# **Baillie Gifford**

# Baillie Gifford Worldwide Japanese Fund 31 January 2025 A Class factsheet - Marketing communication

Awards and Ratings - As at 31 December 2024

Overall Morningstar Rating

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Class A Acc in USD. Overall rating among 1062 EAA Fund Japan Large-Cap Equity funds as at 31-DEC-2024.

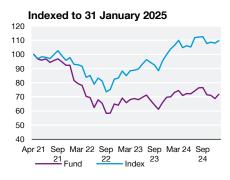


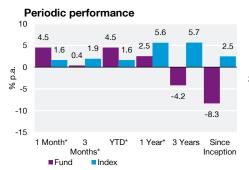
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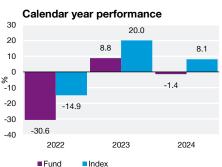
### Investment proposition

The Worldwide Japanese Fund is a concentrated portfolio of leading growth businesses in Japan. The Fund adopts a long-term time horizon of five years and beyond and positioning is based on bottom up stock selection. The manager adopts a pragmatic approach to growth and places significant emphasis on companies with durable competitive advantages which are run by dynamic and competent management teams.

# Performance overview - US dollars - Past performance does not predict future returns







Source: Revolution, Japan Exchange Group. As at 31 January 2025. US dollars. Net of fees. Class A USD Acc, 10am prices. Index: TOPIX, calculated using close to close. \*Not annualised. Share class inception date: 14 April 2021.

#### Portfolio overview

#### **Fund facts**

Fund launch date	18 August 2014
Fund size	\$52.5m
Index	TOPIX
Active share	79%
Annual turnover	13%
Number of stocks	55
Stocks (guideline range)	35-55
Fund SFDR Classification	Article 8*
Fiscal year end	30 September
Structure	Irish UCITS
Base currency	JPY

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund is subject to enhanced sustainability-related disclosures on the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

# **Key Decision Makers**

Name	Baillie Gifford years' experience	Industry years' experience
Donald Farquharson*	17	37
Tolibjon Tursunov	14	14

<sup>\*</sup>Partner

#### Top ten holdings

	Holdings	% of Total assets
1	Sony	5.9
2	SoftBank Group	5.9
3	Recruit Holdings	5.2
4	SBI Holdings	4.5
5	Keyence	4.1
6	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	4.0
7	MS&AD Insurance	3.5
8	Rakuten	3.3
9	Nintendo	2.7
10	Murata Manufacturing	2.7

# **Sector Positioning**

	Fund (%)	Index (%)	Relative (%)
Manufacturing	48.3	52.9	-4.6
Transport And Communications	14.4	11.0	3.4
Finance & Insurance	14.0	14.4	-0.4
Services	13.8	5.2	8.6
Commerce	8.1	11.1	-3.0
Real Estate	0.7	1.8	-1.1
Cash	0.8	0.0	0.8

As well as cash in the bank, this balance includes unsettled cash flows arising from both shareholder flows and outstanding trades. Therefore, a negative balance may arise from timing differences between shareholder flows and security trading and does not necessarily represent a bank overdraft.

# **Active share classes**

	Inception Date	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL	WKN	Valoren	Ongoing charge figure (%)	Annual management fee (%)
US dollar								
Class A USD Acc	14 April 2021	IE00BFWJRQ46	BGWJAUA	BFWJRQ4	A3C2VW	54860148	2.03	1.50
Class A USD Acc (Hgd)	26 August 2020	IE00BK70X697	BGWJAUH ID	BK70X69	A2QBL1	54860150	2.05	1.50
euro								
Class A EUR Acc	12 June 2017	IE00BYNZR422	BGWBAEA ID	BYNZR42	A2DXNY	36017337	2.03	1.50
Class A EUR Acc (Hgd)	21 May 2020	IE00BVGBXS28	BGWJEAH ID	BVGBXS2	A2PFCK	27003773	2.05	1.50
Class A EUR Inc (Hgd)	17 August 2018	IE00BFWYPN26	BGWJAEH ID	BFWYPN2	A2PFCJ	43333872	2.05	1.50
Japanese yen								
Class A JPY Acc	26 August 2020	IE00BFMNL083	BGWJAJA ID	BFMNL08	A2QBL0	54632987	2.03	1.50
Swedish krona								
Class A SEK Acc	01 February 2018	IE00BF4LVG61	BGWJASA ID	BF4LVG6	A2QC4J	40272958	2.03	1.50
Swiss franc								
Class A CHF Acc	29 October 2020	IE00BN15WP34	BAGWJAC ID	BN15WP3	A2QGSM	57110515	2.03	1.50

Our Worldwide funds allow us to offer multi-currency share classes. Share classes can be created on request. The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period. Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

# Periodic performance

	1 Month*	3 Months*	YTD*	1 Year*	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
US dollar								
Class A USD Acc (%)	4.5	0.4	4.5	2.5	-4.2	N/A	N/A	-8.3
Index (%)	1.6	1.9	1.6	5.6	5.7	N/A	N/A	2.5
euro								
Class A EUR Acc (%)	4.6	5.1	4.6	6.8	-1.9	0.1	N/A	2.4
Index (%)	1.2	6.5	1.2	10.4	8.4	6.8	N/A	6.3
Japanese yen								
Class A JPY Acc (%)	2.9	1.8	2.9	7.2	5.6	N/A	N/A	5.7
Index (%)	0.1	3.6	0.1	11.9	16.6	N/A	N/A	15.7
Swedish krona								
Class A SEK Acc (%)	4.4	3.9	4.4	8.7	1.2	1.5	N/A	2.9
Index (%)	1.7	5.4	1.7	13.0	11.8	8.4	N/A	8.3
Swiss franc								
Class A CHF Acc (%)	5.7	5.7	5.7	8.3	-4.8	N/A	N/A	-4.2
Index (%)	1.8	7.1	1.8	11.8	4.8	N/A	N/A	5.9
Hedged								
Class A EUR Acc (Hgd) (%)	3.2	2.5	3.2	10.3	7.5	N/A	N/A	8.9
Class A EUR Inc (Hgd) (%)	3.2	2.5	3.2	10.3	7.5	6.8	N/A	5.3
Class A USD Acc (Hgd) (%)	3.4	2.9	3.4	12.0	9.8	N/A	N/A	8.6
Index (%)	0.1	3.6	0.1	11.9	16.6	13.3	N/A	16.9

# Calendar year performance

	December 2020	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024
US dollar					
Class A USD Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	-30.6	8.8	-1.4
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	-14.9	20.0	8.1
euro					
Class A EUR Acc (%)	15.8	3.4	-26.3	4.8	4.8
Index (%)	3.7	8.8	-9.3	16.0	15.3
Japanese yen					
Class A JPY Acc (%)	N/A	6.6	-20.4	16.8	9.1
Index (%)	N/A	12.7	-2.5	28.3	20.5
Swedish krona					
Class A SEK Acc (%)	11.1	5.6	-19.9	4.5	8.6
Index (%)	-0.8	11.4	-2.0	16.1	18.5
Swiss franc					
Class A CHF Acc (%)	N/A	-1.2	-29.7	-0.9	5.8
Index (%)	N/A	4.2	-13.6	9.2	16.3
Hedged					
Class A EUR Acc (Hgd) (%)	N/A	5.5	-21.1	20.2	12.2
Class A EUR Inc (Hgd) (%)	18.5	5.5	-21.1	20.2	12.2
Class A USD Acc (Hgd) (%)	N/A	6.7	-18.8	22.7	13.8
Index (%)	7.4	12.7	-2.5	28.3	20.5

# Discrete performance

	31/12/19-31/12/20	31/12/20-31/12/21	31/12/21-31/12/22	31/12/22-31/12/23	31/12/23-31/12/24
US dollar					
Class A USD Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	-30.6	8.8	-1.4
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	-14.9	20.0	8.1
euro					
Class A EUR Acc (%)	15.8	3.4	-26.3	4.8	4.8
Index (%)	3.7	8.8	-9.3	16.0	15.3
Japanese yen					
Class A JPY Acc (%)	N/A	6.6	-20.4	16.8	9.1
Index (%)	N/A	12.7	-2.5	28.3	20.5
Swedish krona					
Class A SEK Acc (%)	11.1	5.6	-19.9	4.5	8.6
Index (%)	-0.8	11.4	-2.0	16.1	18.5
Swiss franc					
Class A CHF Acc (%)	N/A	-1.2	-29.7	-0.9	5.8
Index (%)	N/A	4.2	-13.6	9.2	16.3
Hedged					
Class A EUR Acc (Hgd) (%)	N/A	5.5	-21.1	20.2	12.2
Class A EUR Inc (Hgd) (%)	18.5	5.5	-21.1	20.2	12.2
Class A USD Acc (Hgd) (%)	N/A	6.7	-18.8	22.7	13.8
Index (%)	7.4	12.7	-2.5	28.3	20.5

	31/12/14-31/12/15	31/12/15-31/12/16	31/12/16-31/12/17	31/12/17-31/12/18	31/12/18-31/12/19
euro					
Class A EUR Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-11.5	21.8
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-9.4	21.4
Swedish krona					
Class A SEK Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.5
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Hedged					
Class A EUR Inc (Hgd) (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.1

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