



# Matthews Asia

## FUND FACTS (USD)

Total Fund Assets	\$100.6 million
Benchmark	MSCI Japan Index
Management Fee	0.75%
Minimum Initial Investment	\$1,000/£500
Minimum Subsequent Investment	\$100/£50
Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Available Share Classes	A, I
Base Currency	USD
Additional Dealing Currencies	GBP
Net Asset Value	
I Acc (USD)	\$14.72
I Acc (GBP)	£18.45

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

<b>Taizo Ishida</b>	<b>Shuntaro Takeuchi</b>
Lead Manager	Lead Manager
<b>Donghoon Han</b>	
Co-Manager	

## KEY RISKS

The value of an investment in the Fund can go down as well as up and possible loss of principal is a risk of investing. Investments in international market securities may involve risks such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange-rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation. The Fund invests in holdings denominated in foreign currency, and is exposed to the risk that the value of the foreign currency will increase or decrease. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, which may result in increased volatility. Investments in a single-country fund may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than diversified funds because of concentration in a specific country. Pandemics and other public health emergencies can result in market volatility and disruption. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

## MATTHEWS ASIA

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance. As of 30 September 2023, Matthews Asia had US\$11.0 billion in assets under management.

# Japan Fund

Matthews Asia Funds

## Class I Shares

30 September 2023

## Investment Objective

Long-term capital appreciation.

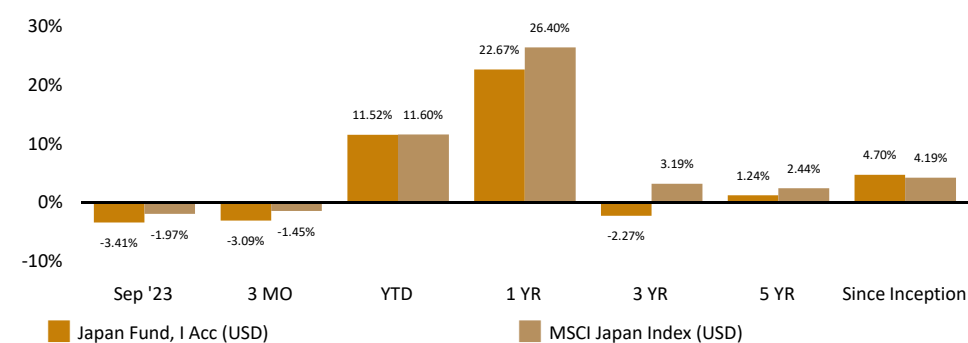
## Sustainability

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics according to Article 8 of SFDR. Furthermore, the Fund uses both activity- and norm-based exclusions. Information relating to the environmental and social characteristics of this Fund is available in the prospectus on our website.

## Available Share Classes

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	CUSIP
I Acc (USD)	LU1220257130	BWX5XW8	L6263Q793
I Acc (GBP)	LU1220257486	BWX5XY0	L6263Q819

## Performance as of 30 September 2023<sup>†</sup>



Japan Fund	Sep '23	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	Since Inception	Inception
I Acc (USD)	-3.41%	-3.09%	11.52%	22.67%	-2.27%	1.24%	4.70%	30 Apr 2015
I Acc (GBP)	-0.11%	0.00%	9.43%	10.41%	-0.82%	2.46%	7.55%	30 Apr 2015
MSCI Japan Index (USD)	-1.97%	-1.45%	11.60%	26.40%	3.19%	2.44%	4.19%	n.a.

## Rolling 12 Month Returns (For the period ended 30 September 2023)

Japan Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
I Acc (USD)	22.67%	-34.96%	16.99%	24.96%	-8.82%
I Acc (GBP)	10.41%	-20.77%	11.53%	19.99%	-3.55%
MSCI Japan Index (USD)	26.40%	-29.02%	22.46%	7.31%	-4.32%

<sup>†</sup> All returns over 1 year are annualised

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**All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.** Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance shown. Investors investing in Funds denominated in non-local currency should be aware of the risk of currency exchange fluctuations that may cause a loss of principal.

Performance details provided are based on a NAV-to-NAV basis with any dividends reinvested, and are net of management fees and other expenses. Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.

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TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>		
	Sector	% of Net Assets
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	Consumer Staples	3.5%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	Financials	3.3%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	Financials	3.3%
ITOCHU Corp.	Industrials	3.2%
ORIX Corp.	Financials	3.2%
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financials	3.1%
Hitachi, Ltd.	Industrials	3.1%
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Keyence Corp.	Information Technology	2.9%
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Materials	2.8%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN		31.4%
Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.		

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>2</sup>				MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>2,3</sup>			
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference		Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Consumer Discretionary	22.1	19.4	2.7	Mega Cap (over \$25B)	38.9	57.2	-18.3
Industrials	20.5	22.5	-2.0	Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	26.5	24.6	1.9
Financials	15.9	12.8	3.1	Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	22.4	18.2	4.2
Information Technology	15.8	13.6	2.2	Small Cap (under \$3B)	10.3	0.1	10.2
Consumer Staples	6.9	6.1	0.8	Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	1.9	0.0	1.9
Materials	6.6	4.6	2.0	Source: FactSet Research Systems			
Communication Services	5.6	7.2	-1.6	PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS			
Health Care	4.6	8.5	-3.9		Fund	Benchmark	
Real Estate	0.2	3.1	-2.9	Number of Positions	59	235	
Utilities	0.0	1.2	-1.2	Weighted Avg. Market Cap (in billions)	\$38.3	\$52.4	
Energy	0.0	0.9	-0.9	Active Share <sup>4</sup>	69.6	n.a.	
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	1.9	0.0	1.9	P/E Using FY1 Estimates <sup>5</sup>	15.8x	14.4x	
Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit <a href="http://www.msci.com">www.msci.com</a> .				P/E Using FY2 Estimates <sup>5</sup>	14.4x	13.6x	
Source: FactSet Research Systems				Price/Cash Flow <sup>6</sup>	10.3	9.2	
				Price/Book <sup>7</sup>	1.7	1.4	
				Return on Equity <sup>8</sup>	13.4	11.9	
				EPS Growth (3 Years) <sup>9</sup>	15.4%	12.1%	
				Source: FactSet Research Systems			

ESG CHARACTERISTICS				
As of 06/30/2023	Fund	Fund Coverage	Benchmark	Benchmark Coverage
Business Involvement				
Controversial Weapons <sup>10</sup>	0.0%	97%	0.0%	100%
Tobacco <sup>11</sup>	0.0%	97%	0.8%	100%
Sustainability Attributes				
UN Global Compact Violators <sup>12</sup>	0.0%	100%	0.1%	100%
GHG Intensity tCo2e/Rev(€M) <sup>13</sup>	56.1	97%	86.0	100%
Board Diversity <sup>14</sup>	14.4%	100%	15.7%	99%

- 1 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- 2 Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.
- 3 Equity market cap of issuer.
- 4 Active Share is calculated by taking the absolute value of the difference between portfolio holdings and benchmark weights, summing all of these differences, and dividing by two. The calculation will result in an active share number between 0%, which indicates the portfolio perfectly replicates the benchmark, and 100%, which indicates there is no overlap whatsoever between the portfolio and the index. Active Share was calculated including cash held in the Fund.
- 5 The P/E Ratio is the share price of a stock as of the report date, divided by the forecasted earnings per share for a 12-month period (FY1) or a 24-month period (FY2). For the Fund, this is the weighted harmonic average estimated P/E ratio of all the underlying stocks in the Fund, excluding negative earners. There is no guarantee that the composition of the Fund will remain unchanged, or that forecasted earnings of a stock will be realized. Information provided is for illustrative purposes only.
- 6 A measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. Because this measure deals with cash flow, the effects of depreciation and other non-cash factors are removed. Similar to price/earnings ratio, this measure provides an indication of relative value.
- 7 Price-to-Book Ratio (P/B Ratio) is used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. A lower P/B ratio could mean that the stock is undervalued.
- 8 Return on Equity (ROE) is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested, and is calculated as net income divided by shareholder's equity.
- 9 Earnings Per Share (EPS) is the amount of annual profit (after tax and all other expenses) attributable to each share in a company. EPS is calculated by dividing profit by the average number of shares in a company. Earnings growth is not a measure of a fund's future performance.
- 10 Controversial weapons include companies with involvement in the following: anti-personnel mines; biological and chemical weapons; cluster weapons; depleted uranium; nuclear weapons and white phosphorus. A company is excluded if it is directly involved in the production, selling and/or distribution of (parts of) controversial weapons and this involvement concerns the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of the weapon. Sourced from Sustainalytics and MSCI.
- 11 This represents companies that generate revenue from tobacco manufacturing exposure to or production or that generate more than 50% of revenue from tobacco retail. Sourced from Sustainalytics.
- 12 This represents companies that have been assessed as failing to comply with the 10 United Nations Global Compact Principles by ISS-ESG Norms-Based-Research. Different ESG research providers may come to different conclusions on the severity of the violation.
- 13 The factor identifies the normalized portfolio's total weighted average (scope 1 + scope 2) carbon emissions intensity, using the most recently available data (emissions data from 2020, 2021). Carbon intensity represents the issuer's total carbon emissions per EUR million of revenue (tCO2e divided by EUR million in revenue). Sourced from ISS ESG. Where not covered by external data providers, we have tried to source these data points.
- 14 Represents the weighted average ratio of female board members in investee companies.

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