## JPMORGAN ETFS (IRELAND) ICAV

# Japan Research Enhanced Index Equity (ESG) UCITS ETF

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(A sub-fund of JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV, an Irish collective asset-management vehicle constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds with registered number C171821 authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the UCITS Regulations).

This Supplement (the "Supplement") forms part of the Prospectus dated 21 March 2022 (the "Prospectus") in relation to JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV (the "ICAV") for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations. This Supplement should be read in the context of, and together with, the Prospectus and contains information relating to the JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV - Japan Research Enhanced Index Equity (ESG) UCITS ETF (the "Sub-Fund") which is a separate subfund of the ICAV.

The Sub-Fund is an Actively Managed Sub-Fund.

Prospective investors should review this Supplement and the Prospectus carefully and in their entirety and consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Supplement before investing in this Sub-Fund. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant and/or financial adviser.

The Directors, as listed in the "*Management*" section of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in this Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

Base Currency	US Dollars.
Benchmark	MSCI Japan Index (Total Return Net).
Benchmark Provider	MSCI.
Dealing Deadline	16:30 hrs (UK time) on the Business Day immediately prior to each Dealing Day.
Investment Manager	JPMorgan Asset Management (Japan) Limited, Tokyo Building, 7-3 Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100- 6432, Japan, whose business includes the provision of investment management services.
Minimum Subscription Amount	200,000 Shares (for in specie subscriptions) or cash equivalent (for cash subscriptions).
Minimum Redemption Amount	200,000 Shares (for in specie redemptions) or cash equivalent (for cash redemptions).
Settlement Deadline	Appropriate cleared subscription monies / securities must be received by the second Business Day after the Dealing Day, or such later date as may be determined by the ICAV and notified to Shareholders from time to time.
Valuation	The Net Asset Value per Share is calculated in accordance with the " <i>Determination of Net Asset Value</i> " section of the Prospectus, using last traded prices for securities.
Valuation Point	Close of business on each Business Day on the market that closes last on the relevant Business Day and on which the relevant security or investment is traded.
Website	www.jpmorganassetmanagement.ie

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

**Investment Objective**. The objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve a long-term return in excess of the Benchmark by actively investing primarily in a portfolio of Japanese companies.

**Investment Policy**. The Sub-Fund aims to invest at least 67% of its assets (excluding assets held for ancillary liquidity purposes) in equity securities of companies (including smaller capitalisation companies) that are domiciled in, or carrying out the main part of their economic activity in, Japan.

The Sub-Fund systematically includes environmental, social and governance ("ESG") analysis in its investment decisions on at least 90% of securities purchased. Pursuant to the Sub-Fund's ESG analysis, at least 51% of the Sub-Fund's assets are invested in companies with positive environmental and/or social characteristics that follow good governance practices, as measured through the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring methodology and/ or third party data. The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics. Further details on the ESG analysis applied are provided below.

In addition, the Investment Manager evaluates and applies values and norms based screening to implement exclusions including, for example, identifying issuers that are involved in the manufacturing of controversial weapons (such as cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour or antipersonnel mines), thermal coal and tobacco among others. Values based screening assesses issuers against key ESG values, such as environmental damage and production of controversial weapons, while norms based screening assesses issuers against internationally accepted principles such as the UN Global Compact. To support this screening, the Investment Manager relies on third party provider(s) who identify an issuer's participation in or the revenue which they derive from activities that are inconsistent with the values and norms based screens.

The Investment Manager fully excludes issuers that are involved with certain industries (such as controversial weapons, white phosphorus and nuclear weapons) to any extent and issuers with severe violations of the UN Global Compact. For certain other industries the Investment Manager applies maximum percentage thresholds typically based on turnover from production and/or distribution (which can vary depending on whether the company is a producer, distributor or service provider) which are derived from certain industries (such as conventional weapons: >10%, tobacco production: >5%, thermal coal: >30% and revenue from connection to the nuclear weapons industry: >2%) above which issuers are also excluded. Further details on the screening process can be found in the Sub-Fund's full exclusion policy which can be found on https://am.jpmorgan.com/content/dam/jpm-amaem/emea/regional/en/policies/exclusion-policy/jpm-etf-icav-japan-rei-equity-ucits-etf-exclusion-policyce-en.pdf.

The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark over the long-term. The Benchmark consists of large and mid-capitalisation stocks issued by issuers in Japan ("**Benchmark Securities**"). As of the date of this Supplement, the Benchmark comprises 272 stocks. The constituents may be subject to change over time. Further details on the Benchmark, including its components and performance, are available at <a href="http://www.msci.com">http://www.msci.com</a>. The Benchmark is a point of reference against which the performance of the Sub-Fund may be measured. The Sub-Fund will bear a close resemblance to its Benchmark.

For the avoidance of doubt, investors should note that the Sub-Fund will not seek to track the performance of or replicate the Benchmark, rather the Sub-Fund will hold a portfolio of equity securities

(which may include but will not be limited to Benchmark Securities) which is actively selected and managed with the aim of delivering an investment performance which exceeds that of the Benchmark over the long-term. In order to seek to achieve this, the Investment Manager may overweight the securities which it considers to have the highest potential to outperform the Benchmark and underweight or not invest at all in securities which the Investment Manager considers most overvalued. In seeking to identify under and overvalued securities, the Sub-Fund will leverage on the expertise of the Investment Manager's fundamental research analysis. This fundamental research is applied consistently across geographical regions and industrial sectors and involves making regular site visits to the issuers of the securities, speaking with company management, gathering information on competitors and engaging in discussions with a wide range of participants and experts in the relevant industry in order to estimate the issuers' future cash flow, earnings and dividends. These estimates are then analysed in conjunction with the market prices of the securities which is the basis on which the relative attractiveness of the securities for investment is determined by the Investment Manager.

The Sub-Fund may invest in assets denominated in any currency and currency exposure in the Sub-Fund may be managed by reference to the Benchmark.

The risk characteristics of the portfolio of securities held by the Sub-Fund, such as volatility levels, will be broadly equivalent to the risk characteristics of the Benchmark.

The Sub-Fund seeks to assess the impact of ESG factors on the cash flows of many companies in which it may invest, to identify issuers that it believes will be negatively impacted by such factors relative to other issuers. This impact is determined by identifying issuers which are negative outliers, based on the potential impact of ESG factors on the sustainability and redeployment of the issuers' cash flows. The Investment Manager's research analysts and corporate governance specialists focus on key risk factors, including, for example, accounting and tax policies, disclosure and investor communications, shareholder rights, remuneration and social and environmental factors, to seek to identify such negative outliers. Social factors include, but are not limited to, issues relating to labour management and health and safety. Environmental factors include, but are not limited to, issues relating to carbon emissions, environmental regulations, water stress and waste. The ESG assessment using these risk factors is integrated into the investment process described above to form a holistic view on whether ESG factors will affect the sustainability of issuers' cash flows. This assessment may not be determinative on investment decisions in respect of an issuer's securities and the Investment Manager may purchase and retain such securities which have been identified as negative outliers under the ESG assessment where the Investment Manager believes that this is in the best interests of the Sub-Fund on the basis of the other elements of the investment policy.

**Instruments / Asset Classes**. The Sub-Fund will invest primarily in securities listed or traded on Recognised Markets globally. The Sub-Fund may also invest in depositary receipts.

In normal circumstances, the Sub-Fund may hold up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in ancillary liquid assets (deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, fixed rate bonds issued by governments which are rated investment grade and money market funds) in accordance with the UCITS Regulations. Subject to the following paragraph, the Sub-Fund may hold a higher percentage of its Net Asset Value in such ancillary liquid assets following large cash flows into or out of the Sub-Fund, as it may be inefficient and contrary to Shareholders' best interests to seek to invest cash received as subscriptions, or realise assets to meet large redemptions, solely on the relevant Dealing Day. The Sub-Fund will seek

to reduce the percentage of its Net Asset Value held as ancillary liquid assets to below 10% of Net Asset Value as quickly as practicable, acting in the best interests of Shareholders.

The Sub-Fund will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in other regulated, open-ended collective investment schemes, including ETFs and money market funds, as described under "*Investment in other Collective Investment Schemes*" in the "*Investment Objectives and Policies*" section of the Prospectus.

**Use of FDI and Risk Management**. In addition, the Sub-Fund may, for efficient portfolio management purposes, use financial derivative instruments ("**FDI**") primarily to reduce the Sub-Fund's cash balances, hedge specific risks, and/or manage the cash flows and trading across multiple time-zones. Any use of FDI by the Sub-Fund shall be limited to (i) index futures in respect of UCITS eligible equity indices (subject to a maximum of 20% of Net Asset Value, provided however that this restriction will not apply following large cash flows into or out of the Sub-Fund for the reasons outlined in the "Instruments/Asset Classes" section above); (ii) forward foreign exchange contracts (including non-deliverable forwards); and (iii) warrants (subject to a maximum of 5% of Net Asset Value). FDI are described under "*Use of Financial Derivative Instruments*" in the "*Investment Objectives and Policies*" section of the Prospectus.

**Portfolio Holding Disclosure Policy**. The Sub-Fund will publicly disclose its complete holdings on a daily basis. Details of the Sub-Fund's holdings and full disclosure policy may be found on the Website.

**Fund Classification – German Investment Tax Act**. The Sub-Fund intends to qualify as an "Equity Fund" in accordance with the partial exemption regime and will invest more than 50% of its Net Asset Value on a continuous basis directly in equities as defined in the German Investment Tax Act.

#### **INVESTMENT RISKS**

The value of your investment may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you originally invested.

The value of equity securities may go down as well as up in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. If a company goes through bankruptcy or a similar financial restructuring, its shares in issue typically lose most or all of their value.

Since the instruments held by the Sub-Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency, the Sub-Fund may be affected unfavourably by exchange control regulations or fluctuations in currency rates. For this reason, changes in currency exchange rates can affect the value of the Sub-Fund's portfolio and may impact the value of the Shares.

The Sub-Fund may invest in securities of smaller companies which may be less liquid, more volatile and tend to carry greater financial risk than securities of larger companies.

Exclusion of companies that do not meet certain ESG criteria from the Sub-Fund's investment universe may cause the Sub-Fund to perform differently compared to similar funds that do not have such a policy.

The Sub-Fund seeks to provide a return above the Benchmark; however the Sub-Fund may underperform the Benchmark.

Due to the composition of the Benchmark, the Sub-Fund's portfolio may be more concentrated geographically than other Sub-Funds with more diversified portfolios and may, consequently, be subject to greater volatility than such Sub-Funds.

Further information about risks can be found in the "Risk Information" section of the Prospectus.

#### **INVESTOR PROFILE**

The Sub-Fund is intended for long-term investment. Investors should understand the risks involved, including the risk of losing all capital invested and must evaluate the Sub-Fund objective and risks in terms of whether they are consistent with their own investment goals and risk tolerances. The Sub-Fund is not intended as a complete investment plan.

The Sub-Fund is aimed at investors seeking to achieve a long-term return in excess of the Benchmark by actively investing primarily in a portfolio of Japanese companies, with positive environmental and/or social characteristics that follow good governance practises, with an overlay of ESG integration and values and norms-based screening of its investment universe.

Typical investors in the Sub-Fund are expected to be investors who want to take broad market exposure to the Japanese market, who seek to benefit from potential excess returns with similar risks to investing in securities representing the Benchmark and who are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type, including the volatility of such market.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS - PRIMARY MARKET

Accumulating Share Classes and Distributing Share Classes are available for subscription in the Sub-Fund in an unhedged USD denominated class and in Currency Hedged Share Classes denominated in any currency listed in the "*Classes of Shares*" section of the Prospectus. Currency Hedged Share Classes are available to launch at the discretion of the Management Company. Following the Closing Date, a complete list of Share Classes which have been launched in the Sub-Fund may be obtained from the Website, the registered office of the ICAV or the Management Company.

Shares will be available from 9 am on 22 March 2022 to 4:30 pm on 20 September 2022 or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine (the "**Offer Period**"). During the Offer Period, the Initial Offer Price is expected to be approximately USD 25 per Share (together with any applicable Duties and Charges). The actual Initial Offer Price per Share may vary from its estimated price depending on movements in the value of the securities between the date of this Supplement and the date that the Offer Period closes. The actual Initial Offer Price per Share will be available from the Administrator and on the Website following the Closing Date.

After the Closing Date, Shares will be issued on each Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share with an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in accordance with the provisions set out below and in the Prospectus. Investors may subscribe for Shares for cash or in kind in respect of each Dealing Day by making an application by the relevant Dealing Deadline in accordance with the requirements set out in this section and in the "Purchase and Sale Information" section of the Prospectus. Consideration in the form of cleared subscription monies/securities must be received by the applicable Settlement Deadline. Subscription applications may be made on any Business Day and will be processed in line with the next applicable Dealing Deadline following receipt.

Currency Hedged Share Classes will use the Portfolio Hedge methodology. Please refer to the "Currency Hedging at Share Class Level" section in the "Investment Objectives and Policies" section of the Prospectus and "Currency Hedged Share Classes" section in the "Risk Information" section of the Prospectus for further information on Currency Hedged Share Classes.

#### **REDEMPTIONS – PRIMARY MARKET**

Shareholders may effect a redemption of Shares on any Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share, subject to an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges, provided that a valid redemption request from the Shareholder is received by the Management Company by the relevant Dealing Deadline in respect of the Dealing Day, in accordance with the provisions set out in this section and at the "Purchase and Sale Information" section of the Prospectus. Redemption requests may be made on any Business Day and will be processed in line with the next applicable Dealing Day but may take longer depending on the settlement schedule of the underlying markets. In any event, settlement will not take place later than 10 Business Days from the Dealing Deadline.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES

The TER for all Share Classes will be up to 0.25 % per annum of the Net Asset Value.

Further information in this respect is set out in the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Prospectus

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

Accumulating Share Classes and Distributing Share Classes are available in the Sub-Fund. With respect to Distributing Share Classes, the Sub-Fund intends to distribute quarterly in accordance with the provisions set out in the "*Distributions*" section of the Prospectus.

#### LISTING

Shares have been admitted to the Official List and to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin. Shares may also be admitted to trading on other Listing Stock Exchanges as specified on the Website.

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