

**KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Quality comes first, we seek growth that can endure
- Team-based approach, rather than star-manager fund, which we believe leads to greater consistency
- ESG integrated into the investment process leveraging proprietary ESG research
- Culture matters. Comgest's broad partnership structure incentivises long-term thinking, an ESG mindset, teamwork and low employee turnover

**INVESTMENT TEAM**

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Team may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest Group.

**RISK PROFILE**

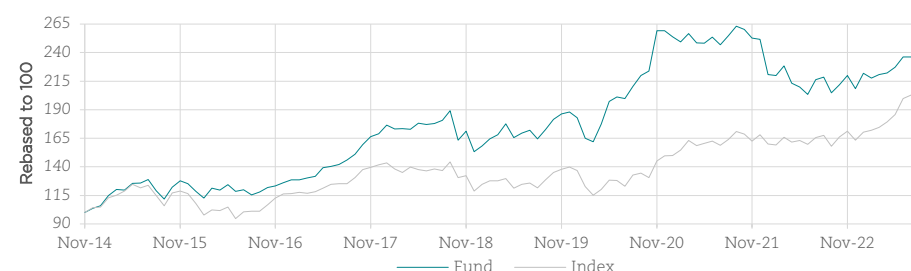
The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly. UK investors should refer to the UCITS KIID which is available on the fund pages at [www.comgest.com](http://www.comgest.com).

**INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of high-quality, long-term growth companies. The Fund will invest at least two-thirds of its assets in securities issued by companies listed or traded on regulated markets that have their headquarters in, or principally carry out their activities in Japan or in securities issued or guaranteed by the Japanese government.

The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more).

**CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100)****ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Annualised							Since Incep.
	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
Fund	-3.2	-3.2	9.7	4.7	2.8	4.8	--	10.0
Index	0.4	1.9	24.8	21.5	15.3	8.3	--	8.5
Fund Volatility	--	--	--	17.0	18.1	19.8	--	19.0
Index Volatility	--	--	--	13.4	14.5	18.7	--	18.5

**CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fund	20.8	0.8	33.9	-9.3	22.6	37.8	-2.9	-17.1
Index	11.7	0.0	21.8	-16.3	17.7	7.0	12.4	-2.9

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END**

	2Q15 -2Q16	2Q16 -2Q17	2Q17 -2Q18	2Q18 -2Q19	2Q19 -2Q20	2Q20 -2Q21	2Q21 -2Q22	2Q22 -2Q23
Fund	-5.7	18.5	26.0	-4.2	18.7	26.0	-19.8	16.2
Index	-22.2	31.8	9.3	-8.6	2.7	26.9	-1.8	25.2

Performance data expressed in JPY. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: Topix - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

**Past performance does not predict future returns.**

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

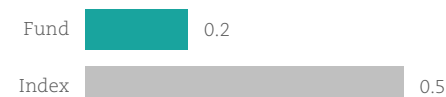
The cumulative graph and "Since Inception" data may refer to the last relaunch date of the share class which may differ from its actual inception date. Calendar year past performance is only shown for years for which a full calendar year of past performance is available.

**RATINGS (AS AT 31/07/2023)**

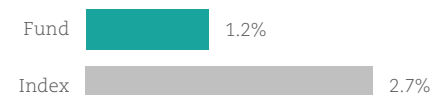
Morningstar Category:  
EAA Fund Japan Large-Cap Equity  
(Number of funds in Category: 1289)

**SFDR CLASSIFICATION: Article 8**

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics.

**CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>**

Source: MSCI as at 30/06/2023, tCO<sub>2</sub>e per JPY m invested.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>**

Source: Trucost as at 30/06/2023, estimation of the environmental costs per JPY m invested.

31 August 2023

## FUND COMMENTARY

The month of August saw solid earnings releases from many of our investee companies, with teens profit growth in currency-adjusted EBITDA. Two such examples were Daikin and Keyence. At the same time, there was a disappointing share price reaction to many such releases, perhaps reflecting not fundamentals but rather market rotation factors and a preference for firms which are going through significant restructuring or talking about it.

Technology and China automation demand are giving mixed signals. Whilst some of our semiconductor or electronic components holdings are still reacting to customer inventory normalisation, they are between hopeful and very optimistic about a recovery later in the calendar year. Fanuc spoke cautiously about China demand, but this commentary may reflect its exposure to a few large clients in the country.

The removal of group travel restrictions from China should be a boon for investee companies benefitting from physical traffic, such as Fast Retailing. We believe that effect has not yet been reflected in the share price.

The initial rebound of Japan's market this year has driven large capital flows into certain themes like monetary policy beneficiaries (the Bank of Japan changed Yield Curve Control implementation in July but reiterated the policy itself), artificial intelligence related companies and restructuring or potential restructuring stories. The more detailed work to discover excellent companies growing strongly and discounted to global peers is yet to come, we believe, and when it does our portfolio should be a natural winner. Earnings releases like those we saw this month proved the health and strategy of our portfolio holdings quite uniformly, and we are confident that the market will evaluate these features.

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	¥348,926.4
Number of holdings	42
Average weighted market cap (bn)	¥4,315.2
Weight of top 10 stocks	34.6%
Active share	80.8%

Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents

## TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)

	Fund
Suzuki Motor	3.8
ORIX	3.8
Sony Group	3.8
Keyence	3.4
FAST RETAILING	3.4

Above holdings are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Index
Consumer Discretionary	22.0	18.5
Information Technology	18.7	13.2
Industrials	16.0	24.5
Health Care	10.1	8.0
Consumer Staples	8.8	7.0
Financials	8.8	11.3
Materials	7.1	5.8
Communication Services	4.1	7.4
[Cash]	3.7	--
Utilities	0.6	1.4
Real Estate	--	2.0
Energy	--	0.9

Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Index
Japan	96.3	100.0
[Cash]	3.7	--

Source: Comgest / MSCI country classification

## RISKS

This Fund has the following core inherent risks (non-exhaustive list):

- Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.
- The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase.
- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.
- To the extent that the Fund is invested in or denominated in a currency other than yours, the cost and return in your currency may increase or decrease due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

Please see important information on following pages.

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**FUND DETAILS****ISIN:** IE00BQ1YBP44**Bloomberg:** CGJPYIA ID**Domicile:** Ireland**Dividend Policy:** Accumulation**Fund Base Currency:** JPY**Share Class Currency:** JPY**Inception Date:** 17/12/2014**Index (used for comparative purposes only):**  
Topix - Net Return**Ongoing Charges:** 0.90% p.a of the NAV**Investment Manager's Fees (part of ongoing charges):** 0.85% p.a of the NAV**Maximum Sales Charge:** None**Exit Charge:** None**Minimum Initial Investment:** JPY 75,000,000**Minimum Holding:** None**Contact for Subscriptions and Redemptions:**CACEIS Investor Services Ireland Limited  
Dublin\_TA\_Customer\_Support@caceis.com  
Tel: +353 1 440 6555 / Fax: +353 1 613 0401**Dealing Frequency:** Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin and the primary trading exchanges in Japan are open for business**Cut Off:** 5:00 pm Irish time on day D-1  
An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party**NAV:** Calculated using closing prices of D**NAV Known:** D+1**Settlement:** D+3**Legal Structure:** Comgest Growth Japan, a sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)**Management Company:** None as Comgest Growth plc is self-managed**Investment Manager:** Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL) Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SEC registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training**Sub-Investment Manager:** Comgest S.A. (CSA) Regulated by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers - GP 90023**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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- Switzerland: BNP Paribas, Paris, Zurich Branch, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zürich.

Further information or reporting may be available from the Investment Manager upon request.

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**Carbon Footprint:** estimates the apportioned Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emissions of the portfolio holdings.

**Environmental Footprint:** estimates the apportioned ratio of annual costs linked to greenhouse gases, water abstraction, waste generation, air, land & water pollutants, and natural resource use associated with the portfolio holdings per JPY m invested.

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**Active Share:** The percentage of fund holdings that is different from the reference index holdings. A fund that has no holdings in common with the reference index will have an active share of 100%, and a fund that has exactly the same holdings as the reference index considered will have an active share of 0%.

**ADR - American Depositary Receipt:** A negotiable security that represents securities of a foreign company and allows that company's shares to trade in the financial markets of the United States.

**Annualised:** A figure converted into an annual rate. Figures covering a period of more than one year are averaged to present a figure for a 12-month period.

**Bp(s) - Basis point(s):** One basis point is equal to one hundredth of 1% (i.e. 0.01%).

**BV - Book Value:** The value of the company assets minus its liabilities.

**CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate:** The rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each year of the investment's lifespan.

**CapEx - Capital Expenditure:** The money invested by a company to acquire or upgrade fixed, physical, non-consumable assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

**Cash Flow:** The net amount of cash and cash equivalents being transferred in and out of a company. Cash received signifies inflows, and cash spent signifies outflows.

**CPI - Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures the overall change in consumer prices based on a representative basket of goods and services over time. It is the metric often used to measure inflation.

**DY - Dividend Yield:** A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

**EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation expenses to net income.

**EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest and tax expenses to net income.

**EPS - Earnings Per Share:** The profits of a company attributed to each share, calculated by dividing profits after tax by the number of shares. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

**FCF - Free Cash Flow:** The cash generated by a company from its normal business operations after subtracting any money spent on capital expenditures.

**GDP - Gross Domestic Product:** The total market value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's border in a specific time period.

**GDR - Global Depositary Receipt:** A certificate issued by a bank that represents shares in a foreign stock on two or more global markets. A GDR is similar to an American depositary receipt (ADR), except an ADR only lists shares of a foreign country in the markets of the United States.

**LTM - Last 12 Months:** LTM multiples are backward-looking and are based on historical performance.

**Market Cap(italisation):** A measure of a company's size, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares in issue by the current share price. Companies are commonly grouped according to size, such as small cap, mid cap, large cap or all cap. There is no consensus on the definition of these groupings and they may vary from portfolio to portfolio depending on the country of investment.

**NAV - Net Asset Value:** The current market value of the portfolio's assets minus the portfolio's liabilities.

**NTM - Next 12 Months:** NTM multiples are forward-looking and are based on projected performance.

**Ongoing Charges:** A fund's operational costs over a year. Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of the average fund size over the year and include, for example, investment manager's fees, administration fees and custody costs.

**Operating Margin:** Measures how much profit a company makes on a dollar (or relevant currency) of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax.

**Operating Profit:** A company's gross income less operating expenses and other business-related expenses, such as wages, cost of goods sold (COGS) and depreciation.

**Organic Growth:** Growth a company achieves by increasing output and enhancing sales through the business' own operations and internal processes. This does not include profits or growth attributable to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange but rather an increase in sales and expansion through the company's own resources.

**Organic Sales:** Sales generated from within a company that are a direct result of the company's existing operations and internal processes. Organic sales do not include the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange.

**P/B or P/BV - Price-to-Book Value Ratio:** Measures the market's valuation of a company relative to its book value. P/B or P/BV is calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share.

**P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio:** A ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing the current market price by the earnings per share.

**P/S - Price-to-Sales Ratio:** A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. It is an indicator of the value that financial markets have placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues.

**PEG - Price/Earnings-To-Growth Ratio:** A stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. The PEG ratio is used to determine a stock's value while also factoring in the company's expected earnings growth.

**PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index:** An index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.

**Reference Index:** Index against which a fund's performance is compared.

**ROE - Return On Equity:** Measures financial performance and is calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity. ROE is a gauge of a company's profitability and how efficiently it generates those profits.

**ROIC - Return On Invested Capital:** Calculation used to assess a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments.

**SME - Small- Or Medium-Sized Enterprise:** A company, or companies considered as a group, that are neither very small nor very large and which employ fewer than a given number of employees. This number varies across countries.

**Volatility:** Measures the movements of an asset up and down over time. Volatility is generally considered to be a measure of risk.