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COMGEST GROWTH JAPAN GBP Z H ACC - IE00BYYLQ082

NAV per share: £15.59

29 February 2024

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



Chantana Ward, Richard Kaye, Makoto Egami
Team may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest Group.

RISK PROFILE

Lower risk — Higher risk

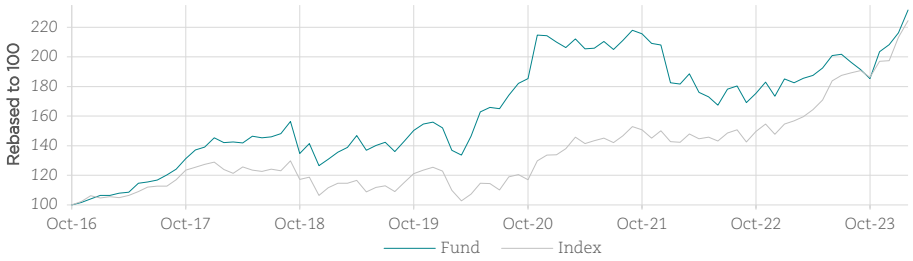
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The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly.

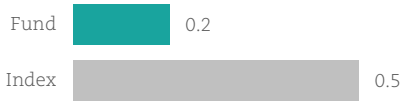
INVESTMENT POLICY

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.
This share class will use currency hedging with the aim of limiting the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates between the share class currency and the base currency of the Fund.
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)

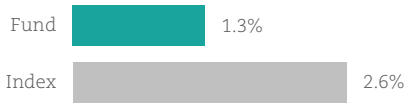


CARBON FOOTPRINT[1]



Source: MSCI as at 31/12/2023, tCO_2e per JPY m invested.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT[1]



Source: Trucost as at 31/12/2023, estimation of the environmental costs per JPY m invested.

ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)

				Annualised				
	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	7.1	11.3	11.3	26.8	3.9	11.3	--	12.2
Index	5.3	13.7	13.7	43.1	17.6	14.4	--	11.7
Fund Volatility	--	--	--	16.1	18.1	19.1	--	18.2
Index Volatility	--	--	--	13.1	14.2	18.4	--	17.4

CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	33.7	-9.0	23.2	37.3	-2.9	-16.6	20.1
Index	20.1	-16.5	17.8	6.6	12.3	-1.5	33.6

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

	4Q16 -4Q17	4Q17 -4Q18	4Q18 -4Q19	4Q19 -4Q20	4Q20 -4Q21	4Q21 -4Q22	4Q22 -4Q23
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Performance data expressed in GBP. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: Topix Hedged to GBP - 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.

Please see risks and other important information on following pages

[1] Calculation methodology and scope on page 3.

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FUND COMMENTARY

On the broad market, Japan's iconic Nikkei index recovered its all-time high which had monumental implications for psyche. Your portfolio remains ahead of its reference index (Topix) since September, as money has shifted from 'anything liquid' – where we felt new money was initially taking refuge – to 'proper companies', as we define them. Nvidia's extraordinarily strong earnings have been reflected in the portfolio's artificial intelligence related holdings which work with Nvidia, and these have supported performance.

Specifically within the Nvidia and broader semiconductor area, Shin-Etsu Chemical's earnings gave us confidence in a stabilisation of semiconductor wafer demand, while pricing remains supported by the oligopolisation of this industry. Lasertec's inspection devices for lithography photomasks materials used to design the most miniature semiconductors seem to be seeing increased orders, whilst Hoya informed us that it also expects a recovery in the photomask business. Pan Pacific, which runs the Don Quijote discount store chain, announced significantly better-than-consensus earnings thanks to tourism consumption, inventory management, private brand growth and store openings.

On outlook, we are excited to see how the psychological threshold of peak Nikkei affects the mind of Japanese investors, especially institutional ones where we expect the gradual return to the market of this major investor base to continue. We believe that the rich selection of technology companies, supporters of Asian growth and drivers of domestic change represented in your portfolio, will be a natural destination for such buyers.

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PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	£1,265.1
Number of holdings	39
Average weighted market cap (bn)	£31.5
Weight of top 10 stocks	35.8%
Active share	78.2%

Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents

TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)

	Fund
FAST RETAILING	4.0
Keyence	3.7
Shin-Etsu Chemical	3.7
Tokyo Electron	3.7
Sony Group	3.6

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

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Index
Information Technology	24.9	14.0
Consumer Discretionary	19.7	18.6
Industrials	19.0	24.1
Financials	9.1	12.6
Consumer Staples	7.7	6.2
Health Care	7.3	7.3
Materials	5.5	5.9
Communication Services	4.2	7.2
[Cash]	2.6	--
Real Estate	--	2.0
Utilities	--	1.3
Energy	--	0.8

Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Index
Japan	97.4	100.0
[Cash]	2.6	--

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.

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FUND DETAILS

ISIN: IE00BYYLQ082

Bloomberg: CGJGZHA ID

Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Accumulation

Fund Base Currency: JPY

Share Class Currency: GBP

Inception Date: 16/11/2016

Index (used for comparative purposes only): Topix Hedged to GBP - 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: 2.00%

Exit Charge: None

Minimum Initial Investment: None

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

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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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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Glossary

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 in 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.