

## **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (% weight)**

DAIKIN INDUSTRIES	4.2
Sysmex	3.9
FOOD & LIFE COMPANIES	3.4
Daifuku Co. Ltd.	3.2
Kobe Bussan	3.1

The above equity exposures are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

## **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

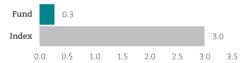
	Port.	Index
Consumer Discretionary	23.0	17.9
Industrials	22.6	24.3
Information Technology	13.7	13.6
Health Care	13.3	9.2
Consumer Staples	9.1	7.7
Financials	5.3	9.0
Communication Services	5.2	7.8
Materials	3.7	6.5
[Cash]	2.8	
Utilities	1.3	1.2
Real Estate		2.2
Energy		0.7

### **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Port.	Index
Japan	97.2	100.0
[Cash]	2.8	

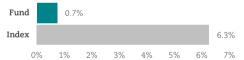
Breakdowns based on Comgest data, GICS sector and MSCI country classifications.

## **CARBON FOOTPRINT**



Source: Trucost as of 31/12/2020, tCO2e per JPY mn invested. The footprint estimates the amount of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emitted by the portfolio holdings.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT**



Source: Trucost as of 31/12/2020, the footprint estimates the ratio of annual costs linked to pollution, the use of natural resources including water, the deterioration of ecosystems, waste and climate changes caused by portfolio holdings per million of JPY invested.

## **RATINGS (as at 31/07/2021)**

Morningstar Category: EAA Fund Japan Large-Cap Equity Number of funds in Category: 1235







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# COMGEST GROWTH JAPAN EUR I ACC - IEOOBZORSN48

**Sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc** 

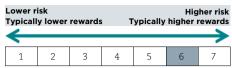
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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to create a portfolio consisting of high quality long-term growth companies headquartered or carrying out their predominant activities in Japan.

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

#### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



This indicator represents the risk and reward profile presented in the Key Investor Information Document. It is not guaranteed and may change during the month.

## **CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100) AS AT 31/08/2021**



## **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT 31/08/2021**

### Annualised

20.98

3 32

-9 68

	1 month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	3.55	2.03	-3.70	18.33	11.97	14.44	-	14.63
Index	3.53	2.42	6.86	20.66	6.06	7.59	-	7.41
Fund Volatility				14.90	18.27	16.30	-	17.36
Index Volatility				13.61	18.83	16.28	-	17.50
CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)								
				2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund				-	21.97	-2.16	26.24	32.31

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

	Q2 201	16	Q2 2017	Q2 2018	Q2 2019	Q2 2020
	-Q2 201	17	-Q2 2018	-Q2 2019	-Q2 2020	-Q2 2021
Fund	5.7	1	24.79	0.88	20.18	15.98
Index	17.2	20	8.32	-3.63	3.99	16.85

10.80

Performance data expressed in EUR.

Index

Index: Topix - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

## Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

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 Morningstar Analyst Rating™ represents Morningstar analysts' opinion of a fund's relative investment merit. It is a forward-looking measure and identifies analyst conviction in a fund's long-term performance prospects relative to a relevant peer group. For more information about the methodology of calculation: http://corporate.morningstar.com.

The Morningstar Rating™ is an objective, quantitative measure of a fund's historical risk-adjusted performance relative to other funds in its category. The overall rating is a weighted combination of the three-, five- and ten-year ratings. The top 10% of funds will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating.

## Please see risks and other important information on final page



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Net Asset Value (NAV): €14.59 Total Net Assets (all classes, m): €3,936.11 Number of holdings: 42 €30.015 Average weighted market cap (m): Weight of top 10 stocks: 32.8% Active share: 78.1%

Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents

## **KEY INFORMATION**

ISIN: IE00BZ0RSN48 SEDOL: BZORSN4 Bloomberg: CGJEUIA ID SFDR Classification: Article 8 Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Fund Base Currency: JPY Share Class Currency: EUR Inception Date: 13/01/2016

Index (used for comparative purposes only):

Topix - Net Return 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 Ćollective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

Management Company: None / Compest 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

Investment Team listed below may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest group.

Investment Team:

Chantana Ward Richard Kaye Makoto Egami

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: EUR 750,000

Minimum holding: None

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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

For more detailed information on ESG integration please consult our website www.comgest.com.

## **FUND COMMENTARY**

Japan's indices have caught up with the S&P 500 since mid-July. This is despite still ambiguous headlines on Covid-19 and despite an election result in Yokohama which triggered Prime Minister Suga's departure, but buoyed perhaps by the glimpse of normality hinted by last month's Olympics and by continued strong earnings figures from companies despite supply chain and global demand

Your fund benefitted from strong earnings at several companies and continues its path of outperformance since May. February's sharp rotation to bank stocks was the sixth one this team has experienced - with similar duration to the previous five - and its effects are being gradually reversed.

We spoke with senior management at ORIX and confirmed its expectation for Y300b net profit next fiscal year and Y400b imminently, following the Y250b it guides for this year, as Japan normalises and ORIX benefits through its hotel, aircraft lease, airport operation and lending businesses.

We spoke with Sony and confirmed that the 26% growth versus one year earlier in April-June operating profit reflected sustainable trends in Electronics and Music.

We spoke with Lasertec's CEO and confirmed a 42% pace of orders growth in semiconductor inspection equipment supported by miniaturisation demand.

We spoke with Recruit, which confirmed that the 3.9x growth in its April-June operating profit (adding back depreciation) reflected especially 2.5x growth in its US traffic at job site Indeed, as the US job recovery directly benefitted this company.

Dai-ichi Life's pre-tax profit was Y207b vs. Y77b one year earlier, thanks to a normalisation of insurance sales and of investment performance. In addition, the company strengthened its Australia presence by acquiring Westpac Insurance.

We spoke with Nihon M&A Center's chairman and confirmed that merger demand is at a record level, for example in the construction industry with companies looking to mitigate the labour shortage.

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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.
- When a Share Class is denominated in a currency that is different from yours, changes in exchange rates can negatively impact both the value of your investment and the level of income received
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You should not subscribe into this Fund without having first read the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information

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  Spain: Allfunds Bank S.A., c/Estafeta no. 6 (La Moraleja), Complejo Plaza de la Fuente, Edificio 3, 28109, Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain. The CNMV registration number of Comgest Growth plc is 1294.

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