

## Investment Objective

The Company aims to achieve long term capital growth by investing predominantly in equities and their related securities of Japanese companies.

## Investment Trust Facts

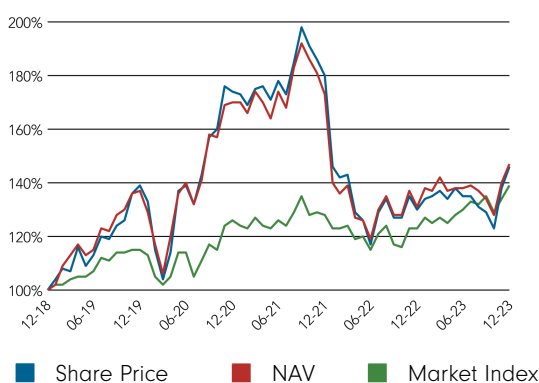
Launch date:	15.03.94
Portfolio manager:	Nicholas Price
Appointed to trust:	01.09.15
Years at Fidelity:	30
Total Net Assets (TNA):	£ 258m
Ordinary shares in Issue:	126,086,249
Share price:	185.00p
NAV:	204.46p
Discount:	9.52%
Gross Market Gearing:	23.1%
Net Market Gearing:	23.1%

## Performance Comparator

Market Index: TOPIX Total Return Index

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

## Performance to 31.12.23 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 15.03.94*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	5.7	13.1	12.3	12.3	-16.1	45.7	105.6
NAV Cumulative Growth	5.3	10.3	12.2	12.2	-13.6	47.3	113.5
Index Cumulative Growth	3.9	3.4	13.3	13.3	10.8	39.1	118.0
Share Price Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	-5.7	7.8	2.4
NAV Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	-4.7	8.1	2.6
Index Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	3.5	6.8	2.6

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

## Key Risks

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Overseas investments may be more volatile than established markets. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility.

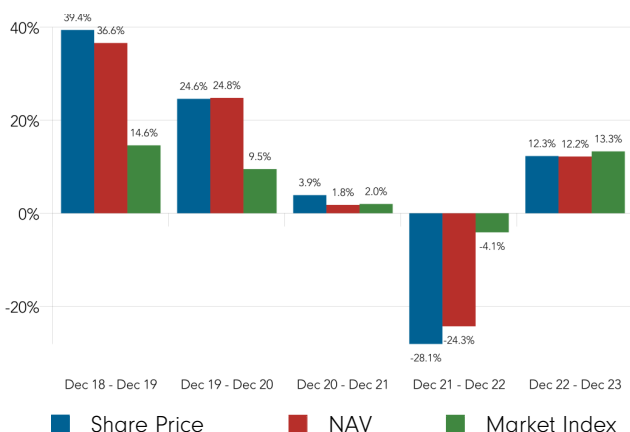
## Portfolio Manager Commentary

The Trust recorded NAV returns of 12.2% over the 12 months to December 2023, underperforming the reference index, which returned 13.3%. The Trust's share price rose by 12.3% over the same period and the discount to NAV narrowed marginally.

Holdings in factory automation and machinery-related companies that faced a temporary slowdown in earnings due to supply chain disruptions and sluggish demand in China detracted from performance. However, signs of a recovery in the order cycle are emerging. The underweight exposure to traditional value areas of the market, primarily banks and automobiles, weighed on relative returns. Conversely, key active positions in technology-related cyclical outperformed.

In terms of investment opportunities, Japan's technology and materials sectors hold a lot of promise. Globally competitive companies in semiconductor equipment and electronic components are trading on compelling valuations as we approach the trough of the cycle. There are also niche chemicals companies that command dominant positions in their global markets yet continue to fly under the radar. Another area of the market that we would highlight is the mid/small cap growth space, an often-overlooked segment that is trading on cheap valuations. More broadly, there is growing pressure on Japanese companies to enhance their corporate value and utilise excess cash to fund growth investments and increase shareholder returns.

## Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



**Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)**

	Exposure (% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	123.1
Net Equity	123.1
Other	0.0
Uninvested Cash	0.0

Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

**Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)**

GBP	Net	Index	Relative
>10bn	26.8	64.5	-37.7
5-10bn	1.7	11.6	-9.9
1-5bn	57.7	16.6	41.1
0-1bn	30.6	7.3	23.2
<b>Total Market Cap Exposure</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	6.4	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)**

TPX Sector	Net	Index	Relative
Electric Appliances	20.8	17.5	3.3
Chemicals	18.9	6.2	12.7
Services	11.7	5.0	6.7
Retail Trade	10.9	4.3	6.6
Information & Communication	9.1	7.7	1.3
Machinery	8.4	5.3	3.1
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.0	0.1
Precision Instruments	5.5	2.4	3.2
Other Products	5.2	2.4	2.8
Banks	4.4	6.9	-2.5
Other Sectors	14.8	35.3	-20.5
<b>Total Sector Exposure</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	6.4	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Country Exposure (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
Japan	123.1	100.0	23.1
<b>Total Country Exposure</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	0.0	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Top Net Long Positions (% TNA)**

	TPX Sector	Country	Net	Index	Relative
OSAKA SODA CO LTD	Chemicals	Japan	6.4	0.0	6.4
RYOHIN KEIKAKU CO LTD	Retail Trade	Japan	5.8	0.1	5.8
NOF CORP	Chemicals	Japan	5.4	0.1	5.3
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	Electric Appliances	Japan	4.8	1.6	3.2
MISUMI GROUP INC	Wholesale Trade	Japan	4.4	0.1	4.3
ORIENTAL LAND CO LTD	Services	Japan	4.4	0.9	3.6
KEYENCE CORP	Electric Appliances	Japan	4.1	1.9	2.3
HARMONIC DRIVE SYSTEMS INC	Machinery	Japan	3.7	0.0	3.7
MITSUI HIGH-TEC INC.	Electric Appliances	Japan	3.3	0.0	3.3
RIKEN KEIKI CO LTD	Precision Instruments	Japan	3.2	0.0	3.2

**Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
OSAKA SODA CO LTD	6.4	0.0	6.4
RYOHIN KEIKAKU CO LTD	5.8	0.1	5.8
NOF CORP	5.4	0.1	5.3
MISUMI GROUP INC	4.4	0.1	4.3
HARMONIC DRIVE SYSTEMS INC	3.7	0.0	3.7
ORIENTAL LAND CO LTD	4.4	0.9	3.6
MITSUI HIGH-TEC INC.	3.3	0.0	3.3
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	4.8	1.6	3.2
RIKEN KEIKI CO LTD	3.2	0.0	3.2
KANSAI PAINT CO LTD OSAKA	2.8	0.1	2.7

**Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	0.0	4.2	-4.2
MITSUBISHI UFJ FIN GRP INC	0.0	2.2	-2.2
SONY GROUP CORP	0.7	2.8	-2.1
NIPPON TELEG & TEL CORP	0.0	1.5	-1.5
HITACHI LTD	0.0	1.5	-1.5
MITSUBISHI CORP	0.0	1.4	-1.4
NINTENDO CO LTD	0.0	1.4	-1.4
MITSUI & CO LTD	0.0	1.3	-1.3
ITOCHU CORPORATION	0.0	1.2	-1.2
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL CO LTD	0.0	1.1	-1.1

**Net Long Positions Concentration (% TNA)**

	Fund	Index
Top 10	45.5	20.1
Top 20	68.1	31.6
Top 50	100.9	49.6

Full portfolio listings, with the appropriate time lag as agreed by the Board, are available on request from Fidelity Investment Trusts. Figures may not always sum to totals due to rounding.

## Approach and Style

Fidelity Japan Trust PLC seeks to add value through detailed research. Fidelity's proprietary research forms the cornerstone of the investment process and drives the Trust manager's bottom-up stock selection approach. He works closely with sector analysts, as well as our dedicated small-cap analysts, and is also able to call upon Fidelity's global research network. The portfolio manager favours companies with superior mid- to long-term earnings growth potential, competent management focused on raising shareholder returns and attractive absolute and relative valuations. The manager also assesses the following: business strategies; technical and/or operational advantages; competitive position. While the trust is free to invest across a wide range of industries, sector allocation is a direct result of the manager's bottom-up stock selection.

## Administrative & Dealing Information

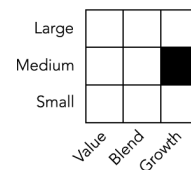
Financial Year End:	31st December
Reference currency:	UK Sterling (GBP)
Company domicile:	United Kingdom
Company legal structure:	Investment Trust
Capital guarantee:	No
ISIN:	GB0003328555
SEDOL:	0332855
Bloomberg:	FJV LN
Distribution frequency:	Annual
Charges made to income or capital:	20/80
Other Ongoing Costs (including AMC/excluding Portfolio transaction costs):	0.99%
Portfolio Transaction Costs:	0.52%
Annual Management Charge:	0.70% (net assets) +/- 0.20% (based on performance relative to the Market Index)

Last VMF adjustment (+/- 0.2%) applied at month end: -0.20%

## Independent Assessment

Information in this section is the latest available at date of publication. Further details can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments, these are not a reliable indicator of future results.

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## Portfolio Construction – Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve the fund's objectives.

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as geared.

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

## How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- **Aggregation:** all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company. The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities - ie not aggregated.
- **Categorisation:** for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.
- **Derivatives:** all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.
- **"Basket" securities:** securities that represent a number of company shares - like index futures or options - are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

ESG Metrics

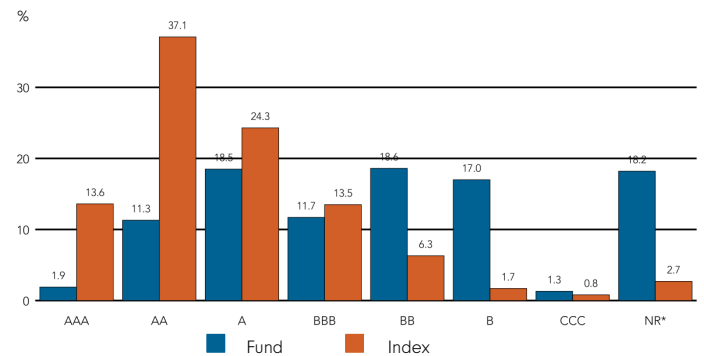
The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. Representation of this data is for informational purposes only. If the SFDR classification is shown as 6 below then this fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics nor does it have a sustainable investment objective. If it is shown as 8, the fund promotes environmental or social characteristics. If it is shown as 9, the fund has a sustainable investment objective. Product-specific information can be found on our website at [www.fidelityinternational.com](http://www.fidelityinternational.com)

Sustainability Characteristics (31.12.2023)

	Fund	Index
MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	BBB	N/R
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/\$M Revenue)	73	95
SFDR Classification	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Applicable  
N/R - Not Rated

MSCI Ratings Distribution % (31.12.2023)



ESG Fund rating based on holding as at 31.10.23 with 82.6% security coverage. Carbon intensity data based on holdings as at 31.12.23 with 89% security coverage.

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**MSCI ESG Fund Rating:** This shows the fund’s ESG rating based on the Quality Scores given to the fund by MSCI. This ranges from AAA, AA (Leader), A, BBB, BB (Average) to B, CCC (Laggard). To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund’s gross weight must come from covered securities (and excluding cash), the fund’s holdings date must be less than one year old and the fund must have at least ten securities.

**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity:** is calculated as the sum of each portfolio weight multiplied by the Co2e per \$M of Revenue of each holding. This metric provides a snapshot of the fund’s exposure to carbon-intensive companies and includes scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions. For carbon data, the coverage of underlying securities must be over 50% for data to be shown.

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**MSCI Ratings Distribution:** This shows the percentage distribution of ESG ratings in the fund, based on the Net Asset Value of holdings excluding cash, liquidity funds, derivatives and Exchange Traded Funds.

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### Equity Exposure notes

#### GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

#### NET EQUITY

The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.

#### OTHER

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

#### UNINVESTED CASH

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

#### Investment Trust Facts

##### NAV

The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

##### PREMIUM

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

##### DISCOUNT

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

##### GEARING

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

##### FAIR VALUE

The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

#### General notes

##### TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

##### INDEX

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

##### TOP NET LONG POSITIONS

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the trust's total net assets are effectively invested. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

##### TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS

Those positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

##### NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the trust and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between fund and index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.

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## Glossary / Additional Notes

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### ONGOING COSTS (KID)

These include Portfolio transaction costs (the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments) and Other ongoing costs (the costs that we take each year for managing the investment).

These are based on the methodology prescribed by EU Regulation (PRIIPS) and differ from other presentations of costs such as the Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) in the Company's Annual Report & Accounts.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

These are costs incurred when trading underlying investments.

### SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.

More information is available at <http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us>

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.

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