

# FSSA Japan Equity Fund Class III USD

a subfund of First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund plc (the Company)

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to grow your investment.

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in shares of companies based in, or closely associated with, Japan that are listed on exchanges worldwide. The Fund may invest up to 100% in any industry.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of risk reduction or efficient management.

## Fund information

Fund launch date	02 February 2015
Share class launch date	02 February 2015
Fund size (US\$m)	198.7
Benchmark	TOPIX Net Total Return Index*
Number of holdings	49
Fund manager(s)	Sophia Li/Martin Lau
Minimum investment	US\$500,000
Initial charge	0% <sup>c</sup>
Ongoing charges <sup>†</sup>	0.87%
Share type	Accumulation
Sedol	BSJWPM9
ISIN	IE00BSJWPM96
Research rating <sup>‡</sup>	Morningstar®:Bronze

\* The benchmark of the Fund changed from MSCI Japan Gross to MSCI Japan Net with effect from 1 July 2016. This change has been reflected in the calculation of the benchmark performance. The benchmark of the Fund changed from MSCI Japan Net Index to TOPIX Net Total Return Index with effect from 9 December 2021. This change has been reflected in the calculation of the benchmark performance.

## Annual performance (% in USD) to 29 February 2024

	12mths to 29/02/24	12mths to 28/02/23	12mths to 28/02/22	12mths to 28/02/21	12mths to 29/02/20
Fund return	0.2	-16.4	-15.3	59.8	3.8
Benchmark return	24.8	-8.6	-4.3	28.4	1.1

## Cumulative performance (% in USD) to 29 February 2024

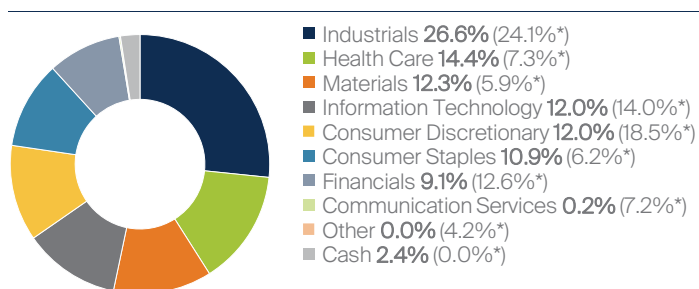
Period	3mths	6mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since Inception
Fund return	1.6	1.7	0.2	-29.1	17.6	-	95.6
Benchmark return	11.5	12.7	24.8	9.1	41.6	-	79.1

These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than USD, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

## Ten largest company holdings

Stock Name	%
GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.	6.7
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	4.5
RAKUS Co., Ltd.	4.4
BayCurrent Consulting, Inc.	4.1
Lasertec Corp.	3.3
Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	3.3
Sony Group Corporation	3.3
Shoei Co. Ltd. (7839)	3.1
SMS Co., Ltd.	3.0
Olympus Corp.	2.9

## Sector breakdown



\*Index weight

Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and First Sentier Investors. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities.

All performance data for the FSSA Japan Equity Fund Class III (Accumulation) USD as at 29 February 2024. Source for fund - Lipper IM / First Sentier Investors (UK) Funds Limited. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - TSE, income reinvested net of tax. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 02 February 2015.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.

**The Fund may experience the following risks:**

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

**Single country / specific region risk:** investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.

**Smaller companies risk:** investments in smaller companies may be riskier and more difficult to buy and sell than investments in larger companies.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company prospectus.

Investment should be made on the basis of the Prospectus and Key Information Document. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please seek independent financial advice.



## For further information

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