

FSSA Japan Focus Fund Class E GBP

a subfund of First Sentier Investors ICVC (the Company)

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term (at least three years). The Fund invests at least 80% in shares of large and mid-sized companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in Japan and that are listed on exchanges worldwide. This includes companies that are listed on exchanges worldwide which provide to exposure to Japan. These companies generally have a total stock market value of at least US\$1 billion. The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds. The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

This Class E share closed to new investors on the 14th May 2021. Shareholders who invested before that date can continue to subscribe and redeem as normal. Investors holding shares via nominee entities who transfer those shares to another nominee entity may not be able to top up further if the new nominee is not itself a holder of Class E shares in the fund.

Fund information

Fund launch date	26 October 2015
Share class launch date	10 October 2019
Fund size (£m)	42.2
UK's Investment association sector	Japan
Benchmark	TOPIX Net Total Return Index*
Number of holdings	31
Fund manager(s)	Rizi Mohanty/Martin Lau
Available as ISA	Yes, subject to ISA limits
Minimum investment	£100,000/£500 subsequent
Initial charge	0% ^c
Ongoing charges [†]	0.70%
Share type	Accumulation
Sedol	BJVQNH7
ISIN	GBO0BJVQNH77
Research rating [‡]	Morningstar@:Bronze RSM:Rated
Fund yield	0.3%

* The benchmark and IA sector for this Fund have been identified as a means by which investors can compare the performance of the Fund and have been chosen because their constituents most closely represent the scope of the investable assets. The benchmark and sector are not used to limit or constrain how the portfolio is constructed nor are they part of a target set for Fund performance. The benchmark of the Fund changed from MSCI Japan Net Index to TOPIX Net Total Return Index with effect from 9 December 2021. This change has been reflected in the calculation of the benchmark performance.

Annual performance (% in GBP) to 30 September 2024

	12mths to 30/09/24	12mths to 30/09/23	12mths to 30/09/22	12mths to 30/09/21	12mths to 30/09/20
Fund return	7.6	-7.0	-32.0	19.6	-
Benchmark return	10.3	14.7	-13.3	17.0	-

Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 30 September 2024

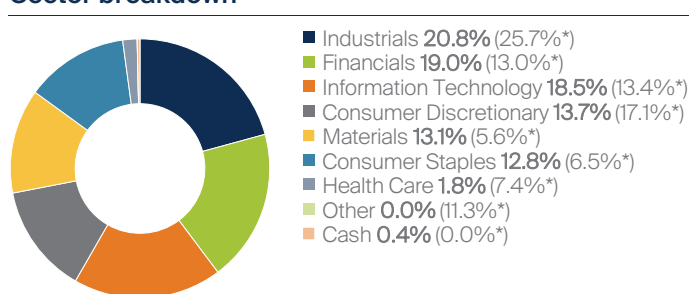
Period	3mths	6mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since Inception
Fund return	8.9	1.0	7.6	-32.0	-	-	-1.0
Benchmark return	0.6	-3.8	10.3	9.6	-	-	30.9

These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Ten largest company holdings

Stock Name	%
BayCurrent, Inc	7.1
SMS Co., Ltd.	7.1
GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.	6.9
RAKUS Co., Ltd.	6.7
Nissan Chemical Corporation	5.6
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	4.6
T&D Holdings, Inc.	4.3
Kotobuki Spirits Co., Ltd.	4.2
Raksul Inc.	3.7
Food & Life Companies Ltd.	3.7

Sector breakdown



*Index weight

Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and First Sentier Investors. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities.

All performance data for the FSSA Japan Focus Fund Class E (Accumulation) GBP as at 30 September 2024. Source for fund - Lipper IM / First Sentier Investors (UK) Funds Limited. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - TSE, income reinvested net of tax. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 10 October 2019.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.

The Fund may experience the following risks:

Currency risk: The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

Single country / specific region risk: investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company prospectus.

Investment should be made on the basis of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please seek independent financial advice.



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