

## Objectives and investment universe

Asset class Equity
Category Japan
Range ESG

BCV Japac is a sub-fund of AMC PROFESSIONAL FUND. BCV Japac's flexible investment policy and professional management make the fund the ideal means to participate in the dynamic growth of Japan, which is undergoing complete restructuring.

The manager invests preferably in companies with a high ESG rating. The ESG approaches applied are mentioned at the bottom of the page.

Class Z: open to qualified investors who have previously concluded a specific written agreement with Banque Cantonale Vaudoise for the remuneration of its asset management activities.

#### **Fund facts**

Legal structure	Mutual Fund
Fund domicile	Switzerland
Fund manager	Pierre Mermod
	Alain Barbezat
Benchmark	TOPIX NR
Launch date	01.02.2019
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Security number / ISIN 21342353 / CH0213423533

Base currency JPY
Liquidity Daily
NAV JPY 1

NAV JPY 18'986.00 High / Low 2024 JPY 20'919.00 / 15'558.00

 Fund assets in million
 JPY 30'908.71

 Flat fee
 0.08%

 TER as of 31.03.2024
 0.21%

 Last distribution (gross)
 JPY 304.00

Incidental subscription/redemption fees (in favour of the fund) : 0.08% / 0.08%

## Issue and redemption of units

Cut-off day/time for client orders D-1 16:00\*

NAV date (reference date for market D

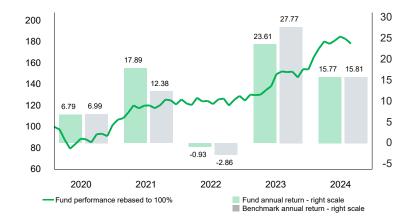
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Value date D+2 Liquidity Daily

\* cut-off time with BCV

## Performance in JPY (%)

					annualised			
	1 Month	3 M.	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years		
Fund	-2.41	-1.58	15.77	17.72	14.02	15.49		
Index	-2.90	-2.04	15.81	18.58	13.77	14.72		
Volatility <sup>(1)</sup>				18.50	16.06	19.51		
Index				22.48	18.18	18.22		
Sharpe Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>				0.89	0.80	0.77		
Index				0.82	0.75	0.80		
Tracking error				2.17	2.51	3.07		



#### Risk profile



The synthetic risk indicator (SRI) is used to assess the risk level of this product compared to others, taking into account market and credit risks. Its calculation method is based on the assumption that the investor holds the fund for the recommended holding period.

### **ESG** characteristics

















ESG integration

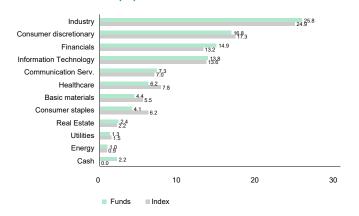
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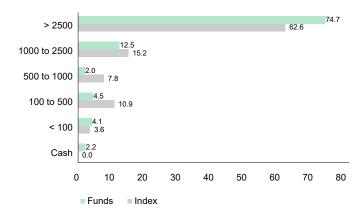
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## Sector breakdown (%)



## Market capitalisation breakdown in JPY (%)



Statistics over 3 years***	Fund	Index	Fund vs Index	
Total return	48.25%	47.24%	Tracking error	2.51
Annualised return	14.02%	13.77%	Information ratio	0.07
Sharpe Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	0.80	0.75	Beta	1.01
Positive months	58.33%	63.89%	Correlation	0.99
Max drawdown <sup>(1)</sup>	-14.54%	-23.96%		
Risk free rate	0.10%			

\*\*\* or since inception if less than 3 years

# The largest holdings (%)

Hitachi Ltd Rg	4.04
Sony Corp.	3.68
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	3.58
Toyota Motor	3.48
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	3.40
Mitsubishi Corp.	3.17
Keyence Corp.	2.70
Itochu	2.49
ORIX Corp.	2.36
Shin-Etsu Chemical	2.18

# Monthly performance in JPY (%)

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		
	Fund	Benchmark									
January	-2.52	-2.14	1.28	0.23	-3.22	-4.83	4.52	4.42	7.59	7.81	
February	-9.86	-10.28	4.77	3.11	-1.05	-0.44	-0.33	0.94	4.79	4.92	
March	-9.63	-6.17	6.10	5.57	5.67	4.12	0.32	1.52	3.90	4.29	
April	5.44	4.35	-2.32	-2.84	-2.71	-2.40	3.17	2.70	-1.31	-0.91	
May	6.06	6.81	2.14	1.37	0.43	0.77	2.92	3.61	1.75	1.14	
June	-0.60	-0.21	0.21	1.17	-2.47	-2.07	8.13	7.53	2.12	1.44	
July	-3.36	-4.02	-2.18	-2.18	3.66	3.72	1.73	1.49	-1.25	-0.54	
August	9.09	8.17	2.38	3.16	0.63	1.20	-0.41	0.43	-2.41	-2.90	
September	0.47	1.17	4.38	4.23	-5.18	-5.65	0.26	0.37			
October	-2.39	-2.84	-0.57	-1.42	4.53	5.10	-3.56	-2.99			
November	11.37	11.14	-3.14	-3.61	2.91	2.95	5.34	5.41			
December	5.08	2.95	4.02	3.43	-3.44	-4.59	-0.16	-0.25			
Year	6.79	6.99	17.89	12.38	-0.93	-2.86	23.61	27.77	15.77	15.81	



### **Product ranges**

Our socially responsible investment (SRI) policy (see bcv.ch/en/sri) presents BCV's principles regarding environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria and describes how we apply those criteria to investments. The policy covers all our investment products and services that relate to sustainability. Our investment offering consists of a standard product range and two ESG-specific ranges. We use different investment approaches and sustainability objectives for each of these ranges in order to meet our investors' respective expectations.

- · In our standard range, investment decisions are based primarily on financial objectives. ESG-related constraints are not systematically taken into account.
- With our ESG range, we consider a company's exposure to ESG risks and how those risks are managed. This helps reduce exposure to controversial activities and make portfolios more resilient to ESG risks over the long term.
- For our ESG Ambition range, we apply the same approach as for the ESG range but go one step further by allocating part of the assets to investments that will help drive positive change. One of the main ways we do this is through thematic products.

The fund belongs to one of the three product ranges described above. In addition, information about any ESG methodologies incorporated into its investment policy can be found in the fund's legal documentation.

Products in the ESG and ESG Ambition ranges apply at least two of the SRI approaches described below. Portfolios may include companies active in such sectors as the extraction of fossil fuels (oil and gas), aviation, or chemical manufacturing.

## Socialy Responsible Investment (SRI) Approaches

#### **Exclusion**



This approach entails deliberately excluding companies or issuers that are involved in business activities or practices that violate certain norms and values (based on stakeholders' preferences) or that pose risks.

### **ESG Integration**



With this approach, ESG risks and opportunities are systematically integrated into traditional financial analysis and investment decisions based on appropriate research sources. ESG information is part and parcel of the investment analysis process and can be incorporated into standard financial indicators.

#### Positive screening and best-in-class selection





Here, bond issuers and companies are selected based on their ESG scores or other ESG metrics. There are two main ways to do this:

- Positive screening: Companies with good sustainability credentials are selected based on their ESG scores or indicators companies with high ESG scores or indicators are overweighted and those with lower scores or indicators are underweighted. The aim is to build a portfolio with an ESG score or indicator that is, on average, higher than that of the benchmark index.
- Best-in-class selection: A company's ESG performance is compared with that of its peers (e.g., other firms in the same sector) based on sustainability assessments and data. Any company or issuer with an ESG score or metric above a given threshold is considered investable. The level at which the threshold is set determines the size of the post-screening investment universe.

## Stewardship (active ownership)





Stewardship refers to two separate but related approaches:

- Actively exercising shareholder voting rights based on ESG principles or an ESG policy;
- Shareholder engagement, whereby investors dialogue with the management of investee companies to convince them to take ESG criteria into account and make changes to their strategy and processes in order to improve their ESG performance and reduce risks.

#### **Thematic investments**



These are investments in companies that provide solutions to environmental and social issues, such as those described in the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Impact investing



With this approach, the aim is to generate a measurable social or environmental impact alongside a financial return.

Several factors distinguish this approach from other SRI approaches (such as thematic investments):

- · Intentionality, i.e. the desire to invest in a sector or activity that can generate a positive impact;
- A management process capable of generating a positive impact;
- Measurability, i.e. the ability to measure impact using relevant key performance indicators (KPIs).



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