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Investment Objective

To provide shareholders with dividend income combined with capital growth, mainly through investment in equities listed or quoted in Japan.

Portfolio Exposure	Number of stocks	%
Dividend Growth	30	89.9
Special Situations	6	18.7
Stable Yield	3	10.5
Total	39	119.0

Dividend (pence per share) – Year End October									
Dividends Declared	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Jun/Jul	1.60	1.55	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.25	1.15	1.00
Jan/Feb	3.85	3.75	3.50	3.35	3.20	3.10	2.50	2.30	2.00
Total	5.45	5.30	4.90	4.75	4.60	4.50	3.75	3.45	3.00

Discrete Performance – (%) Full Calendar Year ⁽¹⁾						
Total Return	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Ord Share Price	8.45	23.01	1.79	12.39	-9.09	10.79
NAV (cum income)	12.96	17.39	-0.51	10.79	1.23	20.93
TOPIX TR in GBP	10.53	12.76	-4.60	2.22	9.49	15.65

Cumulative Performance (%) ⁽¹⁾						
Total Return	1 month	CYTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Inception
Ord Share Price	2.61	2.61	7.19	36.17	46.15	142.69
NAV (cum income)	2.17	2.17	9.70	38.67	54.80	168.37
TOPIX TR in GBP	2.46	2.46	9.19	27.78	38.93	114.47

Source: Independent NAVs are calculated daily by Frostrow Capital LLP (by Apex Listed Companies Services (UK) Limited pre 31.12.24). From January 2021 Total Return performance details shown are net NAV to NAV returns (including current financial year revenue items) with gross dividends re-invested. Prior to January 2021 Total Return performance details shown were net NAV to NAV returns (excluding current financial year revenue items) with gross dividends re-invested. Ordinary Share Price period returns displayed are calculated as Total Return on a Last price to Last price basis. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. The price of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. All figures are in GBP or sterling adjusted based on a midday FX rate consistent with the valuation point. Inception date 15 December 2015. Investments denominated in foreign currencies expose investors to the risk of loss from currency movements as well as movements in the value, price or income derived from the investments themselves and some of the investments referred to herein may be derivatives or other products which may involve different and more complex risks as compared to listed securities.

Fund Statistics

Net Asset Value	£277.4m
Market Value	£252.6m
No. Ordinary Shares in issue	134,730,610
Launch date	Dec 2015
NAV per Ordinary Share cum Income GBP	205.89
NAV per Ordinary Share ex Income GBP	205.85
Ordinary Share Price GBP	187.50
Premium (Discount)	(8.9%)
Dividends Paid	Aug & Mar
Dividend Yield	2.9% ⁽²⁾
Active Share	80.8% ⁽³⁾
Financial Calendar Year End	31 October

Company Fees:

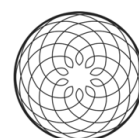
Ongoing charges ratio (OCR) per year (31.10.24)	1.03% ⁽⁴⁾
Annual Management Fee	0.75% ⁽⁵⁾

AIFMD Exposure Calculation:

Gross	122.9 (% NAV)
Commitment	121.5 (% NAV)

Company Codes:

ISIN - Ordinary Share	GB00BYSRMH16
Sedol - Ordinary Share	BYSRMH1 GB
Bloomberg - Ordinary Share	CCJI LN



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- (1) Source: Frostrow Capital LLP.
 (2) The yield is calculated using the actual dividends declared during the past 12 months and the closing Ordinary Share price as at the date of this factsheet.
 (3) Source: Frostrow Capital LLP.
 (4) Source: Latest published Interim/Annual Report. This is rounded to 2 decimal places.
 (5) The management fee is calculated on a tiered basis of 0.75% per annum on the first £300 million of net assets and 0.60% on net assets in excess of £300 million.

Top 10 Holdings	
Holding	%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	8.5
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	6.7
Nintendo	6.1
SBI Japan	5.3
SOFTBANK	5.0
ITOCU	4.9
Shin-Etsu Chemical	4.8
Tokyo Metro	4.3
Tokio Marine	4.2
Japan Securities Finance	3.8
Total	53.6

Top 10 Sectors	
Holding	%
Chemicals	19.9
Banks	15.2
Electrical Appliances	11.4
Info & Communications	9.2
Wholesale	8.2
Retail Trade	8.1
Other Financing Business	7.2
Other Products	7.1
Insurance	7.1
Securities & Commodities	5.3
Total	98.7

Commentary

The NAV of CC Japan Income & Growth Trust rose by 2.17% during January in sterling terms. Despite a reasonable degree of volatility, the index finished the month with a small increase in local currency. Much of the recent market movements have been related to the anticipation of the incoming Trump administration in the US and monetary policy moves across the major trading regions. In addition, the launch of the latest version of the Chinese artificial intelligence model DeepSeek resulted in a sharp fall in global semiconductor stocks as investors considered the possibility of an AI model developed at a fraction of the cost of existing industry leading models.

During the month, we had the opportunity to meet senior management of the two leading Japanese megabanks. The industry has suffered notably from the negative interest rate environment of the past few years, but their results over recent quarters have demonstrated a significant improvement of core profits which had been lackluster since the global financial crisis. Traditional lending has improved as Japanese companies seek to invest in new capacity and embark on M&A. Furthermore net interest margin is improving as Japanese interest rates are rising as the Bank of Japan (BoJ) seeks to normalise monetary policy. Recurring fees and commissions are also increasing, reflecting broader business trends and strengthening retail focused operations, and offer further potential for growth in an inflationary environment. This industry has been at the forefront of the improvement in governance and capital efficiency initiated by Abenomics and enhanced by the Tokyo Stock Exchange more recently. Shareholders have benefited from the allocation of cash flow to dividends and share buybacks and these are set to expand further given the favourable outlook for these core business operations.

The banking sector, and financials in general, benefitted in January from the decision by the BoJ to raise the policy rate from 0.25% to 0.5% at its scheduled committee meeting. There is very clear messaging from the BoJ and from bank management that further increases are likely this year assuming certain economic conditions are met. As positive as this is for shareholder return prospects, there is a keenness and ability to invest for long term growth opportunities, which is an appealing attribute for this investment strategy.

Company Information

Launch date: 15 December 2015

AIC sector: Japan

Fund manager: Richard Aston

Directors:

June Aitken (Chair), Craig Cleland, Kate Cornish-Bowden, John Charlton-Jones

Portfolio Manager: Chikara Investments LLP

AIFM, Administrator & Company

Secretary: Frostrow Capital LLP (effective 1 January 2025)

Company Broker: Peel Hunt

Depository & Custodian:

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited

Company Website:

www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com

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Key Risks

Liquidity risk – The Company may encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

Credit and counterparty risks – the Company may be exposed to credit and counterparty risks in relation to the securities and counterparties it invests in and with whom it transacts.

Concentration risk – The Company holds a limited number of investments. If one of these falls in value, it can have a greater impact on the Company's value than if the Company held a larger number of investments.

Currency risk – Investing in assets in a currency other than your own exposes the value of your investment to exchange rate fluctuations.

Derivatives – the Company may use derivatives as investments or to manage the risk profile of the Company. Their use may increase the risk of losses as well as enhance potential gains as compared to funds that do not use derivatives.

Sustainability Risk - Environmental, social and governance events or conditions could occur that have an adverse impact on the value of the Fund's investments, either directly, or by contributing to the impact or materiality of other risks.

The Company's prospectus gives you further details about all the risks for this investment trust – see under "Important Information" for how to obtain a copy.

Target Market - The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties, and is eligible for all distribution channels. The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

Value Assessment -The AIFM has conducted an annual Value Assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The Assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations. Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company), and also considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Chikara Investments LLP, as AIFM prior to 1 January 2025, concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

Important Information

The Key Information Document and the latest Annual Report of the Company are available on the Company's website: www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com. All data as at 31.01.2025 unless stated otherwise.

This factsheet is to provide you summary information about the Company and should not be taken as advice or a recommendation to buy or sell its shares. If you are unsure of the suitability of this product for your investment needs, please contact a financial adviser. The value of the Company's ordinary shares will fluctuate. The price of the ordinary shares in the Company is determined by market supply and demand. The price of the ordinary shares may be different to the net assets of the Company.

The Company may enter into long only contracts for difference or equity swaps for gearing and efficient portfolio management purposes. It may also use borrowing to seek to enhance investment returns. This will exaggerate market movements both up and down. Generally gearing, through borrowings and/or entering into long only contracts for difference or equity swaps, will not exceed the net asset value by more than 20% at the time of drawdown of the relevant borrowings or entering into the relevant transaction, as appropriate. Where the Company utilises such instruments, it is likely to take a credit risk with regard to the parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default.

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Shareholders should read the Company's product documentation before investing, including the latest Report and Accounts, the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive Disclosure Document and the latest prospectus and Annual Report of the Company as they contain important information regarding the Company, including charges, tax and specific risk warnings and will form the basis of the investment.