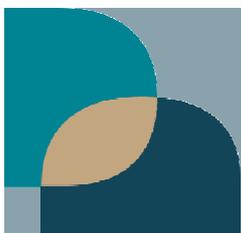
- An active, fundamental, conviction-based approach (40 to 60 stocks), purely bottom-up and oriented towards the long term;
- Constant attention is paid to the quality of the fundamentals and the valuation of the companies included in the portfolio;
- A balanced portfolio structure between export-oriented companies and those operating mainly on the domestic market;
- Integration of ESG factors at different stages of the investment process (exclusions, analysis, valuation, monitoring of controversies, voting policy and engagement);
- Defined and quantifiable impact indicators on environmental, social, governance and human rights aspects;
- Non-benchmarked management resulting in significant deviations from the initial investment universe;
- A controlled turnover rate.

**Fund Performance**

Past performance does not guarantee or predict future performance. References to a market index or peer group are made for comparison purposes only; the market index or peer group are not mentioned in the investment policy of the sub-fund. Investors are also invited to consult the performance chart disclosed in the key information document of the shareclass.



Yearly Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
B JPY Acc	9.7%	18.2%	-8.3%	2.9%	10.3%	19.6%
Reference Index	19.2%	28.6%	-4.5%	13.4%	8.8%	18.5%
Cumulative Performance	1 Month	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
B JPY Acc	1.2%	9.7%	21.9%	16.7%	47.6%	160.5%
Reference Index	4.2%	19.2%	43.0%	52.7%	98.8%	180.7%
Annualized Performance	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years		
B JPY Acc	21.9%	5.3%	8.1%	10.0%		
Reference Index	43.0%	15.1%	14.7%	10.9%		
Annualized Volatility	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years		
B JPY Acc	13.6%	14.0%	16.4%	16.8%		
Reference Index	14.5%	15.1%	18.3%	18.6%		



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### Top 10 Holdings

SECOM	3.5%
Nichirei Corp	3.2%
Tokyo Electron Ltd	3.2%
Unicharm	3.1%
Sony	3.1%
Rohto Pharmaceutical	2.9%
Disco	2.8%
Keyence	2.8%
Japan Exchange Group Inc	2.7%
Hoshizaki	2.6%

### Summary Statistics

Weight of Top 10	29.8%
Number of holdings	50
Active Share vs MSCI Japan	71.1%

### New investments

Nissin Foods Holdings Co Ltd

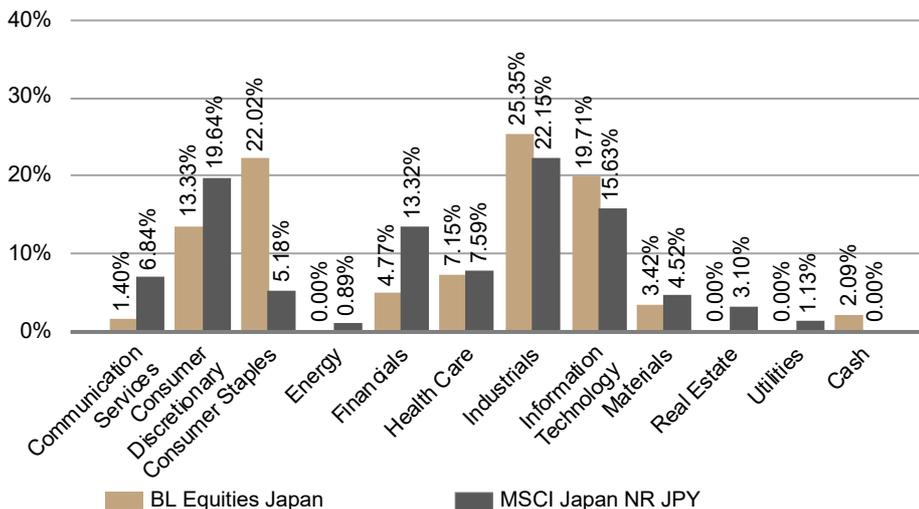
### Investments sold

Nakanishi  
Pigeon  
Square Enix Holdings

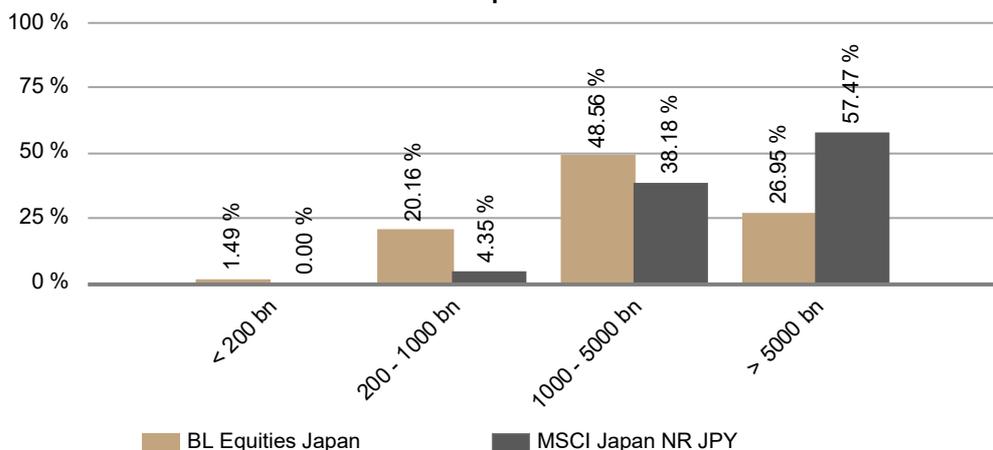
### Currency Allocation

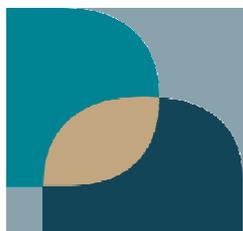
JPY	97.2%
Other	0.0%
Cash	2.1%

Sector Allocation vs Index



Market Cap vs Index





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The Japanese market continued its rise based on the same drivers than the months before. These include a weak yen, ongoing improvement in corporate governance and shareholders return, reallocation of funds to Japan by international investors, the ongoing hype surrounding AI and strong global equity markets. The Bank of Japan also provided some support support after it hiked its rates, but also announced several changes to its policies that reassured investors. As a result the Topix index reached new highs not seen since 1989, with financials and exporter leading the gains. As for the portfolio holdings, the three major contributors to performance were Disco, Nichirei and Zozo, while Asahi Intecc, Kobe Bussan and Murata Manufacturing were the three main detractors to performance.

In terms of management operations, the holdings in Square Enix, Pigeon and Nakanishi were sold to focus on companies with more promising long-term outlooks in the same sectors and a position in Nissin Foods was initiated. Nissin Foods is not only the inventor of instant noodles, but also the largest company in this food segment. It also created the first instant noodle product in cup containers. In this segment, Cup Noodles is its global brand, marketed in Asia, the Americas, and Europe. Nissin's competitive strength is mainly based on intangible assets, like brand equity and product innovations supported by R&D and marketing capabilities. It is the clear leader in Japan with over 30% market share in instant noodles and dominates the segment of cup instant noodles with ca. 50% market share, both on an upwards trend over 10 years. Consumer research indicates that Nissin is among the most differentiated Japanese consumer brands, which is a strong indicator of pricing power. Apart from product innovations, Nissin is known for its unique and creative marketing approach, which helps the brand stay connected with consumers. The company benefits from structural growth drivers for cup noodles, which include convenience, changing lifestyles and premiumization. It also invests in new businesses that focus on nutritionally balanced dishes, in line with Japanese dietary intake standards. Overseas the expansion plans to focus on areas like the US, Brazil and Mexico, where the Japanese diaspora is large and the brand already has a strong image.

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Carbon Emissions Intensity	39.16 (100.0%)	67.57 (100.0%)
Environmental Controversy Scheme	9.86 (100.0%)	9.34 (100.0%)

**Social**

Social Controversy Score	7.97 (100.0%)	5.52 (100.0%)
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**Governance**

Governance Controversy Score	9.95 (100.0%)	8.03 (100.0%)
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**Global Norms**

UN Global Compact Signatories	31.0% (100.0%)	31.0% (100.0%)
UN Global Compact Compliant	99.0% (100.0%)	97.0% (100.0%)
UN Global Compact Watchlist	1.0% (100.0%)	3.0% (100.0%)
UN Global Compact Fail	0.0% (100.0%)	0.0% (100.0%)

Scores / 10

(%) : Data Coverage

The fund excludes the 20% worst performing companies in terms of ESG from its investment universe.

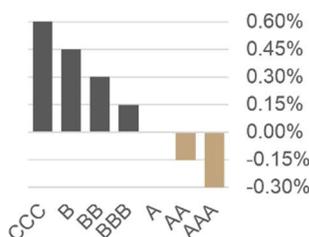
The objectives in terms of impact indicators are to outperform the relevant market index over the long term.

**ESG Methodology****PRE INVESTMENT****Exclusions (BLI's general policy):**

- Companies
  - Active in the production of **controversial weapons**
  - Included in the **Global Coal Exit List**
- Companies not complying with the Principles of the **UN Global Compact** (\*)
- Companies involved in **highly severe controversies** (red flag) (\*)

**Ad-hoc exclusion:** Tobacco sector**Reduction of the universe by 20%:** exclusion of companies with an ESG rating below BB \***INTRA INVESTMENT****ESG Integration**

- **Integration of ESG factors in the valuation process**
  - Increase / Reduction of Cost of equity depending on ESG rating (\*)

**POST INVESTMENT****Voting policy**

- As an active investor, BLI votes at the annual meetings of invested companies

**Engagement policy**

- BLI initiates an active engagement policy with invested companies.
- Focus is on defined impact factors as well as wider ESG topics.

**Controversies follow-up:** Ongoing monitoring of analysed controversies to assess realised progressmonthly and annual **monitoring of impact indicators** on E, S and G factors and on respect for human rights (UN GC)

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Institutional	No	BI	JPY	Acc	0.60%	0.75%	LU0578148610	BLEQJAI LX
Institutional	No	BI CHF Hedged	CHF	Acc	0.60%	0.74%	LU1484142382	BLEJBIC LX
Institutional	No	BI EUR Hedged	EUR	Acc	0.60%	0.74%	LU1484142465	BLEJBIE LX
Retail	No	A	JPY	Dis	1.25%	1.48%	LU0578147992	BLEJPBA LX
Retail	Yes	AM	JPY	Dis	0.85%	1.11%	LU1484141814	BLEJBAM LX
Retail	No	B	JPY	Acc	1.25%	1.44%	LU0578148453	BLEJPBC LX
Retail	No	B CHF Hedged	CHF	Acc	1.25%	1.44%	LU1305478007	BLEJBCH LX
Retail	No	B EUR Hedged	EUR	Acc	1.25%	1.45%	LU0887931292	BLEJHAE LX
Retail	No	B USD Hedged	USD	Acc	1.25%	1.43%	LU1008595644	BLEJPH2 LX
Retail	Yes	BM	JPY	Acc	0.85%	1.06%	LU1484141905	BLEJPBM LX
Retail	Yes	BM CHF Hedged	CHF	Acc	0.85%	1.03%	LU1484142200	BLEJBMC LX
Retail	Yes	BM EUR Hedged	EUR	Acc	0.85%	1.04%	LU1484142036	BLEJBME LX
Retail	Yes	BM USD Hedged	USD	Acc	0.85%	1.04%	LU1484142119	BLEJBMU LX

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