



## COMGEST GROWTH JAPAN EUR R DIS - IE00BYNFH318

Sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc

31/03/2022

### TOP 5 HOLDINGS (% weight)

Sony Group	4.3
Oriental Land	4.0
Dai-ichi Life Holdings	3.9
FANUC	3.8
Japan Airport Terminal	3.5

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 (%)

	Fund	Index
Consumer Discretionary	23.0	18.5
Industrials	22.3	24.7
Information Technology	12.7	13.3
Health Care	9.1	8.1
Consumer Staples	8.7	7.2
Communication Services	7.2	7.9
Financials	6.9	9.9
Materials	6.5	6.2
[Cash]	2.9	--
Utilities	0.6	1.2
Real Estate	--	2.2
Energy	--	0.8

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Index
Japan	97.1	100.0
[Cash]	2.9	--

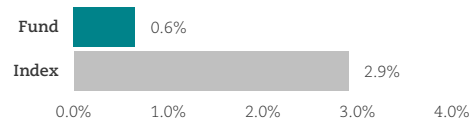
Breakdowns based on Comgest data, GICS sector and MSCI country classifications.

### CARBON FOOTPRINT



Source: MSCI ESG Research as of 31/12/2021, tCO2e per JPY mn invested. The footprint estimates the amount of Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emitted by the portfolio holdings.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



Source: Trucost as of 31/12/2021, the footprint estimates the 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 million of JPY invested.

### RATINGS (as at 28/02/2022)

Morningstar Category:  
EAA Fund Japan Large-Cap Equity  
Number of funds in Category: 1252



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### 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).

### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

Lower risk  
Typically lower rewards

Higher risk  
Typically higher rewards



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 31/03/2022



### ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT 31/03/2022

	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	-0.58	-12.53	-12.53	-15.17	6.78	8.18	-	11.10
Index	-0.26	-4.34	-4.34	-2.28	6.09	4.59	-	8.36
Fund Volatility				17.66	18.96	17.41	-	17.42
Index Volatility				13.54	18.70	16.58	-	16.75

### CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Fund	20.76	-3.03	25.20	31.26	-6.31
Index	10.80	-9.68	20.98	3.32	8.41

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

	1Q16	1Q17	1Q18	1Q19	1Q20	1Q21
	-1Q17	-1Q18	-1Q19	-1Q20	-1Q21	-1Q22
Fund	14.31	20.37	1.12	0.20	43.26	-15.17
Index	22.85	5.24	-0.42	-5.43	29.23	-2.28

Performance data expressed in EUR. 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.

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

All information and performance data is as of 31/03/2022 and is unaudited

Source: CAMIL / FactSet financial data and analytics, unless otherwise stated

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Net Asset Value (NAV):	€12.08
Total Net Assets (all classes, m):	€3,085.52
Number of holdings:	44
Average weighted market cap (m):	€28,376
Weight of top 10 stocks:	35.3%
Active share:	78.9%

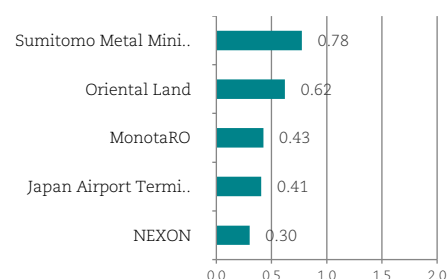
Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents.

### CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)

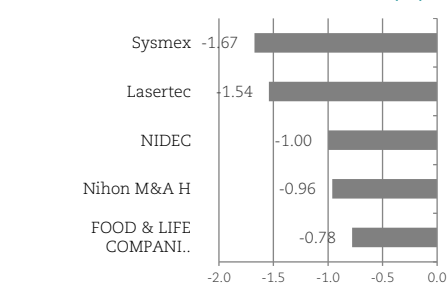
	Fund	Index
JPY	100.0	100.0

Breakdown based on currencies in which holdings are priced.

### TOP 5 QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTORS (%)



### TOP 5 QUARTERLY DETRACTORS (%)



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### FUND COMMENTARY

Your fund continued its performance recovery from February, although experienced three poor days when the Ukraine crisis accentuated supply chain inflation fears, before later recovering as our companies' earnings or monthly data continued to be strong. Hints of future economic stimulus in China improved the sentiment towards our China-exposed holdings, whose potential has been misunderstood by the market in recent quarters, we think. Inflation is appearing in Japan but remains relatively low by global standards. We believe that the sectors which a few investors bought in December and January as well as at the start of 2021 in anticipation of inflation in Japan, will disappoint expectations – as in the previous fifteen years. Instead, Japan's reopening, with emergency measures finally ditched at the end of March, and the sustainability of earnings at Japan's world-leading companies which are not hostage to short-term cycles, offer major and replicable investment opportunities which this fund exploits.

During the quarter we spoke with a number of our portfolio companies including Shin-Etsu Chemical which confirmed strong PVC and semiconductor wafer demand. Discussions with Daifuku suggest that the company's mid-term plan will probably be realised early thanks to continuing strong e-commerce equipment demand in Japan and TSMC wafer handling robot demand. We spoke with Sony and appreciated again the company's focus on its core strengths, including in its tie-up with Honda to produce an Electric Vehicle. Lasertec confirmed strong order demand for its semiconductor miniaturisation inspection equipment and concluded that its formal orders guidance is understated. From conversations held with Orix, we understand that its exposure to Russia is very small. In addition, the company's environmental contribution as Japan's largest renewable energy holder is even more in focus now as the world looks towards alternative energy sources.

Exposure to the reopening of Japan, for example through Kosé (cosmetics company), Fast Retailing (operator of UNIQLO), and Pan Pacific (operator of Don Quijote stores), is very important for this fund. In addition, the portfolio's ability to invest in emerging markets' consumer and technology needs, for example Kosé, Fanuc and Murata, and 'Changing Japan' through our companies which make this possible, should continue to support performance.

During the quarter we continued to add to portfolio holdings such as M3 whose share price decline – especially in the January market volatility – seemed egregious, and whose valuation if compared with growth is at historically low levels.

Japan's opportunity is in its globally leading companies which capture the growth of Asia, the normalisation of the world economy, as well as the changes taking place in Japan itself. As soon as investors stop looking at the Japanese market as a reflection of the economy or politics of Japan, or simply as a vehicle to gain exposure to themes which might have worked in other markets like inflation, this opportunity in certain great companies presents itself.

For much of last year, Japan's low vaccination rate and unpopular government put off especially foreign investors from that treasure hunting, and stocks which rose in 2020 were sold disproportionately in 2021. Japan's vaccination ratio has now caught up dramatically with other developed countries, and its economy is reopening. We believe that active Japan equity investment can again become one of the highest-return equity vehicles globally, as over the last seven years or so.

The steadily returning domestic Japanese investor, with a new focus on governance, engagement and capital discipline, is supporting that shift to active portfolio management.

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## KEY INFORMATION

**ISIN:** IE00BYNFH318

**SEDOL:** BYNFH31

**Bloomberg:** CJEURD ID

**SFDR Classification:** Article 8

**Domicile:** Ireland

**Dividend Policy:** Distribution

**Fund Base Currency:** JPY

**Share Class Currency:** EUR

**Inception Date:** 11/02/2016

**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 Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

**Management Company:** None / 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)

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

**Investment Team:**

Chantana Ward

Richard Kaye

Makoto Egami

**Ongoing charges:** 1.74% p.a of the NAV

**Investment Manager's fees (part of ongoing charges):** 1.70% p.a of the NAV

**Maximum sales charge:** 2.00%

**Exit charge:** None

**Minimum initial investment:** EUR 10

**Minimum holding:** None

**Contact for subscriptions and redemptions:**

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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/en/our-business/esg](http://www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg)

## 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 share class is 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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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