

MUFG Japan Equity Small Cap Fund

MUFG Global Fund SICAV FACTSHEET At 28 Mar 2024

MUFG Asset Management

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

MUFG Japan Equity Small Cap Fund ("Fund") focuses on idiosyncratic Japanese stocks with pioneering business models and long-term growth potential through economic cycles. The Fund tries to identify attractive Japanese small-cap companies, which are overlooked by other market participants, based on rigorous bottom-up research. The reference index is indicated for information purposes only and the Fund does not intend to track it. The minimum recommended investment term is five years.

FUND PROFILE/STATISTICS

Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
UCITS Launch Date	20 March, 2015
JPY Class I Launch Date	20 March, 2015
Strategy Inception Date	1 October, 2005
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) S.A.
Investment Manager	Mitsubishi UFJ Asset Management (UK) Ltd.
Sub-Investment Manager	Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Co.
Portfolio Manager	Yoshiro Mizukami
Asset Class	Japan Equity
Reference Index	MSCI Japan Small Cap Index gross dividends denominated in JPY
Base Currency	JPY
Total Net Assets	10,334 M JPY
Cash Weight*	1.77%
Risk Profile (SRRI rank)	6
Number of Holdings	102

(Source : Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.("BBH"))

FUND REVIEW

Japanese small-cap equities advanced in March, with MSCI Small Cap Index returning +3.7%. By size, large- and mid-cap stocks outperformed small-cap stocks. By factor, value stocks outperformed growth stocks.

Early in the month, Japanese equities marginally declined. There were phases where the markets advanced on the back of Japanese semiconductor-related stocks rally driven by bullish U.S. technology stocks. However, speculations of Bank of Japan (BOJ)'s policy shift spread and profit-taking for high-priced names capped further gains. In mid-March, Japanese equities gained. Companies' responses to unions' demands in spring wage negotiations showed that they agreed to a weighted average wage hike, which was sufficiently strong for BOJ to normalize monetary policy. Amid expectations for an end to deflation, BOJ's statement to maintain an accommodative monetary policy environment even after terminating its negative interest rate policy led to Japanese yen depreciation, which supported the market uptrend. Later in the month, Japanese equities advanced. In response to a rise in U.S. stocks on the back of the FRB Chair Powell's dovish comments on rate cut, Japanese equities markets performed solidly. However, there were selling pressures driven by portfolio rebalancing by pension funds, and the effects of stocks going ex-dividend caused a fall somewhat toward the end of the month.

The Fund returned +0.9%, underperforming the index by 2.8%. In terms of our investment theme, the best performer was "Real Estate", while "Capital Expenditure" contributed negatively the most to the portfolio.

The largest contributor was TOWA (6315), a leading manufacturer of semiconductor molding equipment, especially has strength in molding and singulation process in the semiconductor packaging field. In March, the SOX declined towards the middle of the month due to the profit taking. However, the SOX showed the recovery triggered by the Micron Technology's solid earnings results. The share price tracked SOX's trends and gained on the back of the notable tailwinds especially from generative AIs. Another notable contributor was Kura Sushi (2695), an operator of conveyor belt sushi restaurant chain. In March, the firm released better-than-expected Q1 FY2023 earnings results. The firm improved its gross margin by implementing the flexible pricing strategy in the previous quarter. Also, the firm achieved a profit increase for two straight quarters, which was taken positively by the market.

On the other hand, the bottom contributor was CEC (9692), an ICT solution provider, optimizing workflow and promoting work-style reforms for the manufacturing industry. In March the firm released disappointed full-year FY2024 earnings guidance. The share price sharply dropped after the announcement as new earnings guidance fell short of its mid-to-long term business plan ending FY2024. Another notable detractor was Monex Group (8698), a global financial services firm focused especially on online securities. Despite there were no specific catalysts in March, the share price declined as a negative sentiment permeated that cryptocurrency prices may hit a short-term peak. As the firm has cryptocurrency business through its subsidiary, Coincheck, the share price tends to track the trends of cryptocurrency.

FUND PERFORMANCE, PAST FIVE YEARS (Inception Date Value = 100)

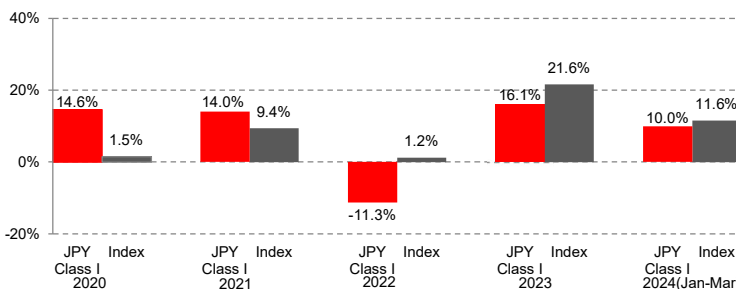


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HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (Net of fees, Dividend reinvested, in JPY)

(%)	Cumulative				Annualized		
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
JPY Class I (JPY)	0.9	10.0	13.0	21.4	4.9	10.4	11.2
Index (JPY)	3.7	11.6	13.3	29.0	10.6	10.8	8.5
Difference (JPY)	-2.8	-1.6	-0.3	-7.7	-5.7	-0.4	2.7

(Source : BBH and Bloomberg)



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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of costs incurred by the issue and redemption of shares. Past performance of the benchmark is not a reliable indicator of the Fund.

29 March 2024 was a business day in Japan and the index performed +4.9% for March 1 to 29 March, whereas 28 March 2024 was the last Valuation Date of the fund in March as defined in the Prospectus. Thus, the performance above for both the fund and index show from March 1 to 28 March.

SECTOR WEIGHTS

Sector**	Weight(%)	
	Fund	Index
Top10		
Services	14.7	5.5
Electric Appliances	14.2	6.2
Information & Communication	10.0	5.9
Machinery	7.5	8.1
Banks	6.2	5.4
Retail Trade	5.8	9.1
Wholesale Trade	4.8	5.7
Securities & Commodity Futures	4.3	0.6
Glass & Ceramics Products	4.0	2.6
Real Estate	3.9	2.6

**Tokyo Stock Exchange sector groupings (Source : Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, BBH and Bloomberg)

AWARDS



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The fund won the award for its ten-year period performance (10/2012-9/2022) provided by independent third parties, in the category: Japan Equity



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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE *

Class A : 1.40%, Class B & Z : 0%, Class I & I2 : 0.75%

ISIN CODE & TICKER

Currency	Class	ISIN Code	TICKER
USD	A	LU1163551325	MJESCUA LX
	B	LU1163551671	MJESCUB LX
	I	LU1163551838	MJESCUI LX
	I2	LU1623353593	MJESI2 LX
	A	LU1163549261	MJESCEA LX
EUR	B	LU1163549428	MJESCEB LX
	I	LU1163549857	MJESCEI LX
	I2	LU1815303679	MJEEI2 LX
	A	LU1163550434	MJESCGA LX
	B	LU1163550608	MJESGCB LX
JPY	I	LU1163551168	MJESCGI LX
	A	LU1163552059	MJESCYA LX
	B**	LU1163552216	MJESCYB LX
	I	LU1163552489	MJESCYI LX
	Z***	LU2455529474	MJESCYZ LX

* For full applicable fees and investor type please refer to the latest MUFG Global Fund SICAV Prospectus.

** JPY Class B shares are only accessible to institutional investors who live in Japan.

*** JPY Class Z shares are only accessible to Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation for injection of seed money.

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LARGEST 10 HOLDINGS

Name	Sector*	Weight (%)	
		Fund	Index
TOWA	Machinery	3.20	0.14
MONEX GROUP	Securities & Commodity Futures	2.87	0.12
KAGA ELECTRONICS	Wholesale Trade	2.39	0.09
MCJ	Electric Appliances	2.37	0.06
MITSUI HIGH-TEC	Electric Appliances	2.35	0.12
ANEST IWATA	Machinery	2.26	-
TOCALO	Metal Products	2.25	0.07
CTS	Services	2.09	-
EIKEN CHEMICAL	Pharmaceutical	2.03	0.05
77 BANK	Banks	1.99	0.15

*Tokyo Stock Exchange sector groupings
(Source : Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, BBH)

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (Equity Only)

	Fund	Index
Dividend Yield (%)	2.4	2.4
Price to Earning (FY1) (x)	18.4	17.8
Price to Book (x)	2.1	2.1
Price to Sales (x)	1.8	2.1
ROE (%)	10.7	8.9
Weighted Average Market Cap (Million JPY)	144,967	390,008

(Source : Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, FactSet)

Portfolio characteristics are weighted average of the constituents and calculated by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking from FactSet.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (Net of fees)

(%)	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception	Inception Date
USD Class I	-0.2	2.4	11.4	6.7	-15.6	19.5	107.9	2 Oct 2015

(Source : BBH)

RISK RATINGS

High risk/return: This Fund presents a high volatility risk (SRRI of 6). The potential for growth is high with a corresponding level of risk. Funds in this category can often experience extreme fluctuations in value especially over the shorter term.

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