



# Matthews Asia

## RATINGS

Overall Morningstar Rating™ **★★★★**



## FUND FACTS (USD)

Total Fund Assets	\$138.1 million
Total # of Positions	49
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$41.0 billion
Benchmark	MSCI Japan Index
Management Fee	1.25%
Minimum Initial Investment	\$1,000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	\$100
Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Available Share Classes	A, I
Base Currency	USD
Net Asset Value	
A Acc (USD)	\$17.78

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

**Taizo Ishida**  
Lead Manager

**Shuntaro Takeuchi**  
Co-Manager

## RISKS

The value of an investment in the Fund can go down as well as up and possible loss of principal is a risk of investing. Investments in international and emerging market securities may involve risks such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange-rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation. Fixed income investments are subject to additional risks, including, but not limited to, interest rate, credit and inflation risks. The Fund may invest in the following: derivatives which can be volatile and affect Fund performance; high yield bonds (junk bonds) which can subject the Fund to substantial risk of loss; and structured investments which can change the risk or return, or replicate the risk or return of an underlying asset. The Fund invests in holdings denominated in foreign currencies, and is exposed to the risk that the value of the foreign currency will increase or decrease. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

## MATTHEWS ASIA

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia employs a bottomup, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance. As of 31 December 2020, Matthews Asia had US\$28.4 billion in assets under management.

# Japan Fund

Matthews Asia Funds

Class A Shares

31 December 2020

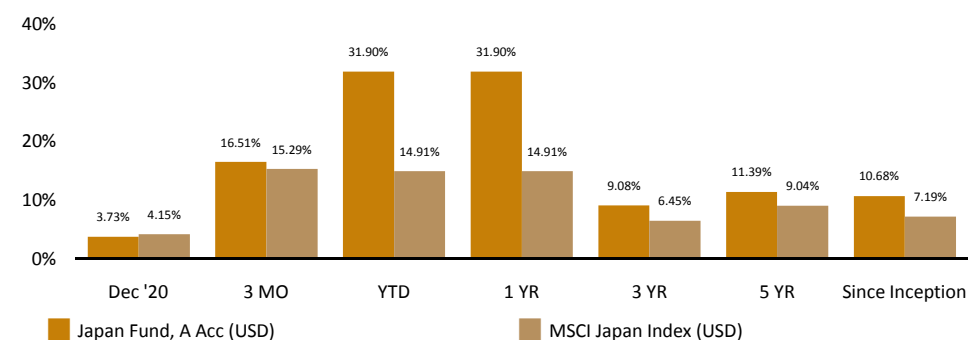
## Investment Objective

Long-term capital appreciation.

## Available Share Classes

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	CUSIP
A Acc (USD)	LU1220257304	BWX5XX9	L6263Q801

## Performance as of 31 December 2020<sup>†</sup>



Japan Fund	Dec '20	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	Since Inception	Inception
<b>A Acc (USD)</b>	3.73%	16.51%	31.90%	31.90%	9.08%	11.39%	10.68%	30 Apr 2015
MSCI Japan Index (USD)	4.15%	15.29%	14.91%	14.91%	6.45%	9.04%	7.19%	n.a.

## Rolling 12 Month Returns (For the period ended 31 December 2020)

Japan Fund	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>A Acc (USD)</b>	31.90%	24.70%	-21.09%	32.62%	-0.39%
MSCI Japan Index (USD)	14.91%	20.07%	-12.58%	24.39%	2.73%

<sup>†</sup> All returns over 1 year are annualised

**All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.** Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance shown. Investors investing in Funds denominated in non-local currency should be aware of the risk of currency exchange fluctuations that may cause a loss of principal.

Performance details provided are based on a NAV-to-NAV basis with any dividends reinvested, and are net of management fees and other expenses. Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.

Due to current market volatility associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, funds may experience significant negative short-term performance.

FE Crown Fund Rating as of 20/07/2020.

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Fund ratings represent an opinion only and are not a recommendation to buy or sell any fund.

# Japan Fund

31 December 2020

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

	Sector	% of Net Assets
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Materials	5.7%
Sony Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	4.4%
TDK Corp.	Information Technology	4.1%
SMC Corp.	Industrials	3.8%
SMS Co., Ltd.	Industrials	3.3%
Hoya Corp.	Health Care	3.0%
SoftBank Group Corp.	Communication Services	2.9%
Nidec Corp.	Industrials	2.9%
Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	Industrials	2.8%
Advantest Corp.	Information Technology	2.7%
<b>% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN</b>		<b>35.6%</b>

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

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Information Technology	24.8	14.0	10.8
Industrials	20.0	20.6	-0.6
Consumer Discretionary	16.7	18.4	-1.7
Health Care	15.0	11.3	3.7
Communication Services	7.9	9.6	-1.7
Materials	7.8	5.2	2.6
Financials	7.6	8.3	-0.7
Consumer Staples	0.0	7.6	-7.6
Real Estate	0.0	3.4	-3.4
Utilities	0.0	1.2	-1.2
Energy	0.0	0.5	-0.5
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.2	0.0	0.2

Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

Source: FactSet Research Systems

## MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)<sup>2,3</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Mega Cap (over \$25B)	46.2	58.9	-12.7
Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	28.0	22.3	5.7
Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	14.9	18.9	-4.0
Small Cap (under \$3B)	10.8	0.0	10.8
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.2	0.0	0.2

Source: FactSet Research Systems

## P/E RATIOS<sup>4</sup>

P/E Using FY1 Estimates	28.1x
P/E Using FY2 Estimates	26.0x

Source: FactSet Research Systems (P/E est. as of 31/12/20)

- Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.
- Equity market cap of issuer.
- The P/E Ratio is the share price of a stock as of the report date, divided by the forecasted earnings per share for a 12-month period (FY1) and 24 month period (FY2). For the Fund, this is the weighted harmonic average estimated P/E ratio of all the underlying stocks in the Fund, excluding negative earners. There is no guarantee that the composition of the Fund will remain unchanged, or that forecasted earnings of a stock will be realized. Information provided is for illustrative purposes only.

The MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of Japanese equities listed in Japan. Index is for comparative purposes only and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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