### **FACTSHEET**

The Fund seeks to achieve capital growth by investing in smaller Japanese companies, 50% of which will be in companies whose capitalisation at the time of purchase is less than JPY 400 billion.

Benchmark

MSCI Japan Small Cap DTR

Net (see footnote)

Inception Date of Class

7 Apr 2006 2 Apr 2001

Inception Date of Predecessor Class

Base Currency USD

Y3 (Institutional) Class

Class Currency JPY

JPY 125 million Min. Investment

Management Fee 1.00%

Listing/Dealing Unlisted / Daily

Distribution Policy Income and capital gains may

be distributed

ISIN IE0030395952

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Domicile & Type

Ireland / Sub-fund of UCITS Umbrella Open-ended Unit

Trust

Investment Manager(s)

PineBridge Investments Japan Co., Limited

Authorised for Public

Distribution

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,

Italy, Luxembourg,

Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan (ROC), United Kingdom

Fund Manager(s)

Midori Katsumi Noriko Umino

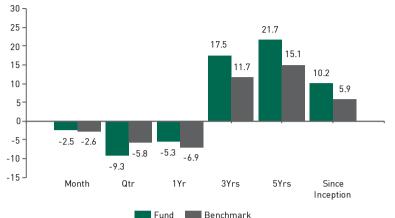
Rating(s)

Morningstar ★★★★

# PineBridge Japan Small Cap Equity Fund

### PERFORMANCE %

For periods ending 31 August 2016



Calendar Year	2016 YTD	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fund %	-7.3	10.8	21.2	83.6	27.6
Benchmark %	-10.7	15.7	13.5	53.6	16.9
Difference %	3.4	-4.9	7.7	30.0	10.7

FUND ANALYSIS	1 Yr	3 Yr		
Information Ratio	0.1	0.7	No. of Securities	60
Sharpe Ratio	-0.2	1.0	Wtd Avg Mkt Cap USDm	987
Alpha %	1.7	5.3		
Tracking Error %	12.7	8.9	P/E Ratio	18.8
Standard Deviation %	21.4	17.8	P/Book	1.7
Beta	0.91	1.03	ROE %	11.6
R Squared	65.6	75.3	Debt to Equity	35.6

Fund Size USDm 119.1 NAV per Unit (JPY) 5434.1084

### MARKET REVIEW

The Japanese small cap market lost momentum and declined 2.6% in the local currency base in August amid the currency volatility. The market style and sector reversal continued since its start in July. By style, micro-caps and growth underperformed against large caps and value. By sector, global cyclicals and Financials continued to reverse, while domestic cyclicals and defensives faced profit taking.

### FUND ATTRIBUTION & POSITIONING

- The fund outperformed its benchmark index during August.
- The style rotation to large caps and value had a negative impact on the fund's micro-cap and growth biased portfolio. However, the reversal of global cyclicals stocks added value by offsetting the loss coming from the domestic cyclicals and defensives. The top stock contributor was Topcon, a measuring equipment maker with high currency sensitivity, gaining 36% in the reversal. The top stock detractor was Toyobo, a specialized fiber and film maker, which lost 16% due to the poor earnings progress of a couple of non-core businesses, despite the sound progress of the core businesses.
- The team sold companies with decelerating fundamentals and reallocated the cash to companies exhibiting an earnings turnaround or/and profit acceleration for reasonable valuations Tsukui, a nursing care service operator, was purchased on weakness as a result of style rotation out of domestic defensives. On the global cyclical side, Casio, a watchmaker, was bought at a depressed valuation.

### MARKET OUTLOOK

Over the short-term, the market may remain volatile due to the speculation over global monetary policies. However, the team remains bullish on the market due to the underlying structural changes of Japanese companies over the long-term. In terms of valuation, price to earnings ratio (PER) is 15x for fiscal year 2016 with static earnings growth among domestic businesses and depressed valuations among global cyclicals.



## ABOUT PINERRINGE INVESTMENTS

- Global asset manager with experience in emerging and developed markets, and investment capabilities in multiasset, fixed income, equities and alternatives.
- On the ground investment teams that provide global fundamental perspectives and analytical insights.
- Global client base that includes institutions, insurance companies, and intermediaries.

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### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

	Sector	Fund %
Topcon Corp.	Information Technology	3.6
Toyobo Co., Ltd.	Materials	3.3
OUTSOURCING Inc.	Industrials	3.3
FP Corporation	Materials	3.0
Tomy Company, Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
Ain Holdings Inc.	Consumer Staples	2.8
Syuppin Co., Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
Megachips Corporation	Information Technology	2.6
Yamaichi Electronics Co., Ltd.	Information Technology	2.5
Mirait Holdings Corporation	Industrials	2.3
TOTAL		29.0

### TOP TEN ACTIVE POSITIONS

	Sector	Fund %
Topcon Corp.	Information Technology	3.6
OUTSOURCING Inc.	Industrials	3.3
Toyobo Co., Ltd.	Materials	3.3
Syuppin Co., Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
FP Corporation	Materials	3.0
Tomy Company, Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
Ain Holdings Inc.	Consumer Staples	2.8
Megachips Corporation	Information Technology	2.6
Yamaichi Electronics Co., Ltd.	Information Technology	2.5
Mirait Holdings Corporation	Industrials	2.3

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Information Technology     25.5       Industrials     21.5       Consumer Discretionary     20.9       Health Care     8.2       Materials     8.1       Consumer Staples     7.7       Real Estate     3.6       Energy     2.2       Financials     1.8       Cash     0.4       TOTAL     100.0		Fund %
Consumer Discretionary       20.9         Health Care       8.2         Materials       8.1         Consumer Staples       7.7         Real Estate       3.6         Energy       2.2         Financials       1.8         Cash       0.4	Information Technology	25.5
Health Care         8.2           Materials         8.1           Consumer Staples         7.7           Real Estate         3.6           Energy         2.2           Financials         1.8           Cash         0.4	Industrials	21.5
Materials       8.1         Consumer Staples       7.7         Real Estate       3.6         Energy       2.2         Financials       1.8         Cash       0.4	Consumer Discretionary	20.9
Consumer Staples         7.7           Real Estate         3.6           Energy         2.2           Financials         1.8           Cash         0.4	Health Care	8.2
Real Estate       3.6         Energy       2.2         Financials       1.8         Cash       0.4	Materials	8.1
Energy 2.2 Financials 1.8 Cash 0.4	Consumer Staples	7.7
Financials 1.8 Cash 0.4	Real Estate	3.6
Cash 0.4	Energy	2.2
	Financials	1.8
TOTAL 100.0	Cash	0.4
	TOTAL	100.0

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