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# Neuberger Berman Japan Equity Engagement Fund

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to achieve a target average return of 3% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) from investing primarily in a portfolio of Japanese equity holdings that comply with the sustainable criteria, as detailed in the “Sustainable Investment Criteria” section in the prospectus.

The fund invests the majority of its assets in equity securities (shares) of small and mid sized companies that are publically traded, conduct most of their business in Japan or are headquartered in Japan, and are listed or traded on recognised markets globally.

The fund invests across all economic sectors in both small and mid-capitalisation companies which are those that are valued at less than 1 trillion Japanese Yen at the time of purchase.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

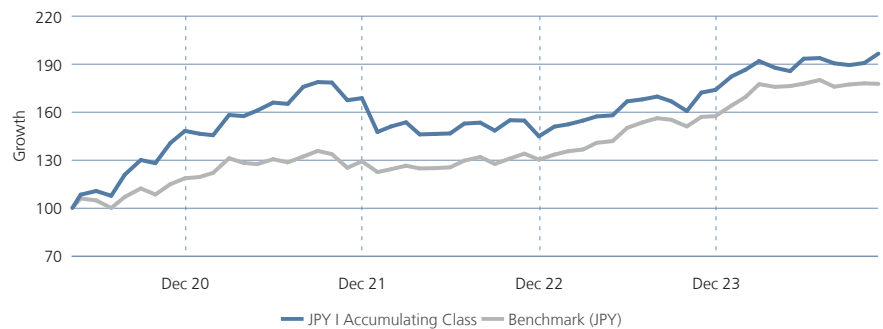
### Japanese Equities Team

## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	12 May 2020
Base Currency (Fund)	JPY
Fund AUM (JPY million)	20707.20
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (T-1) (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Benchmark	MSCI Japan Small Cap Net Index (Total Return, JPY)

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of JPY 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of JPY 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m <sup>2</sup>	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y <sup>2</sup>	3y <sup>3</sup>	5y <sup>3</sup>	10y <sup>3</sup>	SI <sup>3,4</sup>
JPY I Accumulating Class	3.13	3.21	13.07	14.23	5.51	-	-	16.05
Benchmark (JPY)	-0.16	1.02	12.84	13.19	12.44	-	-	13.49

## 12 MONTH PERIODS (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Nov14	Nov15	Nov16	Nov17	Nov18	Nov19	Nov20	Nov21	Nov22	Nov23	Nov24
JPY I Accumulating Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.11	-7.66	11.37	14.23	
Benchmark (JPY)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.02	7.07	17.28	13.19	

## CALENDAR (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>5</sup>	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>6</sup>
JPY I Accumulating Class	-	-	-	-	-	48.43	13.83	-14.18	20.17	13.07
Benchmark (JPY)	-	-	-	-	-	18.59	9.00	0.77	21.09	12.84

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes. The fund's investment policy restricts the extent to which the fund's holdings may deviate from the benchmark, but the fund is not exclusively limited to the securities of the benchmark.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m – month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 12 May 2020 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the JPY I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Okinawa Cellular Telephone Company	5.05	0.06
Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation	3.54	0.19
USS Co., Ltd.	3.46	0.39
Yamanashi Chuo Bank, Ltd.	3.44	0.00
Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co., Ltd.	3.35	0.10
Niterra Co.,Ltd.	3.29	0.47
Tokyu Fudosan Holdings Corp.	3.27	0.38
Transaction Co., Ltd.	3.24	0.00
Daiei Kankyo Co., Ltd.	3.22	0.08
Resorttrust, Inc.	3.18	0.16

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Concentration Risk:** The fund's investments may be concentrated in a small number of investments and its performance may therefore be more variable than the performance of a more diversified fund.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Currency Risk:** Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. **If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.**

**Sustainable Risk:** The fund may focus on investments in companies that relate to certain sustainable development themes and demonstrate adherence to environmental, social and corporate governance practices. This may mean the universe of securities from which the fund can invest in may be smaller than that of other funds and may underperform the market as a result.

For full information on these and other risks, please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Industrials	33.40	25.80
Consumer Discretionary	18.80	16.48
Financials	8.55	8.12
Consumer Staples	7.66	8.63
Information Technology	7.64	10.76
Communication Services	7.29	3.04
Health Care	7.21	4.71
Real Estate	6.36	9.26
Materials	1.34	10.37
Energy	0.00	0.86
Utilities	0.00	1.98
Cash	1.75	0.00

## ASSET SUMMARY

	Fund
Cash Equivalents (%)	1.75
Assets in Top 10 Holdings (%)	35.05

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Bmrk
Number of Securities	64	831
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD Million)	2,575	2,718
Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio	15.29	14.19
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth (%)	12.82	12.03
Dividend Yield (%)	2.20	2.73
Price / Sales	1.36	0.79

## RISK MEASURES

	3 years
Alpha (%)	-8.42
Tracking Error (%)	7.07
Beta	1.31
Sharpe Ratio	0.19
Information Ratio	-0.98
R-Squared (%)	72.17
Standard Deviation	12.71

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## I SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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<sup>10</sup>Data shown since inception of the JPY I Accumulating Class.

<sup>11</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

<sup>12</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

## I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
JPY I Acc	1,970.31	0.00%	1.04% <sup>*</sup>	0.85%	100,000,000
JPY I Dist	1,941.22	0.00%	0.97% <sup>*</sup>	0.85%	100,000,000
USD I Acc	11.16	0.00%	1.04% <sup>**</sup>	0.85%	1,000,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category <sup>TM</sup>	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
JPY I Acc	12-05-2020	Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity	IE00BLLXGR37	NBJEJA ID	54662730
JPY I Dist	12-05-2020	Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity	IE00BLLXGS44	NBJEJD ID	54662735
USD I Acc	08-02-2024	Japan Small/Mid-Cap Equity	IE000VOOKJG3	NBJEQUA	132624408

<sup>\*</sup>The ongoing charge figure (which includes the management fee) is an annual charge based on expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023

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