(an open-ended umbrella unit trust with segregated liability between its Sub-Funds established as a UCITS pursuant to the provisions of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Regulations) 2011 and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

### **Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

Japan Small Cap Fund

A Sub-Fund of SuMi TRUST Investment Funds

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Japan Small Cap II Fund A Sub-Fund of SuMi TRUST Investment Funds** For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Japan Quality Growth Fund A Sub-Fund of SuMi TRUST Investment Funds** For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### Japan Small Cap Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Executive Summary**

The return of the Sub-Fund was 4.90% and the Sub-Fund underperformed the Russell-Nomura Small Cap Index ("RNS Index") by (8.93%\*) for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

| Performance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 |          |                  |                  |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Sub-Fund | <b>RNS Index</b> | Underperformance |
| Japan Small Cap Fund (Class B JPY)                                       | 4.90%    | 13.83%           | (8.93%)          |

#### **Comment on Performance**

During the six-month period from April to September 2023, the Sub-Fund underperformed its reference benchmark, the RNS Index. The Tokyo Stock Exchanges ("TSE's") request for improvement to companies with price-to-book ratios of less than 1, concerns over prolonged monetary tightening in the US, and speculation that the Bank of Japan ("BOJ") would lift monetary easing led to a continued buying of value stocks, including bank stocks, and a sell off of growth stocks. Particularly in the July-September quarter of FY2023, the style gap was the widest it has ever been, and growth stocks saw sluggish performance.

Under such a market environment, the Sub-Fund's focus on including stocks that can benefit from changes in business and social structures through technology and new services, resulted in a particularly strong underperformance in the 2Q of FY2023. With individual stock prices fluctuating widely, we are selecting stocks from a broader perspective, taking into consideration future earnings prospects and current stock price levels. We believe that our holdings will contribute to earning medium-term returns in the coming years and beyond.

There was a positive contribution from KOMEHYO HOLDINGS CO LTD, MONOGATARI CORP and QOL HOLDINGS CO LTD. However, BUYSELL TECHNOLOGIES CO LTD, OPENWORK INC and SNOW PEAK INC contributed negatively to the Sub-Fund performance.

| Name            | Excess  |
|-----------------|---------|
|                 | Returns |
| KOMEHYO         |         |
| HOLDINGS CO LTD | +1.49%  |
| MONOGATARI      |         |
| CORP            | +0.59%  |
| QOL HOLDINGS CO |         |
| LTD             | +0.44%  |

#### **Top 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

\* performance is net of fees

#### **Bottom 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

| Name                | Excess  |
|---------------------|---------|
|                     | Returns |
| BUYSELL             |         |
| TECHNOLOGIES CO LTD | -0.98%  |
|                     |         |
| OPENWORK INC        | -0.87%  |
|                     |         |
| SNOW PEAK INC       | -0.86%  |

### Japan Small Cap Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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#### **Comment on Outlook and Risk Factors for Fiscal Year 2023**

As the external environment including interest rates, exchange rates, global economic trends and geopolitical risks, remains uncertain, the market is likely to remain dominated by value stocks for the time being. However, we believe that once monetary policy in Japan and the US becomes clearer, there will be more focus on the fundamentals of individual stocks. Recently, some growth stocks that had been sold off have become more attractive as they are no longer overvalued, and an increasing number of value stocks are expected to improve their medium-term growth potential as a result of structural reforms and other factors.

Our view remains that changes in a wide range of domestic factors, against a backdrop of changing social structures and progress in technology development and adoption, will contribute to medium-term alpha gains for small to medium-sized stocks.

We will continue to conduct thorough bottom-up research to identify and include stocks with a high potential to link productivity improvements to their own business growth potential, which contribute to solving social and industry issues and achieve change and growth through unique factors.

#### Assessment of the Fee Structure and Investor Base

We believe that our fee structure is reasonable considering the risk return profile of the Sub-Fund. With respect to the fee difference between institutional and retail classes, the latter charges higher fees due to higher costs associated with the relatively high frequency of subscriptions and redemptions which have no minimum initial investment requirement.

Our target investors, are those who have a long investment horizon in line with our investment objectives.

#### The Current AUM

The current AUM continues to be acceptable for Sub-Fund operations.

#### Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Japan Small Cap II Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended  $30^{\text{th}}$  September 2023

#### **Executive Summary**

The return of the Sub-Fund was 1.46% and the Sub-Fund underperformed the Russell-Nomura Small Cap Index ("RNS Index") by (12.37%\*) for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

| Performance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 |          |                  |                  |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Sub-Fund | <b>RNS Index</b> | Underperformance |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund (Class B JPY)                                    | 1.46%    | 13.83%           | (12.37%)         |

#### **Comment on Performance**

During the six-month period from April to September 2023, the Sub-Fund underperformed its reference benchmark, the RNS Index. The TSE's request for improvement to companies with price-to-book ratios of less than 1, concerns over prolonged monetary tightening in the US, and speculation that the BOJ would lift monetary easing led to a continued buying of value stocks, including bank stocks, and a sell off of growth stocks. Particularly in the July-September quarter of FY2023, the style gap was the widest it has ever been, and growth stocks saw sluggish performance. Under such a market environment, the Sub-Fund's focus on including stocks that can benefit from changes in business and social structures through technology and new services, resulted in a particularly strong underperformance in the 2Q of FY2023. With individual stock prices fluctuating widely, we are selecting stocks from a broader perspective, taking into consideration future earnings prospects and current stock price levels. We believe that our holdings will contribute to earning medium-term returns in the coming years and beyond.

There was a positive contribution from MONOGATARI CORP, QOL HOLDINGS CO LTD and MEC CO LTD. However, BUYSELL TECHNOLOGIES CO LTD, BUSHIROAD INC and OPENWORK INC contributed negatively to the Sub-Fund performance.

#### **Top 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

| Name            | Excess  |
|-----------------|---------|
|                 | Returns |
| MONOGATARI      |         |
| CORP            | +0.75%  |
| QOL HOLDINGS CO |         |
| LTD             | +0.48%  |
|                 |         |
| MEC CO LTD      | +0.44%  |

#### **Bottom 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

| Name                 | Excess  |
|----------------------|---------|
|                      | Returns |
| BUYSELL TECHNOLOGIES |         |
| COLTD                | -1.00%  |
|                      |         |
| BUSHIROAD INC        | -0.91%  |
|                      |         |
| OPENWORK INC         | -0.89%  |

\* performance is net of fees

### Japan Small Cap II Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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#### **Comment on Outlook and Risk Factors for Fiscal Year 2023**

As the external environment including interest rates, exchange rates, global economic trends and geopolitical risks, remains uncertain, the market is likely to remain dominated by value stocks for the time being. However, we believe that once monetary policy in Japan and the US becomes clearer, there will be more focus on the fundamentals of individual stocks. Recently, some growth stocks that had been sold off have become more attractive as they are no longer overvalued, and an increasing number of value stocks are expected to improve their medium-term growth potential as a result of structural reforms and other factors.

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#### Assessment of the Fee Structure and Investor Base

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Our target investors, are those who have a long investment horizon in line with our investment objectives.

#### The Current AUM

The current AUM continues to be acceptable for Sub-Fund operations.

#### Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Japan Quality Growth Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Executive Summary**

The return of the Sub-Fund was 6.67% and the Sub-Fund underperformed the TOPIX Total Return Index ("TOPIX") by (10.58%\*) for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

| Performance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 |          |        |                  |
|--|----------|--------|------------------|
|  | Sub-Fund | TOPIX  | Underperformance |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund (Class A JPY)                                  | 6.67%    | 17.25% | (10.58%)         |

#### **Comment on Performance**

During the six-month period from April to September 2023, the Japanese stock market gained as the TOPIX rose 17.25%. Despite concerns over the impact of monetary tightening in Europe and the US due to inflation and rising long-term interest rates, the Japanese stock market rose due to a robust US economy and a trend towards unlocking corporate value, such as addressing the low price-to-book ratio (i.e. those below 1x). In an environment of rising long-term interest rates in Japan and the US, and rising commodity prices, the market has been driven by value stocks. In contrast, the Sub-Fund, which invests in quality growth companies, has had a negative excess DISCO CORP, a semiconductor precision processing equipment company, and return. ADVANTEST CORP, a semiconductor testing equipment company, contributed positively to Sub-Fund performance on expectations of increased demand for generative Artificial Intelligence ("AI"). On the other hand, negative performers include: MISUMI GROUP INC after announcing a downward revision to its corporate plan due to a slump in its factory automation business in China; LILO GROUP INC on concerns over being hit by the weak performance outlook and valuation adjustment of peer companies which also run the employee benefits business; And SYSMEX CORP on concerns over a slower than expected recovery in China. There were also concerns that the company may not achieve its corporate plan for the current financial year even as its operating profit increased by more than 20% in the April-June quarter of FY2023. Five stocks whose medium- to long-term growth prospects have declined, were replaced by 5 new stocks. We are confident that the 34 stocks currently held in the portfolio will generate returns.

#### **Top 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

| Name            | Excess  |
|-----------------|---------|
|                 | Returns |
|                 |         |
| DISCO CORP      | +1.05%  |
|                 |         |
| MITSUBISHI CORP | +0.81%  |
|                 |         |
| ADVANTEST CORP  | +0.56%  |

#### **Bottom 3 Contributors to Excess Returns**

| Name             | Excess  |
|------------------|---------|
|                  | Returns |
|                  |         |
| MISUMI GROUP INC | -1.43%  |
|                  |         |
| RELO GROUP INC   | -1.15%  |
|                  |         |
| SYSMEX CORP      | -1.09%  |

\* performance is net of fees

### Japan Quality Growth Fund Investment Manager's Report

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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#### **Comment on Outlook and Risk Factors for Fiscal Year 2023**

The evolution of corporate governance at Japanese companies, the push for decarbonization and digitalization, and the capture of medium- to long-term growth in India are factors to buy Japanese equities. On the other hand, concerns over a recession due to monetary tightening in Europe and the US, rising long-term interest rates, and economic fragmentation due to the escalating conflict between the US and China may cap share prices. Monetary tightening in Europe and the US is approaching its final phase, but interest rate hikes have not been halted and market volatility remains high. Until this environment settles down, we will continue to replace stocks taking into account time dispersion and stock diversification. Going forward, we will continue to focus on companies that are enhancing corporate value stemming from higher customer value and sustainable growth. We will aim to achieve returns above the benchmark over the mid-to-long term by investing in companies that can achieve a higher return on equity (ROE) through solid earnings growth and higher profit margins.

#### Assessment of the Fee Structure and Investor Base

We believe that our fee structure is reasonable considering the risk return profile of the Sub-Fund. With respect to the fee difference between institutional and retail classes, the latter charges higher fees due to higher costs associated with the relatively high frequency of subscriptions and redemptions which have no minimum initial investment requirement.

Our target investors, are those who have a long investment horizon in line with our investment objectives.

#### The Current AUM

The current AUM continues to be acceptable for Sub-Fund operations.

#### Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Japan Small Cap Fund **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|   | Notes | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY |
|---|-------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Assets  | HUICS | JII                                       | JII                                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 10    | 406,910,823                               | 474,633,894                           |
| Financial assets at fair value through  | 10    | 400,710,025                               | +7+,055,07+                           |
| profit or loss:   |       |   |                                       |
| Transferable securities   | 8,9   | 14,728,154,150                            | 18,771,206,280                        |
| Financial derivative assets   | 8,9   | 79,020,618                                | 1,338,918                             |
| Receivables   | 11    | 905,656,194                               | 119,934,914                           |
| Receivables   | 11    | 705,050,171                               |                                       |
| Total Assets  |       | 16,119,741,785                            | 19,367,114,006                        |
| Liabilities   |       |   |                                       |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through                                   |       |   |                                       |
| profit or loss:   |       |   |                                       |
| Financial derivative liabilities  | 8,9   | 4,703,099                                 | 94,554,149                            |
| Payables  | 12,14 | 879,117,865                               | 100,057,578                           |
| Total Liabilities (excluding Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable |       |   |                                       |
| Participating Units)  |       | 883,820,964                               | 194,611,727                           |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of   |       |   |                                       |
| Redeemable Participating Units  |       | 15,235,920,821                            | 19,172,502,279                        |

# Japan Small Cap Fund **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

|                                  |       | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | 31 <sup>st</sup> March |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|                                  | Notes | 2023                       | 2023                   |
| Number of units in issue         |       |                            |                        |
| - Class A JPY                    | 13    | 489,319.254                | 790,010.196            |
| - Class B JPY                    | 13    | 46,480.508                 | 46,480.508             |
| - Class A USD Hedged             | 13    | 155,072.987                | 168,398.064            |
| - Class C USD Hedged             | 13    | 3,834.878                  | 3,834.878              |
| - Class A EUR Hedged             | 13    | 765.000                    | 765.000                |
| - Class Retail EUR Hedged        | 13    | 930.000                    | 1,030.000              |
| - Class Retail JPY               | 13    | 64,332.000                 | 66,357.000             |
| - Class Retail USD Hedged        | 13    | 14,250.000                 | 24,459.000             |
| Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit |       |                            |                        |
| - Class A JPY                    | 20    | JPY16,602.6482             | JPY15,839.5981         |
| - Class B JPY                    | 20    | JPY27,961.7294             | JPY26,656.6756         |
| - Class A USD Hedged             | 20    | <b>US\$207.5712</b>        | <b>US\$193.3780</b>    |
| - Class C USD Hedged             | 20    | <b>US\$153.6031</b>        | <b>US\$144.0176</b>    |
| - Class A EUR Hedged             | 20    | EUR92.1170                 | EUR86.6116             |
| - Class Retail EUR Hedged        | 20    | EUR96.8203                 | EUR91.3692             |
| - Class Retail JPY               | 20    | JPY10,255.3815             | JPY9,820.7107          |
| - Class Retail USD Hedged        | 20    | US\$110.9278               | US\$103.7301           |

# Japan Small Cap Fund Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | Notes | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|-------|---|---|
| Income   |       |   |   |
| Dividend income from financial assets and<br>liabilities at fair value through profit or loss<br>Net gain/(loss) from financial assets and liabilities |       | 105,278,650                               | 147,614,501                               |
| at fair value through profit or loss   | 15    | 1,854,560,987                             | (1,052,967,032)                           |
| Total gain/(loss)  |       | 1,959,839,637                             | (905,352,531)                             |
|  |       |   |   |
| Expenses   |       |   |   |
| Investment Manager fees  | 14,16 | (69,639,561)                              | (99,719,024)                              |
| FX Manager fees  | 14    | (518,829)                                 | (771,786)                                 |
| Risk Management fees   | 14    | (763,669)                                 | (654,657)                                 |
| Administration and Manager fees  | 14,16 | (16,053,135)                              | (21,549,633)                              |
| Custodian fees   | 14,16 | (5,000,268)                               | (7,650,332)                               |
| Depositary fees  | 14,16 | (2,691,840)                               | (4,073,258)                               |
| Distributor fees   | 14,16 | (9,531,336)                               | (37,861,606)                              |
| Audit fees   | 14    | (2,400,944)                               | (1,734,790)                               |
| Negative yield expense   |       | (1,255,236)                               | (1,692,316)                               |
| Other fees and expenses  |       | (1,980,034)                               | (2,522,910)                               |
| Total operating expenses   |       | (109,834,852)                             | (178,230,312)                             |
| Profit/(loss) before taxes   |       | 1,850,004,785                             | (1,083,582,843)                           |
| Withholding taxes  |       | (15,791,798)                              | (22,142,175)                              |
| Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to<br>Holders of Redeemable Participating Units   |       | 1,834,212,987                             | (1,105,725,018)                           |

### Japan Small Cap Fund Statement of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|---|---|
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at beginning of the period | 19,172,502,279                            | 36,445,433,963                            |
| Redeemable Participating Units issued  | 118,253,144                               | 456,975,645                               |
| Redeemable Participating Units redeemed  | (5,889,047,589)                           | (9,765,705,926)                           |
| Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to Holders<br>of Redeemable Participating Units     | 1,834,212,987                             | (1,105,725,018)                           |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at end of the period       | 15,235,920,821                            | 26,030,978,664                            |

### Japan Small Cap Fund Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|---|---|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities                        |   |   |
| Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to Holders   |   |   |
| of Redeemable Participating Units                           | 1,834,212,987                             | (1,105,725,018)                           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                |   |   |
| Decrease in transferable securities                         | 4,043,052,130                             | 10,656,133,820                            |
| (Increase)/decrease in financial derivative assets          | (77,681,700)                              | 339,864,350                               |
| (Increase)/decrease in receivables                          | (785,721,280)                             | 45,781,725                                |
| Decrease in financial derivative liabilities                | (89,851,050)                              | (43,248,609)                              |
| (Decrease)/increase in payables*                            | (17,285,753)                              | 76,307,048                                |
|   |   |   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                   | 4,906,725,334                             | 9,969,113,316                             |
| Cash flows from financing activities                        |   |   |
| Proceeds from Redeemable Participating Units issued         | 118,253,144                               | 456,975,645                               |
| Payments for Redeemable Participating Units redeemed        | (5,092,701,549)                           | (10,042,326,436)                          |
| Net cash used in financing activities                       | (4,974,448,405)                           | (9,585,350,791)                           |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents                     | (67,723,071)                              | 383,762,525                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period        | 474,633,894                               | 816,026,908                               |
|   | , <u>,</u>                                | , <u>, , ,</u> _                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period              | 406,910,823                               | 1,199,789,433                             |
| Supplementary information:                                  |   |   |
| Interest paid   | (1,255,236)                               | (1,692,316)                               |
| Dividends received from financial assets and liabilities at |   | •••••                                     |
| fair value through profit or loss                           | 135,030,863                               | 220,884,697                               |
|   |   |   |

\*excludes Payable for Redeemable Participating Units redeemed.

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Statement of Financial Position

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|   |       | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023 |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Notes | JPY                             | JPY                            |
| Assets  |       |                                 |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 10    | 113,765,836                     | 79,090,293                     |
| Financial assets at fair value through  |       |                                 |                                |
| profit or loss:   |       |                                 |                                |
| Transferable securities   | 8,9   | 1,744,691,600                   | 1,715,956,600                  |
| Financial derivative assets   | 8,9   | 8,054,058                       | 127,854                        |
| Receivables   | 11    | 34,524,544                      | 16,892,958                     |
| Total Assets  |       | 1,901,036,038                   | 1,812,067,705                  |
| Liabilities   |       |                                 |                                |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through                                   |       |                                 |                                |
| profit or loss:   |       |                                 |                                |
| Financial derivative liabilities  | 8,9   | 203,614                         | 9,480,093                      |
| Payables  | 12,14 | 23,104,766                      | 21,210,254                     |
| Total Liabilities (excluding Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable |       |                                 |                                |
| Participating Units)  |       | 23,308,380                      | 30,690,347                     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of   |       |                                 |                                |
| <b>Redeemable Participating Units</b>   |       | 1,877,727,658                   | 1,781,377,358                  |
| Number of units in issue  |       |                                 |                                |
| - Class A JPY   | 13    | 16,164.385                      | 16,164.385                     |
| - Class B JPY   | 13    | 125,356.597                     | 125,356.597                    |
| - Class A USD Hedged  | 13    | 10,602.110                      | 10,602.110                     |
| - Class B USD Hedged  | 13    | 25,102.806                      | 25,102.806                     |
| - Class A GBP Hedged  | 13    | 260.000                         | 260.000                        |
| NAV per unit  |       |                                 |                                |
| - Class A JPY   | 20    | JPY9,300.405                    | JPY9,177.452                   |
| - Class B JPY   | 20    | JPY9,437.277                    | JPY9,300.942                   |
| - Class A USD Hedged  | 20    | US\$108.916                     | US\$104.858                    |
| - Class B USD Hedged  | 20    | US\$98.005                      | US\$94.238                     |
| - Class A GBP Hedged  | 20    | GBP104.071                      | GBP100.386                     |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | Notes | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|-------|---|---|
| Income   |       |   |   |
| Dividend income from financial assets and<br>liabilities at fair value through profit or loss<br>Net gain/(loss) from financial assets and liabilities |       | 10,873,900                                | 10,544,910                                |
| at fair value through profit or loss   | 15    | 94,568,515                                | (251,682,451)                             |
| Total gain/(loss)  |       | 105,442,415                               | (241,137,541)                             |
| Expenses   |       |   |   |
| Investment Manager fees  | 14,16 | (4,156,195)                               | (5,100,639)                               |
| FX Manager fees  | 14    | (178,491)                                 | (107,215)                                 |
| Risk Management fees   | 14    | (74,341)                                  | (89,395)                                  |
| Administration and Manager fees  | 14,16 | (10,285,238)                              | (9,619,793)                               |
| Custodian fees   | 14,16 | (2,773,083)                               | (5,189,251)                               |
| Depositary fees  | 14,16 | (1,945,010)                               | (1,827,715)                               |
| Distributor fees   | 14,16 | (938,408)                                 | (1,187,502)                               |
| Audit fees   | 14    | (1,627,568)                               | (1,287,348)                               |
| Negative yield expense   |       | (104,891)                                 | (260,143)                                 |
| Other fees and expenses  |       | (1,830,108)                               | (1,796,296)                               |
| Total operating expenses   |       | (23,913,333)                              | (26,465,297)                              |
| Fee waiver   | 14    | 16,452,303                                | 17,174,701                                |
| Profit/(loss) before taxes   |       | 97,981,385                                | (250,428,137)                             |
| Withholding taxes  |       | (1,631,085)                               | (1,581,737)                               |
| Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to<br>Holders of Redeemable Participating Units   |       | 96,350,300                                | (252,009,874)                             |

### Japan Small Cap II Fund Statement of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|---|---|
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at beginning of the period | 1,781,377,358                             | 3,730,794,362                             |
| Redeemable Participating Units issued  | -   | 1,097,697                                 |
| Redeemable Participating Units redeemed  | -   | (1,768,346,816)                           |
| Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units        | 96,350,300                                | (252,009,874)                             |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at end of the period       | 1,877,727,658                             | 1,711,535,369                             |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| Cash flows from operating activities<br>Increase/(decrease) in Net Assets attributable to Holders of<br>Redeemable Participating Units96,350,300(252,009,874)Changes in operating assets and liabilities:<br>(Increase)/decrease in transferable securities<br>(Increase)/decrease in financial derivative assets<br>(Increase)/decrease in receivables<br>(Increase)/decrease in receivables<br>(Increase)/decrease) in payables2,026,917,200<br>(1,7631,586)<br>(399,838,524)<br>(9,276,479)<br>(2,170,210)<br>(1,894,512)<br>(572,829,072)Net cash provided by operating activities34,675,543<br>(1,618,686,311)Cash flows from financing activities<br>Proceeds from Redeemable Participating Units issued<br>Payments for Redeemable Participating Units redeemed-Net cash used in financing activities-(1,767,249,119) |
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| Net cash used in financing activities (1,767,249,119)  |
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| Net change in cash and cash equivalents34,675,543(148,562,808)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period 79,090,293 281,423,946  |
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| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period113,765,836132,861,138   |
| Supplementary information:   |
| Interest paid (104,891) (260,143)  |
| Dividends received from financial assets and liabilities at<br>fair value through profit or loss12,178,61327,755,610   |

# Japan Quality Growth Fund Statement of Financial Position

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | Notes    | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY |
|--|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Assets   |          |   |                                       |
| Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at fair value through                                      | 10       | 24,442,629                                | 33,575,483                            |
| profit or loss:  |          |   |                                       |
| Transferable securities  | 8,9      | 1,287,396,213                             | 1,185,773,141                         |
| Financial derivative assets  | 8,9      | 212,786                                   | 68,491                                |
| Receivables  | 11       | 32,236,663                                | 30,281,981                            |
| Total Assets   |          | 1,344,288,291                             | 1,249,699,096                         |
| <b>Liabilities</b><br>Financial liabilities at fair value through<br>profit or loss:                     |          |   |                                       |
| Financial derivative liabilities   | 8,9      | -   | 25,845                                |
| Payables   | 12,14    | 34,245,249                                | 30,484,826                            |
| Total Liabilities (excluding Net Assets<br>attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units) |          | 34,245,249                                | 30,510,671                            |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units                                     |          | 1,310,043,042                             | 1,219,188,425                         |
| Number of units in issue<br>- Class A JPY<br>- Class A EUR Hedged  | 13<br>13 | 78,196.510<br>4,000.001                   | 78,196.510<br>4,000.001               |
| NAV per unit<br>- Class A JPY<br>- Class A EUR Hedged  | 20<br>20 | JPY15,501.9252<br>EUR154.8285             | JPY14,533.1708<br>EUR143.0633         |

# Japan Quality Growth Fund Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | Notes | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|-------|---|---|
| Income   |       |   |   |
| Dividend income from financial assets and  |       |   |   |
| liabilities at fair value through profit or loss                                 |       | 8,368,338                                 | 37,112,870                                |
| Net gain from financial assets and liabilities at                                |       |   |   |
| fair value through profit or loss  | 15    | 89,672,339                                | 428,044,108                               |
| Total gain   |       | 98,040,677                                | 465,156,978                               |
| Expenses   |       |   |   |
| Investment Manager fees  | 14,16 | (3,994,904)                               | (14,460,903)                              |
| FX Manager fees  | 14    | (9,611)                                   | (370,752)                                 |
| Risk Management fees   | 14    | (14,467)                                  | (369,259)                                 |
| Administration and Manager fees  | 14,16 | (7,390,528)                               | (7,668,462)                               |
| Custodian fees   | 14,16 | (2,925,210)                               | (2,484,056)                               |
| Depositary fees  | 14,16 | (1,930,288)                               | (1,789,125)                               |
| Distributor fees   | 14,16 | (664,580)                                 | (23,278,337)                              |
| Audit fees   | 14    | (1,627,655)                               | (1,287,893)                               |
| Negative yield expense   |       | (6,114)                                   | (121,180)                                 |
| Other fees and expenses  |       | (928,550)                                 | (1,909,773)                               |
| Total operating expenses   |       | (19,491,907)                              | (53,739,740)                              |
| Fee waiver   | 14    | 13,561,099                                |   |
| Profit before taxes  |       | 92,109,869                                | 411,417,238                               |
| Withholding taxes  |       | (1,255,252)                               | (5,566,931)                               |
| Increase in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units |       | 90,854,617                                | 405,850,307                               |

### Japan Quality Growth Fund Statement of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|---|---|
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at beginning of the period | 1,219,188,425                             | 4,615,869,526                             |
| Increase in Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units                   | 90,854,617                                | 405,850,307                               |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable<br>Participating Units at end of the period       | 1,310,043,042                             | 5,021,719,833                             |

### Japan Quality Growth Fund Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities   | JPY                                | JPY                                |
| Increase in Net Assets attributable to Holders of  |                                    |                                    |
| Redeemable Participating Units   | 90,854,617                         | 405,850,307                        |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |                                    |                                    |
| Increase in transferable securities  | (101,623,072)                      | (480,258,980)                      |
| (Increase)/decrease in financial derivative assets   | (144,295)                          | 144,703,209                        |
| Increase in receivables  | (1,954,682)                        | (54,236,648)                       |
| Decrease in financial derivative liabilities   | (25,845)                           | (6,228,447)                        |
| Increase in payables   | 3,760,423                          | 74,067,732                         |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities  | (9,132,854)                        | 83,897,173                         |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents  | (9,132,854)                        | 83,897,173                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period   | 33,575,483                         | 39,322,648                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period   | 24,442,629                         | 123,219,821                        |
| Supplementary information:   |                                    |                                    |
| Interest paid  | (6,114)                            | (121,180)                          |
| Dividends received from financial assets and liabilities<br>at fair value through profit or loss | 8,537,999                          | 35,319,466                         |

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

SuMi TRUST Investment Funds (the "Fund" or the "Trust") is an open-ended umbrella unit trust established as a UCITS pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Regulations) 2011 and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, as amended. The Fund was established on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and there are currently four sub-funds of the Fund in operation; Japan Small Cap Fund, Japan Small Cap II Fund, Japan Quality Growth Fund and Nordic High Income Bond Fund. Japan Small Cap Fund was authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and commenced operations on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Japan Small Cap II Fund was authorised by the Central Bank on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and commenced operations on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Japan Quality Growth Fund was authorised by the Central Bank on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and commenced operations on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. Nordic High Income Bond Fund was authorised by the Central Bank on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Japan Small Cap Fund, Japan Small Cap II Fund and Japan Quality Growth Fund are referred to individually or collectively as the "Sub-Funds". These financial statements are for the Sub-Funds only. There is a separate set of financial statements for Nordic High Income Bond Fund and these are available free of charge on request from the Manager.

The investment objective of Japan Small Cap Fund is to provide investors with long term capital appreciation through investment in equities of small capitalisation companies listed on the recognised exchanges in Japan. There were eight classes of units in issue, Class A JPY, Class B JPY, Class A USD Hedged, Class C USD Hedged, Class A EUR Hedged, Class Retail EUR Hedged, Class Retail JPY and Class Retail USD Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The investment objective of Japan Small Cap II Fund is to provide investors with long term capital appreciation through investment in equities of small capitalisation companies listed on the recognised exchanges in Japan. There were five classes of units in issue, Class A JPY, Class B JPY, Class A USD Hedged, Class B USD Hedged and Class A GBP Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The investment objective of Japan Quality Growth Fund is to provide investors with long term capital appreciation through investment in equity securities listed on the recognised exchanges in Japan. There were two classes of units in issue, Class A JPY and Class A EUR Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

None of the Sub-Funds are specifically tracking a benchmark as part of their investment objective.

All of the Sub-Funds' financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss have been valued at market prices at the financial period/year end date.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB. The financial statements are presented in Japanese Yen ("JPY").

"Functional currency" is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Sub-Funds operate. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then management uses its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The majority of the Sub-Funds' investments and transactions are denominated in JPY. Investor subscriptions and redemptions are determined based on NAV, and received and paid in JPY, US Dollar and Euro. The major expenses (including Investment Manager fees and Distributor fees) are denominated and paid in JPY. Accordingly, management has determined that the functional currency of the Sub-Funds is JPY.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgements about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. Judgements made by the management in the application of IFRS that have a significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in Notes 8 and 9. The key estimate made in the preparation of these financial statements is the determination of the fair value of the investment portfolio at the reporting date (see Note 8).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Changes to significant accounting policies are described in Note 4.

#### 3. BASIS OF MEASUREMENT

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following material items:

| Items  | Measurement basis |
|--|-------------------|
| Derivative financial instruments                   | Fair value        |
| Non-derivative financial instruments at fair value |                   |
| through profit or loss ("FVTPL")                   | Fair value        |

#### 4. CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 5. STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET ADOPTED

A number of new standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Sub-Funds have not early applied these new or amended standards in preparing these financial statements.

Of those standards that are not yet effective, none are expected to have a material impact on the Sub-Funds' financial statements in the period of initial application.

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Sub-Funds and consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements are as follows:

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

The Sub-Funds initially recognise financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL on the trade date, which is the date on which the Sub-Funds become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the date on which they are originated. A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

#### (ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

#### Classification of financial assets

On initial recognition, the Sub-Funds classify financial assets as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI").

All other financial assets of the Sub-Funds are measured at FVTPL.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

*(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (continued) Business model assessment* 

In making an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held, the Sub-Funds consider all of the relevant information about how the business is managed, including:

- the documented investment strategy and the execution of this strategy in practice. This includes whether the investment strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Sub-Funds' management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how the Investment Manager is compensated: e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Sub-Funds' continuing recognition of the assets.

The Sub-Funds have determined that they have two business models:

- Held-to-collect business model: this includes cash and cash equivalents and receivables. These financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows;
- Other business model: this includes transferable securities and derivatives. These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated, on a fair value basis, with frequent sales taking place.

#### Assessment whether contractual cash flows are SPPI

For the purposes of this assessment, "principal" is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. "Interest" is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are SPPI (continued)

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are SPPI, the Sub-Funds consider the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Sub-Funds consider:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;

- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension features;

- terms that limit the Sub-Funds' claims to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features); and

- features that modify consideration of the time value of money (e.g. periodical reset of interest rates).

For a reconciliation of line items in the Statement of Financial Position to the categories of financial instruments, as defined by IFRS 9, see Note 7.

#### **Reclassifications**

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Sub-Funds were to change their business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets would be reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

# Subsequent measurement of financial assets Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income and expense and foreign exchange gains and losses, are recognised in profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Transferable securities and financial derivative instruments are included in this category.

#### Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

Cash and cash equivalents and receivables are included in this category.

*Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses* Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held for trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

*Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses (continued)* Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss. Financial liabilities at FVTPL include derivative financial liabilities. Financial liabilities at amortised cost include payables.

#### *(iii) Fair value measurement*

"Fair value" is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Sub-Funds have access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Sub-Funds measure the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The Sub-Funds measure instruments quoted in an active market at a mid-price, because this price provides a reasonable approximation of the exit price. If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Sub-Funds use valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The Sub-Funds recognise transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period/year during which the change has occurred.

#### *(iv) Amortised cost measurement*

The "amortised cost" of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

#### (v) Impairment

The Sub-Funds recognise loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses ("ECLs") on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Sub-Funds measure loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial assets for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the asset) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(v) Impairment (continued)

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Sub-Funds consider reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Sub-Funds' historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Sub-Funds assume that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Sub-Funds consider a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Sub-Funds in full, without recourse by the Sub-Funds to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Sub-Funds are exposed to credit risk.

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Sub-Funds expect to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

#### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Sub-Funds assess whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is "credit-impaired" when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due; or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

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#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(v) Impairment (continued)Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the Statement of Financial PositionLoss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

#### Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Sub-Funds have no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

#### (vi) Derecognition

The Sub-Funds derecognise a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the right to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Sub-Funds neither transfer nor retain substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and do not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset that is derecognised) and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest in such transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Sub-Funds is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Sub-Funds derecognise a financial liability when their contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

#### (vii) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when and only when, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is generally not the case with master netting agreements and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the Statement of Financial Position.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at FVTPL and foreign exchange gains and losses.

#### **Derivative contracts**

The Sub-Funds use derivatives to manage their exposure to foreign currency. The instruments used are forward foreign currency contracts.

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Derivative contracts (continued)**

When entering into a forward foreign currency contract, the Sub-Funds agree to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of a foreign currency for an agreed price at an agreed future date. The Sub-Funds utilise forward foreign currency contracts to hedge non-base currency class exposures against JPY and the cost or benefits of so doing are allocated to the respective unit classes. The Sub-Funds do not use hedge accounting for these contracts and accordingly they are classified as being held for trading.

Forward currency contracts are marked to market at each valuation date, and the change in value is recorded by the Sub-Funds as an unrealised gain or loss in profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. When a forward currency contract is extinguished through delivery, the Sub-Funds record a realised gain or loss on foreign currency related transactions equal to the difference between the contract value and the value of the contract at the time it was extinguished.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant changes in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes. Cash and cash equivalents are held with the Custodian, which has placed the balances with Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., ("BBH") (the "Global Sub-Custodian").

#### Interest income on cash and cash equivalents/negative yield expense

Interest income, including interest income from non-derivative assets at FVTPL, is recognised in profit or loss, using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument (or, when appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial instrument on initial recognition. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Sub-Funds estimate future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses.

Where the interest yield is negative the resulting expense is presented as negative yield expense within expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. This expense is accounted for on an effective yield basis.

Interest received or receivable and interest paid or payable, are recognised in profit or loss as interest income and interest expense, respectively.

#### **Dividend income**

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive income is established. This is normally the ex-dividend date for equity securities. It is recorded gross of any non-reclaimable withholding taxes suffered on an ex-date basis.

#### Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

#### 6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Taxation

The Sub-Funds qualify as investment undertakings as defined in Section 739B(1) of the Taxes Consolidation Act. Under current Irish law and practice, the Sub-Funds are not chargeable to Irish tax on their income and gains. As a result, no provision for taxes has been made in the financial statements. The Sub-Funds may be subject to foreign withholding taxes on certain interest, dividends and capital gains.

In determining the provision for taxes payable on income, the Sub-Funds provide for uncertain tax positions that are more likely than not to create a tax obligation assuming inspection by the relevant tax authorities. The amount provided is either the most likely amount payable or the expected value of the payable amount, whichever approach provides a better prediction in the specific circumstances.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible timing differences can be utilised. There was no deferred tax in the financial period.

#### **Redeemable Participating Units**

The Redeemable Participating Units issued by the Sub-Funds are puttable instruments and are classified as financial liabilities as they do not meet the conditions for equity classification under the amendments to IAS 32: Financial Instruments Presentation, as there were different classes of units with different features in issue throughout the period/year (Note 13).

The NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the total Net Assets of each Sub-Fund attributable to each unit class by the number of units in issue, in each respective class. All units are issued and redeemed at this price.

#### **Transaction costs**

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the Sub-Funds had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument.

Transaction costs on purchases and sales of equities are included in net gain/(loss) from financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Custody transactions costs are separately identifiable transaction costs and the total transaction costs on the purchase and sale of equities incurred by the Sub-Funds during the period are disclosed in Note 18.

#### **Distribution policy**

Income and capital gains will normally be accumulated and reinvested and the Sub-Funds will not ordinarily, but may at the discretion of the Manager, make distributions or pay dividends.

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#### 7. CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

| <b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b><br><b>Japan Small Cap Fund</b><br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables | <b>Mandatorily</b><br><b>at FVTPL</b><br><b>JPY</b><br>-<br>14,807,174,768<br>- | <b>Financial</b><br><b>assets at</b><br><b>amortised cost</b><br><b>JPY</b><br>406,910,823<br>-<br>905,656,194 | Financial<br>liabilities at<br>amortised cost<br>JPY<br>-<br>-<br>- | <b>Total</b><br><b>JPY</b><br>406,910,823<br>14,807,174,768<br>905,656,194 |
|---|---|--|---|--|
|   | 14,807,174,768  | 1,312,567,017  | -   | 16,119,741,785   |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL<br>Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders  | 4,703,099   | -  | - 879,117,865   | 4,703,099<br>879,117,865   |
| of Redeemable Participating Units   |   | -  | 15,235,920,821  | 15,235,920,821   |
|   | 4,703,099   | -  | 16,115,038,686  | 16,119,741,785   |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables  | 1,752,745,658   | 113,765,836<br>-<br>34,524,544   | -<br>-<br>-   | 113,765,836<br>1,752,745,658<br>34,524,544                                 |
|   | 1,752,745,658   | 148,290,380  | -   | 1,901,036,038  |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL<br>Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders<br>of Redeemable Participating Units                         | 203,614   | -  | 23,104,766  | 203,614<br>23,104,766<br>1,877,727,658                                     |
| of Redeemable Farticipating Units   |   | -  | 1,877,727,038   | 1,077,727,038  |
|   | 203,614   | -  | 1,900,832,424   | 1,901,036,038  |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund<br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables  | -<br>1,287,608,999<br>-   | 24,442,629<br>32,236,663   | -   | 24,442,629<br>1,287,608,999<br>32,236,663                                  |
|   | 1,287,608,999   | 56,679,292   | -   | 1,344,288,291  |
| Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders<br>of Redeemable Participating Units   | -   | -  | 34,245,249  | 34,245,249   |
|   |   | _  | 1,310,043,042   | 1,310,043,042  |
|   |   | -  | 1,344,288,291   | 1,344,288,291  |

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#### CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued) 7.

| <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b><br><b>Japan Small Cap Fund</b><br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables | <b>Mandatorily</b><br><b>at FVTPL</b><br><b>JPY</b><br>18,772,545,198 | Financial<br>assets at<br>amortised cost<br>JPY<br>474,633,894<br>-<br>119,934,914 | Financial<br>liabilities at<br>amortised cost<br>JPY<br>-<br>- | <b>Total</b><br><b>JPY</b><br>474,633,894<br>18,772,545,198<br>119,934,914 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | 18,772,545,198  | 594,568,808  | -  | 19,367,114,006   |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL<br>Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders  | 94,554,149  | -  | 100,057,578  | 94,554,149<br>100,057,578  |
| of Redeemable Participating Units   |   |  | 19,172,502,279   | 19,172,502,279   |
|   | 94,554,149  | -  | 19,272,559,857   | 19,367,114,006   |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables  | 1,716,084,454   | 79,090,293<br>16,892,958   | -  | 79,090,293<br>1,716,084,454<br>16,892,958                                  |
|   | 1,716,084,454   | 95,983,251   | -  | 1,812,067,705  |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL<br>Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders  | 9,480,093   | -  | 21,210,254   | 9,480,093<br>21,210,254  |
| of Redeemable Participating Units   |   | -  | 1,781,377,358  | 1,781,377,358  |
|   | 9,480,093   | -  | 1,802,587,612  | 1,812,067,705  |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund<br>Cash and cash equivalents<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Receivables  | 1,185,841,632   | 33,575,483<br>30,281,981   | -<br>-<br>-  | 33,575,483<br>1,185,841,632<br>30,281,981                                  |
|   | 1,185,841,632   | 63,857,464   | -  | 1,249,699,096  |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL<br>Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders  | 25,845  | -  | 30,484,826   | 25,845<br>30,484,826   |
| of Redeemable Participating Units   |   | -  | 1,219,188,425  | 1,219,188,425  |
|   | 25,845  | -  | 1,249,673,251  | 1,249,699,096  |

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#### 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The tables below and overleaf show financial instruments recognised at fair value analysed between those whose fair value is based on:

- Level 1: Quoted price (Unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument;
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not considered active; or other valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data; and
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments. The Sub-Funds did not hold any instruments in this category.

| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023                   | Level 1<br>JPY | Level 2<br>JPY | Level 3<br>JPY | Total<br>JPY   |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Japan Small Cap Fund<br>Financial assets at FVTPL |                |                |                |                |
| - Equities  | 14,493,896,550 | 234,257,600    | -              | 14,728,154,150 |
| - Forward currency contracts                      |                | 79,020,618     |                | 79,020,618     |
|   | 14,493,896,550 | 313,278,218    |                | 14,807,174,768 |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                    |                |                |                |                |
| - Forward currency contracts                      |                | 4,703,099      |                | 4,703,099      |
|   | -              | 4,703,099      | -              | 4,703,099      |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                           |                |                |                |                |
| Financial assets at FVTPL                         |                |                |                |                |
| - Equities  | 1,744,691,600  | -              | -              | 1,744,691,600  |
| - Forward currency contracts                      |                | 8,054,058      |                | 8,054,058      |
|   | 1,744,691,600  | 8,054,058      |                | 1,752,745,658  |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                    |                |                |                |                |
| - Forward currency contracts                      |                | 203,614        |                | 203,614        |
|   |                | 203,614        | <u> </u>       | 203,614        |

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#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued) 8.

| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>(continued)         | Level 1<br>JPY | Level 2<br>JPY          | Level 3<br>JPY | Total<br>JPY             |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Japan Quality Growth Fund                              |                |                         |                |                          |
| Financial assets at FVTPL                              | 1 207 207 212  |                         |                | 1 007 006 010            |
| - Equities<br>- Forward currency contracts             | 1,287,396,213  | -<br>212,786            | -              | 1,287,396,213<br>212,786 |
| - Torward currency contracts                           |                | 212,700                 |                | 212,700                  |
|  | 1,287,396,213  | 212,786                 |                | 1,287,608,999            |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023                            |                |                         |                |                          |
| Japan Small Cap Fund<br>Financial assets at FVTPL      |                |                         |                |                          |
| - Equities   | 18,417,288,280 | 353,918,000             | -              | 18,771,206,280           |
| - Forward currency contracts                           |                | 1,338,918               |                | 1,338,918                |
|  | 18,417,288,280 | 355,256,918             | -              | 18,772,545,198           |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                         | 10,117,200,200 |                         |                | 10,772,0-10,170          |
| - Forward currency contracts                           | _              | 94,554,149              |                | 94,554,149               |
|  | -              | 94,554,149              | -              | 94,554,149               |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                                |                |                         |                |                          |
| Financial assets at FVTPL                              | 1 715 056 600  |                         |                | 1 715 056 600            |
| - Equities<br>- Forward currency contracts             | 1,715,956,600  | -<br>127,854            | -              | 1,715,956,600<br>127,854 |
| - Torward currency contracts                           |                | 127,054                 |                | 127,034                  |
|  | 1,715,956,600  | 127,854                 | -              | 1,716,084,454            |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                         |                |                         |                |                          |
| - Forward currency contracts                           |                | 9,480,093               |                | 9,480,093                |
|  | -              | 9,480,093               | -              | 9,480,093                |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund<br>Financial assets at FVTPL |                |                         |                |                          |
| - Equities   | 1,185,773,141  | -                       | -              | 1,185,773,141            |
| - Forward currency contracts                           |                | 68,491                  |                | 68,491                   |
|  | 1,185,773,141  | 68,491                  | -              | 1,185,841,632            |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                         |                | <b>0--</b> 04- <b>-</b> |                | <b>25</b> 0 / 5          |
| - Forward currency contracts                           |                | 25,845                  |                | 25,845                   |
|  |                | 25,845                  |                | 25,845                   |

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### 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

When fair values of listed equity securities at the reporting date are based on quoted market prices or binding dealer price quotations, without any deduction for transaction costs, the instruments are included within Level 1 of the hierarchy.

All equities are listed or traded on a regulated market.

The Trust uses widely recognised valuation models for determining fair values of forward foreign currency contracts. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include forward pricing and swap models, using present value calculations. The models incorporate various inputs including the credit quality of counterparties, foreign exchange spot and forward rates. For these financial instruments, inputs into models are market observable and are therefore included within Level 2.

In Japan Small Cap II Fund and Japan Quality Growth Fund there were no transfers between Levels during the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

In Japan Small Cap Fund there were no transfers between Levels during the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, there were transfers of JPY155,193,500 equities from Level 1 to Level 2 due to the assessed observability of fair values.

### Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The financial instruments not measured at FVTPL are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value.

### Forward currency contracts

The counterparty for the over-the-counter ("OTC") financial derivative positions is the Custodian.

### 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 OTC financial derivative instruments Japan Small Cap Fund

| Japan Small Cap Fund   | d            |                 |               | Unrealised | Unrealised  |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|                        | Maturity     | Bought          | Sold          | Gain       | Loss        |
|                        | Date         | JPY             | JPY           | JPY        | JPY         |
| US Dollar              |              |                 |               |            |             |
| Long                   | 31/10/2023   | (5,355,049,333) | 5,434,015,425 | 78,966,092 | -           |
| Short                  | 31/10/2023   | 349,762,456     | (354,464,788) | -          | (4,702,332) |
|                        |              | (5,005,286,877) | 5,079,550,637 | 78,966,092 | (4,702,332) |
| Euro                   |              |                 |               |            |             |
| Long                   | 31/10/2023   | (25,914,085)    | 25,968,611    | 54,526     | -           |
| Short                  | 31/10/2023   | 637,784         | (638,551)     | -          | (767)       |
|                        | -            | (25,276,301)    | 25,330,060    | 54,526     | (767)       |
|                        |              |                 |               |            |             |
| Total forward currence | cy contracts | (5,030,563,178) | 5,104,880,697 | 79,020,618 | (4,703,099) |

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#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued) 8.

Forward currency contracts (continued) 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (continued) **OTC financial derivative instruments** Japan Small Cap II Fund

| Japan Small Cap II F | und          |               |              | Unrealised | Unrealised |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                      | Maturity     | Bought        | Sold         | Gain       | Loss       |
|                      | Date         | JPY           | JPY          | JPY        | JPY        |
| US Dollar            |              |               |              |            |            |
| Long                 | 31/10/2023   | (546,127,064) | 554,180,309  | 8,053,245  | -          |
| Short                | 31/10/2023   | 11,299,244    | (11,466,628) | -          | (167,384)  |
|                      |              | (534,827,820) | 542,713,681  | 8,053,245  | (167,384)  |
| <b>British Pound</b> |              |               |              |            |            |
| Long                 | 31/10/2023   | (5,099,245)   | 5,063,015    | -          | (36,230)   |
| Short                | 31/10/2023   | 105,311       | (104,498)    | 813        | -          |
|                      |              | (4,993,934)   | 4,958,517    | 813        | (36,230)   |
|                      |              |               |              |            |            |
| Total forward curren | cy contracts | (539,821,754) | 547,672,198  | 8,054,058  | (203,614)  |
|                      |              |               |              |            |            |
| Japan Quality Growt  | h Fund       |               |              |            |            |
| Euro                 |              |               |              |            |            |
| Long                 | 31/10/2023   | (101,816,086) | 102,026,350  | 210,264    | -          |
| Short                | 31/10/2023   | 4,639,725     | (4,637,203)  | 2,522      | -          |
|                      |              | (97,176,361)  | 97,389,147   | 212,786    | _          |
|                      | _            |               |              |            |            |
| Total forward curren | cy contracts | (97,176,361)  | 97,389,147   | 212,786    | -          |

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#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued) 8.

| Forward cur<br>31 <sup>st</sup> March 2 | rency contracts (<br>023 | continued)      |               |            |              |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
|   | al derivative inst       | ruments         |               |            |              |
| Japan Small                             | Cap Fund                 |                 |               | Unrealised | Unrealised   |
|   | Maturity                 | Bought          | Sold          | Gain       | Loss         |
|   | Date                     | JPY             | JPY           | JPY        | JPY          |
| US Dollar                               |                          |                 |               |            |              |
| Long                                    | 28/04/2023               | (4,989,847,356) | 4,895,303,013 | -          | (94,544,343) |
| Short                                   | 28/04/2023               | 203,921,792     | (202,602,243) | 1,319,549  | -            |
|   |                          | (4,785,925,564) | 4,692,700,770 | 1,319,549  | (94,544,343) |
| Euro                                    |                          |                 |               |            |              |
| Long                                    | 28/04/2023               | (23,954,222)    | 23,973,591    | 19,369     | -            |
| Short                                   | 28/04/2023               | 991,809         | (1,001,615)   | -          | (9,806)      |
|   |                          | (22,962,413)    | 22,971,976    | 19,369     | (9,806)      |
| Total forwar                            | d currency               |                 |               |            |              |
| contracts                               |                          | (4,808,887,977) | 4,715,672,746 | 1,338,918  | (94,554,149) |
|   |                          |                 |               |            |              |
| Japan Small                             | Cap II Fund              |                 |               |            |              |
| US Dollar                               | -                        |                 |               |            |              |
| Long                                    | 28/04/2023               | (493,787,960)   | 484,312,130   | -          | (9,475,830)  |
| Short                                   | 28/04/2023               | 26,328,822      | (26,233,950)  | 94,872     | -            |
|   |                          | (467,459,138)   | 458,078,180   | 94,872     | (9,475,830)  |
| British                                 |                          |                 |               |            | <u> </u>     |
| Pound                                   |                          |                 |               |            |              |
| Long                                    | 28/04/2023               | (4,465,910)     | 4,498,892     | 32,982     | -            |
| Short                                   | 28/04/2023               | 240,533         | (244,796)     | -          | (4,263)      |
|   |                          | (4,225,377)     | 4,254,096     | 32,982     | (4,263)      |
| Total forwar                            | d currency               |                 |               |            |              |
| contracts                               |                          | (471,684,515)   | 462,332,276   | 127,854    | (9,480,093)  |
|   |                          |                 |               |            |              |
| Japan Qualit                            | ty Growth Fund           |                 |               |            |              |
| Euro                                    | •                        |                 |               |            |              |
| Long                                    | 28/04/2023               | (84,531,537)    | 84,600,028    | 68,491     | -            |
| Short                                   | 28/04/2023               | 2,613,880       | (2,639,725)   | -          | (25,845)     |
|   |                          | (81,917,657)    | 81,960,303    | 68,491     | (25,845)     |
| Total forwar                            | d currency               |                 |               |            |              |
| contracts                               | _                        | (81,917,657)    | 81,960,303    | 68,491     | (25,845)     |
|   |                          |                 |               |            |              |

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### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

UCITS funds are required to monitor exposures on a daily basis by utilising either the commitment approach or the value at risk ("VaR") approach when financial derivative instruments ("FDI") are held. The Investment Manager utilises the commitment approach for the Sub-Funds in monitoring the exposures of the Sub-Funds when FDIs are held per the Sub-Funds' Risk Management Process documents.

The main risks arising from the Sub-Funds' financial instruments can be summarised as follows:

### **Market Price Risk**

Market price risk arises from uncertainty about future prices of financial investments held. It represents the potential loss the Sub-Funds might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Investment Manager manages the Market Price Risk in the following ways:

#### Diversification

The Investment Manager sets guidelines to ensure the portfolios of the Sub-Funds are well diversified.

#### Portfolio Risk

The BARRA risk model is mainly used for quantitative risk measurement. Internally, the portfolio management team, Risk Manager and CIO review the risk profile of the portfolio and check whenever they plan portfolio rebalancing. The portfolio management team adjusts risk exposure if any factor gives the team a cause for concern.

For Japan Small Cap Fund, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 had increased by 10% with all other variables held constant, this would have increased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately JPY1,472,815,415 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY1,877,120,628). Conversely, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure had decreased by 10%, this would have decreased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately the same amount.

For Japan Small Cap II Fund, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 had increased by 10% with all other variables held constant, this would have increased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately JPY174,469,160 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY171,595,660). Conversely, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure had decreased by 10%, this would have decreased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately the same amount.

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### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### Market Price Risk (continued)

#### Portfolio Risk (continued)

For Japan Quality Growth Fund, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 had increased by 10% with all other variables held constant, this would have increased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately JPY128,739,621 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY118,577,314). Conversely, if the price of each of the investments to which the Sub-Fund had exposure had decreased by 10%, this would have decreased Net Assets attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units of the Sub-Fund by approximately the same amount.

It is important to note that this form of sensitivity analysis may be unrepresentative of the risks inherent in the financial instruments held by the Sub-Funds from time to time as the measure is a point-in-time calculation, reflecting positions as recorded at that date, which do not necessarily reflect the risk position held at any other time.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk represents the potential loss that the Sub-Funds might suffer due to adverse movements in relevant interest rates. The Sub-Funds' investments are equities that neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Interest is paid on cash balances at a floating rate. As a consequence, the Sub-Funds are exposed to limited interest rate risk.

For Japan Small Cap Fund, based on cash balances held at the period/year end if interest rates increased by 0.5% for a full period, the yield earned on cash deposits would have increased by 0.5% with a corresponding increase in Net Assets of JPY2,034,554 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY2,373,169). A corresponding decrease in interest rates would have had an equal but opposite impact on yields and Net Assets.

For Japan Small Cap II Fund, based on cash balances held at the period/year end if interest rates increased by 0.5% for a full period, the yield earned on cash deposits would have increased by 0.5% with a corresponding increase in Net Assets of JPY568,829 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY395,451). A corresponding decrease in interest rates would have had an equal but opposite impact on yields and Net Assets.

For Japan Quality Growth Fund, based on cash balances held at the period/year end if interest rates increased by 0.5% for a full period, the yield earned on cash deposits would have increased by 0.5% with a corresponding increase in Net Assets of JPY122,213 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: JPY167,877). A corresponding decrease in interest rates would have had an equal but opposite impact on yields and Net Assets.

It is important to note that this form of sensitivity analysis may be unrepresentative of the risks inherent in the financial instruments held by the Sub-Funds from time to time as the measure is a point-in-time calculation, reflecting positions as recorded at that date, which do not necessarily reflect the risk position held at any other time.

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#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into and cause the Sub-Funds to incur financial losses. The Sub-Funds will be exposed to credit risk on parties with whom they trade and will also bear the risk of settlement default. Cash and trading securities are held with the Global Sub-Custodian throughout the period/year. All trading securities held by the Sub-Funds are companies listed on recognised stock exchanges in Japan. None of them are in the nature of debt. The settlement of equities with the counterparty is on an against delivery basis and is regulated by rules of respective stock exchanges. In general, in the opinion of the Manager there is limited credit risk involved for such kind of cash settlement.

For the purpose of cash management, the Sub-Funds have bank accounts with the Global Sub-Custodian, who has a Fitch credit rating as follows: 41.

|         | <b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b> | 31 <sup>st</sup> March |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
|         | 2023                             | 2023                   |
| BBH (1) | $\mathrm{A}+$                    | A+                     |

(1) BBH is the Global Sub-Custodian. All amounts are held with the Global Sub-Custodian. SMT Trustees (Ireland) Limited as Depositary has appointed Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (London Branch) as its Custodian. Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (London Branch) have, in turn, appointed BBH as their Global Sub-Custodian. As at 30th September 2023 and 31st March 2023, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, the parent company of the Depositary and Custodian had a Standard and Poor's long term credit rating of A. In accordance with the Sub-Funds' policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Sub-Funds' credit positions on a regular basis.

The maximum direct exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements is the carrying amount of the financial assets as set out below: anth a

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | 31 <sup>st</sup> March |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
|  | 2023                       | 2023                   |
| Japan Small Cap Fund                           | JPY                        | JPY                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 406,910,823                | 474,633,894            |
| Receivables (Note 11)                          | 905,656,194                | 119,934,914            |
|  | 1,312,567,017              | 594,568,808            |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                        |                            |                        |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 113,765,836                | 79,090,293             |
| Receivables (Note 11)                          | 34,524,544                 | 16,892,958             |
|  | 148,290,380                | 95,983,251             |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund                      |                            | i                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 24,442,629                 | 33,575,483             |
| Receivables (Note 11)                          | 32,236,663                 | 30,281,981             |
|  | 56,679,292                 | 63,857,464             |
| None of these assets are past due nor impaired |                            |                        |

None of these assets are past due nor impaired.

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### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### Credit Risk (continued)

### Amounts arising from ECL

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents and receivables has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Sub-Funds consider that these exposures have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties.

The Sub-Funds monitor changes in credit risk on these exposures by tracking published external credit ratings of the counterparties. To determine whether published ratings remain up to date and to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk at the reporting date that has not been reflected in the published ratings, the Sub-Funds supplement this by reviewing changes in bond yields, together with available press and regulatory information about counterparties.

12-month and lifetime probabilities of default are based on publicly available historical market data supplied by Moody's for each credit rating. Loss given default parameters generally reflect an assumed recovery rate of 50%. However, if the asset were credit-impaired, then the estimate of loss would be based on a specific assessment of expected cash shortfalls and on the original effective interest rate.

No amounts have been recognised in terms of expected ECL's for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

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#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### **Credit Risk (continued) Offsetting financial instruments**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, each Sub-Fund was subject to a master netting arrangement with the Custodian. All of the derivative assets and liabilities of each Sub-Fund were held with the Custodian as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The table below presents Japan Small Cap Fund's financial assets and liabilities subject to an offsetting enforceable master netting arrangement and similar agreements:

Related amounts not offset in the

|  |   |  |  | Statement of Financial Position<br>("SOFP")   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Sumitomo Mitsui<br>Trust Bank, Limited<br>(London Branch)<br>30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Financial assets<br>Derivative assets<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts | Gross<br>amounts of<br>recognised<br>financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>JPY<br>79,020,618 | Gross<br>amounts of<br>recognised<br>financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>offset in<br>the SOFP<br>JPY | Net amounts<br>of financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>presented in<br>the SOFP<br>JPY<br>79,020,618 | Financial<br>instruments<br>(including<br>non-cash<br>collateral)<br>JPY<br>(4,703,099) | Cash<br>collateral Net<br>received amount<br>JPY JPY<br>- 74,317,519 |  |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b><br>Derivative liabilities<br>- Forward currency   | 79,020,010  |  | 79,020,010   | (4,703,077)   | - 17,517,517   |  |
| contracts<br><b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>   | (4,703,099)   | -  | (4,703,099)  | 4,703,099   |  |  |
| Financial assets<br>Derivative assets<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts   | 1,338,918   | -  | 1,338,918  | (1,338,918)   |  |  |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b><br>Derivative liabilities<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts  | (94,554,149)  | -  | (94,554,149)   | 1,338,918   | - (93,215,231)   |  |

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#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued) 9.

### **Credit Risk (continued)**

### **Offsetting financial instruments (continued)**

The table below presents Japan Small Cap II Fund's financial assets and liabilities subject to an offsetting enforceable master netting arrangement and similar agreements:

#### **Related amounts not offset in the SOFP**

| Sumitomo Mitsui<br>Trust Bank, Limited<br>(London Branch)<br>30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Financial assets<br>Derivative assets<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts | Gross<br>amounts<br>of<br>recognised<br>financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>JPY<br>8,054,058 | Gross<br>amounts of<br>recognised<br>financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>offset in<br>the SOFP<br>JPY | Net amounts<br>of financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>presented in<br>the SOFP<br>JPY<br>8,054,058 | Financial<br>instruments<br>(including<br>non-cash<br>collateral)<br>JPY<br>(203,614) | Cash<br>collateral<br>received<br>JPY | Net<br>Amount<br>JPY<br>7,850,444       |
|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Financial liabilities  | 0,00 1,000  |  | 0,00 1,000  | (200,011)   |                                       | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| - Forward currency contracts   | (203,614)   | -  | (203,614)   | 203,614   | -                                     | -                                       |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b><br><b>Financial assets</b><br>Derivative assets<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts   | 127,854   | -  | 127,854   | (127,854)   | -                                     | -                                       |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b><br>Derivative liabilities   |   |  |   |   |                                       |   |
| - Forward currency contracts   | (9,480,093)   | -  | (9,480,093)   | 127,854   | -                                     | (9,352,239)                             |

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#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued) 9.

### **Credit Risk (continued)**

### **Offsetting financial instruments (continued)**

The table below presents Japan Quality Growth Fund's financial assets and liabilities subject to an offsetting enforceable master netting arrangement and similar agreements:

### Related amounts not offset in the SOFP

| Sumitomo Mitsui<br>Trust Bank, Limite<br>(London Branch)<br>30 <sup>th</sup> September 202<br>Financial assets<br>Derivative assets |         | Gross<br>amounts of<br>recognised<br>financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>offset in the<br>SOFP<br>JPY | Net amounts<br>of financial<br>assets/<br>(liabilities)<br>presented in<br>the SOFP<br>JPY | Financial<br>instruments<br>(including<br>non-cash<br>collateral)<br>JPY | Cash<br>collateral<br>received<br>JPY | Net<br>amount<br>JPY |
|---|---------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| - Forward currency contracts  | 212,786 | -  | 212,786  | -  | -                                     | 212,786              |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b><br><b>Financial assets</b><br>Derivative assets<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts                | 68,491  | -  | 68,491   | (25,845)   | -                                     | 42,646               |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b><br>Derivative liabilities<br>- Forward currency<br>contracts   |         | -  | (25,845)   | 25,845   | -                                     | -                    |

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### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk represents the possibility that the Sub-Funds may not be able to rapidly adjust the size of their investment positions in times of high volatility and financial distress at a reasonable price. The Sub-Funds have cash reserves to cover their short-term obligations. The main liability of the Sub-Funds is the redemption of any units that investors may wish to sell.

The Sub-Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of units. They therefore invest their assets in listed stocks that are traded actively and can be readily disposed. Based on the Prospectus, unitholders recognise that under normal circumstances the "Dealing Day" (business day) plus five business days are necessary and the redemption proceeds in respect of units will be paid on/within ten business days from the "Dealing Deadline" (1.00pm Irish time one business day prior to the Dealing Day). In the opinion of the Manager, this provides sufficient time for the Investment Manager to sell assets in order to meet the Sub-Funds' obligations. In order to secure liquidity of the portfolio, the Investment Manager manages the Sub-Funds' liquidity risk by monitoring how many days it takes to liquidate all of the positions.

The Sub-Funds' securities holdings are considered by the Investment Manager to be readily realisable as they are listed on the recognised exchanges in Japan. The Sub-Funds also have the ability to borrow in the short term to ensure timely settlement and to meet their short term obligations if any. At the period/year end date, there were no borrowings or short term liabilities raised for this purpose.

The tables below and overleaf analyse the Sub-Funds' liabilities into relevant maturity groups based on the remaining period to the contractual maturity date:

| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Japan Small Cap Fund | Up to 1 month<br>JPY | 1 to 3<br>months<br>JPY | Total<br>JPY   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Liabilities   |                      |                         |                |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                          | 4,703,099            | -                       | 4,703,099      |
| Payables  | 834,164,249          | 44,953,616              | 879,117,865    |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of                   |                      |                         |                |
| Redeemable Participating Units                          | 15,235,920,821       |                         | 15,235,920,821 |
|   |                      |                         |                |
| Total Liabilities                                       | 16,074,788,169       | 44,953,616              | 16,119,741,785 |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Liabilities                  |                      |                         |                |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL                          | 203,614              | -                       | 203,614        |
| Payables  | 8,602,627            | 14,502,139              | 23,104,766     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of                   |                      |                         |                |
| Redeemable Participating Units                          | 1,877,727,658        |                         | 1,877,727,658  |
| Total Liabilities                                       | 1,886,533,899        | 14,502,139              | 1,901,036,038  |

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#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued) 9.

| Liquidity Risk (continued)<br>30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 (continued)<br>Japan Quality Growth Fund (continued)<br>Liabilities | Up to 1 month<br>JPY | 1 to 3<br>months<br>JPY | Total<br>JPY   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Payables<br>Net Assets attributable to Holders of   | 26,591,479           | 7,653,770               | 34,245,249     |
| Redeemable Participating Units  | 1,310,043,042        |                         | 1,310,043,042  |
| Total Liabilities   | 1,336,634,521        | 7,653,770               | 1,344,288,291  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023<br>Japan Small Cap Fund<br>Liabilities  |                      |                         |                |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL  | 94,554,149           | -                       | 94,554,149     |
| Payables  | 46,728,530           | 53,329,048              | 100,057,578    |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of   |                      |                         |                |
| Redeemable Participating Units  | 19,172,502,279       |                         | 19,172,502,279 |
| Total Liabilities   | 19,313,784,958       | 53,329,048              | 19,367,114,006 |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Liabilities  |                      |                         |                |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL  | 9,480,093            | -                       | 9,480,093      |
| Payables  | 7,588,409            | 13,621,845              | 21,210,254     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of   |                      |                         |                |
| Redeemable Participating Units  | 1,781,377,358        |                         | 1,781,377,358  |
| Total Liabilities   | 1,798,445,860        | 13,621,845              | 1,812,067,705  |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund<br>Liabilities  |                      |                         |                |
| Financial liabilities at FVTPL  | 25,845               | -                       | 25,845         |
| Payables  | 22,711,209           | 7,773,617               | 30,484,826     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of   |                      |                         |                |
| Redeemable Participating Units  | 1,219,188,425        |                         | 1,219,188,425  |
| Total Liabilities   | 1,241,925,479        | 7,773,617               | 1,249,699,096  |

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### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk represents the potential losses that the Sub-Funds might suffer due to adverse movements in non-base currency exposures. The Sub-Funds' functional currency is JPY and each Sub-Fund only holds listed securities denominated in JPY. If the Sub-Funds need to pay expenses in currencies other than JPY, the Investment Manager will ensure there is sufficient non-base currency cash present to cover the Foreign Exchange ("FX"). As these obligations are usually in small amounts, the currency risk is considered minimal. The Sub-Funds enter into forward currency contracts only for the purpose of hedging any currency exchange risk for non-JPY denominated unitholders. In accordance with the Sub-Funds' policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Sub-Funds' currency position on a daily basis.

### Efficient portfolio management techniques

The Manager of the Sub-Funds considers the definition of efficient portfolio management techniques to relate to the use of Securities Lending and Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase agreements which are not applicable to the Sub-Funds.

### 10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash held with the Global Sub-Custodian. These amounts are reported as cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows.

### **11. RECEIVABLES**

|                                 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Japan Small Cap Fund            |   |                                       |
| Receivable for investments sold | 848,691,334                               | 18,151,637                            |
| Dividends receivable            | 56,202,467                                | 101,746,478                           |
| Other debtors                   | 762,393                                   | 36,799                                |
|                                 | 905,656,194                               | 119,934,914                           |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund         |   |                                       |
| Receivable for investments sold | 19,580,874                                | 1,633,672                             |
| Dividends receivable            | 5,238,635                                 | 8,174,433                             |
| Fee waiver receivable (Note 14) | 9,183,026                                 | 7,081,301                             |
| Other debtors                   | 522,009                                   | 3,552                                 |
|                                 | 34,524,544                                | 16,892,958                            |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund       |   |                                       |
| Receivable for investments sold | 17,444,767                                | 16,444,993                            |
| Dividends receivable            | 6,517,356                                 | 7,942,269                             |
| Fee waiver receivable (Note 14) | 7,786,026                                 | 5,892,049                             |
| Other debtors                   | 488,514                                   | 2,670                                 |
|                                 | 32,236,663                                | 30,281,981                            |

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### **12. PAYABLES**

| TATADLES  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Japan Small Cap Fund                                |   |                                       |
| Payable for Redeemable Participating Units redeemed | 796,346,040                               | -                                     |
| Payable for investments purchased                   | 32,027,856                                | 36,897,015                            |
| Fees payable (Note 14)                              | 50,743,969                                | 63,160,563                            |
|   | 879,117,865                               | 100,057,578                           |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                             |   |                                       |
| Payable for investments purchased                   | 5,714,578                                 | 3,472,165                             |
| Fees payable (Note 14)                              | 17,390,188                                | 17,738,089                            |
|   | 23,104,766                                | 21,210,254                            |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund                           |   |                                       |
| Payable for investments purchased                   | 23,257,153                                | 19,263,232                            |
| Fees payable (Note 14)                              | 10,988,096                                | 11,221,594                            |
|   | 34,245,249                                | 30,484,826                            |

### 13. REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING UNITS

Japan Small Cap Fund has eight classes of units in issue, Class A JPY, Class B JPY, Class A USD Hedged, Class C USD Hedged, Class A EUR Hedged, Class Retail EUR Hedged, Class Retail JPY and Class Retail USD Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Japan Small Cap II Fund has five classes of units in issue, Class A JPY, Class B JPY, Class A USD Hedged, Class B USD Hedged and Class A GBP Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Japan Quality Growth Fund has two classes of units in issue, Class A JPY and Class A EUR Hedged as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Class C USD Hedged fully redeemed during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023).

Units of the Sub-Funds are all freely transferable and subject to the differences between units of different classes as outlined in the Prospectus. The units, which are of no par value and which must be fully paid for upon issue other than in certain circumstances which are at the discretion of the Manager, carry no preferential or pre-emptive rights. Fractions of units may be issued up to four decimal places, rounded naturally.

Units shall be issued at a price equal to the NAV per unit on the relevant Dealing Day on which the units are to be issued. Redemption requests to redeem units may be made by way of the submission of a redemption form to the Manager by post, facsimile or electronic mail no later than the dealing deadline. The Fund regards Units in issue as its capital and its objectives for capital management are outlined in Note 1. There are no externally imposed regulatory capital requirements.

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| 13. REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING UNITS (continued)  |                                    |                                |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Japan Small Cap Fund<br>Class A JPY Units   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023 |
| Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year  | 790,010.196                        | 1,645,404.692                  |
| Number of units issued  | 3,948.991                          | 49,160.157                     |
| Number of units redeemed  | (304,639.933)                      | (904,554.653)                  |
| Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 489,319.254                        | 790,010.196                    |
| Class B JPY Units<br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning and<br>end of period/year                                | 46,480.508                         | 46,480.508                     |
| Class A USD Hedged Units  |                                    |                                |
| Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year  | 168,398.064                        | 177,660.699                    |
| Number of units issued  | -                                  | 409.772                        |
| Number of units redeemed  | (13,325.077)                       | (9,672.407)                    |
| Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 155,072.987                        | 168,398.064                    |
| <b>Class C USD Hedged Units</b><br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units redeemed | 3,834.878                          | 198,181.968<br>(194,347.090)   |
| Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 3,834.878                          | 3,834.878                      |
| Class A EUR Hedged Units<br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning and<br>end of period/year                         | 765.000                            | 765.000                        |
| Class Retail EUR Hedged Units   |                                    |                                |
| Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year  | 1,030.000                          | 1,130.000                      |
| Number of units redeemed  | (100.000)                          | (100.000)                      |
| Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 930.000                            | 1,030.000                      |
| Class Retail JPY Units  |                                    |                                |
| Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year  | 66,357.000                         | 69,312.000                     |
| Number of units issued  | 4,755.000                          | -                              |
| Number of units redeemed  | (6,780.000)                        | (2,955.000)                    |
| Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 64,332.000                         | 66,357.000                     |

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| 13. | <b>REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING UNITS (continued)</b>   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | 31 <sup>st</sup> March       |
|-----|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|     | Japan Small Cap Fund (continued)<br>Class Retail USD Hedged Units   | 2023                       | 2023                         |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units redeemed                              | 24,459.000<br>(10,209.000) | 26,218.000<br>(1,759.000)    |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 14,250.000                 | 24,459.000                   |
|     | Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Class A JPY  |                            |                              |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units issued                                | 16,164.385                 | 16,039.385<br>125.000        |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 16,164.385                 | 16,164.385                   |
|     | <b>Class B JPY</b><br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units redeemed        | 125,356.597                | 330,217.243<br>(204,860.646) |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 125,356.597                | 125,356.597                  |
|     | <b>Class A USD Hedged</b><br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units redeemed | 10,602.110                 | 10,761.575<br>(159.465)      |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 10,602.110                 | 10,602.110                   |
|     | <b>Class B USD Hedged</b><br>Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year<br>Number of units redeemed | 25,102.806                 | 25,554.669<br>(451.863)      |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year  | 25,102.806                 | 25,102.806                   |
|     | Class A GBP Hedged  |                            |                              |
|     | Number of units outstanding as at beginning and end of period/year  | 260.000                    | 260.000                      |

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#### **REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING UNITS (continued)** 13. 30<sup>th</sup> September 31<sup>st</sup> March Japan Quality Growth Fund 2023 2023 **Class A JPY Units** Number of units outstanding as at beginning and end of period/year 78,196.510 78,196.510 **Class A EUR Hedged Units** Number of units outstanding as at beginning and end of period/year 4.000.001 4.000.001 **Class C USD Hedged Units** Number of units outstanding as at beginning of period/year 167,144.255 (167, 144.255)Number of units redeemed \_ Number of units outstanding as at end of period/year -

### 14. FEES AND EXPENSES

### **Investment Manager Fees**

The Investment Manager is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Sub-Funds an annual investment management fee of up to:

### Japan Small Cap Fund

0.75% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Class A, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

0.60% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Class B, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

0.50% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Class C, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

1.50% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Retail Class Units, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

### Japan Small Cap II Fund

0.65% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Class A, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

0.40% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to Class B, on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

### Japan Quality Growth Fund

0.60% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund attributable to the relevant Class on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon.

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### 14. FEES AND EXPENSES (continued)

### Administration and Manager Fees

In respect of management company services, fund administration services, registrar and transfer agent services, the Administrator/Manager is entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Sub-Funds the following fees:

The Manager is entitled to an annual flat fee of EUR40,000 plus VAT if any thereon per annum for Japan Small Cap Fund and Japan Quality Growth Fund payable monthly in arrears in respect of management company services. The Manager is entitled to be paid out of the assets of Japan Small Cap II Fund in respect of management company services, a fee at the rate of 0.025% per annum of the NAV of the Sub-Fund as at the previous valuation day plus VAT if any thereon, calculated and accrued as at each valuation day and paid monthly in arrears. This fee will be subject to a minimum of EUR70,000 per annum plus any VAT thereon.

The Administrator is entitled to be paid out of the assets of each Sub-Fund an annual fee in respect of fund administration services, accrued on each valuation day and payable monthly in arrears plus VAT if any thereon at a rate of 0.12% per annum of the total NAV. This fee is subject to a minimum of EUR5,000 per month for Japan Small Cap Fund, EUR4,250 per month for Japan Quality Growth Fund and EUR4,000 per month for Japan Small Cap II Fund plus VAT if any thereon. The fee is calculated prior to the accrual of the NAV based fees as referred to above.

The Administrator is also entitled to be paid an annual fee of EUR4,000 per annum per Sub-Fund plus any VAT thereon out of the assets of each Sub-Fund in respect of fund accounting services.

The Administrator is also entitled to be paid an annual fee of up to EUR5,000 per annum per Sub-Fund plus any VAT thereon for the preparation of reporting for UK Reporting Fund status.

The Administrator is also entitled to be paid an annual fee out of the assets of each Sub-Fund in respect of hedging services of up to 0.06% for the Japan Quality Growth Fund and Japan Small Cap Fund and 0.05% for the Japan Small Cap II Fund of the NAV of each hedged Unit Class accrued on each valuation day and payable monthly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon. This fee is calculated prior to the accrual of NAV based fees. In addition, in respect of anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing procedures, the Administrator is entitled to a fee of EUR75 plus VAT if any thereon payable monthly in arrears, per investor.

### **Custodian Fees**

The Custodian is entitled to receive out of the assets of each Sub-Fund a monthly safekeeping fee, accrued on each valuation day and payable monthly in arrears as a percentage of the applicable assets of each Sub-Fund, depending on the market of each security (0.03% for Japan) subject to a minimum fee of EUR850 per month. The Custodian is also entitled to receive various fixed transaction costs based on the number of transactions.

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# FEES AND EXPENSES (continued)

### **Depositary Fees**

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The Depositary is entitled to receive out of the assets of each Sub-Fund an annual fee, accrued on each valuation day and payable monthly in arrears, not exceeding 0.03% per annum, plus VAT thereon, of the NAV, subject to a minimum fee of EUR3,000 per month for Japan Small Cap Fund, EUR2,100 per month for Japan Quality Growth Fund and EUR2,125 per month for Japan Small Cap II Fund plus VAT if any thereon. The Depositary's fee is calculated prior to the accrual of NAV based fees.

### **FX Manager Fees**

The FX Manager is entitled to receive out of the assets of each Sub-Fund an annual fee, accrued on each valuation day and payable monthly in arrears not exceeding 0.02% per annum, plus VAT thereon, of the NAV of each hedged Unit Class. This fee is calculated prior to the accrual of NAV based fees.

### **Risk Management Fees**

The Hedging Risk Manager is entitled to receive a fee for unit class hedging risk reporting services to assist the Manager in its role of Risk Management of the Sub-Funds. Such fees are paid out of the assets of the Sub-Funds, as an annual fee of 0.02% of the NAV of each hedged Unit Class subject to a minimum fee of EUR11,000 per annum and a maximum fee of EUR20,000 per annum. Such fees are accrued on each Valuation Day and payable monthly in arrears, plus VAT if any thereon. This fee is calculated prior to the accrual of NAV based fees.

### **Distributor Fees**

Each of the Distributors are entitled to receive out of the assets of each Sub-Fund an annual fee, accrued on each valuation day and payable quarterly in arrears as a percentage of the NAV of each Sub-Fund or attributable to Classes A and B and Retail Classes at a rate of 0.10% and Class C at a rate of 1.50% for Japan Small Cap Fund and 1.25% for Japan Quality Growth Fund.

### **Auditor's Remuneration**

|  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Japan Small Cap Fund   | JPY                                | JPY                                |
| Audit of the statutory accounts *                              | 2,124,729                          | 1,410,398                          |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund<br>Audit of the statutory accounts *   | 1,323,226                          | 1,046,624                          |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund<br>Audit of the statutory accounts * | 1,323,297                          | 1,047,067                          |
| * The above figures are exclusive of VAT.                      |                                    |                                    |

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### 14. FEES AND EXPENSES (continued)

**Fees Payable** 

|   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | 31 <sup>st</sup> March |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Janan Small Can Fund                            | 2023<br>JPY                | 2023<br>JPY            |
| Japan Small Cap Fund<br>Investment Manager fees | 32,239,163                 | 39,870,243             |
| FX Manager fees                                 | 83,936                     | 80,284                 |
| Risk Management fees                            | 122,314                    | 121,963                |
| Administration and Manager fees                 | 3,110,299                  | 3,307,567              |
| Custodian fees                                  | 2,083,192                  | 5,815,389              |
| Depositary fees                                 | 390,612                    | 506,294                |
| Distributor fees                                | 4,444,494                  | 5,387,925              |
| Audit fees                                      | 1,815,006                  | 3,136,670              |
| Other fees and expenses                         | 6,454,953                  | 4,934,228              |
| Other rees and expenses                         | 0,434,933                  | 4,934,228              |
|   | 50,743,969                 | 63,160,563             |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                         |                            |                        |
| Investment Manager fees                         | 2,114,421                  | 1,944,250              |
| FX Manager fees                                 | 31,190                     | 27,598                 |
| Risk Management fees                            | 24,637                     | 12,505                 |
| Administration and Manager fees                 | 1,891,861                  | 2,244,384              |
| Custodian fees                                  | 628,439                    | 1,504,701              |
| Depositary fees                                 | 311,922                    | 327,055                |
| Distributor fees                                | 477,012                    | 439,813                |
| Audit fees                                      | 1,366,612                  | 2,504,549              |
| Organisational expenses                         | 1,464,130                  | 1,464,130              |
| Other fees and expenses                         | 9,079,964                  | 7,269,104              |
|   | 17,390,188                 | 17,738,089             |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund                       |                            |                        |
| Investment Manager fees                         | 2,030,869                  | 1,768,755              |
| FX Manager fees                                 | 1,820                      | 1,603                  |
| Risk Management fees                            | 2,048                      | 1,494                  |
| Administration and Manager fees                 | 1,431,014                  | 1,716,651              |
| Custodian fees                                  | 1,591,299                  | 1,413,290              |
| Depositary fees                                 | 308,145                    | 314,939                |
| Distributor fees                                | 338,108                    | 295,667                |
| Audit fees                                      | 1,366,595                  | 2,504,446              |
| Other fees and expenses                         | 3,918,198                  | 3,204,749              |
|   | 10,988,096                 | 11,221,594             |

Fees payable are included in Payables as presented in the Statement of Financial Position.

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### 14. FEES AND EXPENSES (continued)

#### **Fee Waiver**

In order to assist the Manager in growing the assets of Japan Small Cap II Fund and Japan Quality Growth Fund, the Promoter and Distributor will in normal circumstances assume any expense if the ongoing charge figure of the Sub-Fund exceeds 0.3% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund exclusive of i) Investment Manager Fees, ii) Distributor Fees and iii) FX Manager Fees.

The Sub-Fund level ongoing charge figure will be calculated on a daily basis using the NAV as at the previous Valuation Day. Unitholders will be notified at least 30 days in advance of any determination by the Promoter to withdraw this assistance.

### 15. NET GAIN/(LOSS) FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT FVTPL

|   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | JPY                                | JPY                                |
| Japan Small Cap Fund                                  |                                    |                                    |
| Net realised gain/(loss) from investments             | 59,210,184                         | (4,079,173,763)                    |
| Net realised gain from currencies                     | 552,426,605                        | 1,781,029,385                      |
| Change in net unrealised gain from investments        | 1,075,519,481                      | 1,542,050,155                      |
| Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) from currencies  | 167,404,717                        | (296,872,809)                      |
|   | 1,854,560,987                      | (1,052,967,032)                    |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund                               |                                    |                                    |
| Net realised loss from investments                    | (22,921,843)                       | (636,818,817)                      |
| Net realised gain from currencies                     | 56,163,349                         | 98,112,945                         |
| Change in net unrealised gain from investments        | 44,169,446                         | 303,902,345                        |
| Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) from currencies  | 17,157,563                         | (16,878,924)                       |
|   | 94,568,515                         | (251,682,451)                      |
| Japan Quality Growth Fund                             |                                    |                                    |
| Net realised gain from investments                    | 18,954,654                         | 55,173,889                         |
| Net realised gain from currencies                     | 10,175,065                         | 808,214,645                        |
| Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) from investments | 60,421,873                         | (296,770,040)                      |
| Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) from currencies  | 120,747                            | (138,574,386)                      |
|   | 89,672,339                         | 428,044,108                        |

### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. Included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Note 14 are amounts accrued and payable to the Manager, Investment Manager, Administrator, Custodian, Depositary and Distributor, all related parties by virtue of common control, which were accrued in the normal course of business.

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### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Japan Small Cap Fund had two significant unitholders: Nikko Bank (12.43%) (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 34.23%) and The First Investment Bank of Israel (38.08%) (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 26.86%).

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Japan Small Cap II Fund had the one significant unitholder; Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (69.43%) (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 69.43%).

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Japan Quality Growth Fund had one significant unitholder; Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (94.06%) (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 94.06%).

### **17. DISTRIBUTIONS**

No dividend payments were made during the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **18. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

|                                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                      | 2023<br>JPY                        | JPY                             |
| Japan Small Cap Fund                 |                                    | -                               |
| Total transaction costs on purchases | 1,030,294                          | 1,635,144                       |
| Out of which are commissions         | 1,030,294                          | 1,635,144                       |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                               |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                               |
| Total transaction costs on sales     | (3,650,010)                        | (5,727,701)                     |
| Out of which are commissions         | (3,650,010)                        | (5,727,701)                     |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                               |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                               |
| Japan Small Cap II Fund              |                                    |                                 |
| Total transaction costs on purchases | 170,672                            | 99,175                          |
| Out of which are commissions         | 170,672                            | 99,175                          |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                               |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                               |
| Total transaction costs on sales     | (174,378)                          | (946,483)                       |
| Out of which are commissions         | (174,378)                          | (946,483)                       |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                               |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                               |

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### **18. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS (continued)**

|                                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Japan Quality Growth Fund            | JPY                                | JPY                                |
| Total transaction costs on purchases | 228,745                            | 1,222,069                          |
| Out of which are commissions         | 228,745                            | 1,222,069                          |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                                  |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                                  |
| Total transaction costs on sales     | (285,584)                          | (862,217)                          |
| Out of which are commissions         | (285,584)                          | (862,217)                          |
| Out of which are taxes               | -                                  | -                                  |
| Out of which are charges             | -                                  | -                                  |

### **19. TAXATION**

The Manager has been advised that the Sub-Funds qualify as investment undertakings as defined in Section 739B(1) of the Taxes Consolidation Act. Under current Irish law and practice, the Sub-Funds are not chargeable to Irish tax on its income and gains. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to unitholders or any encashment, redemption or transfer of units.

Generally a chargeable event arises on any distribution, redemption, repurchase, cancellation, transfer of units or the ending of a "Relevant Period". A "Relevant Period" is an eight year period beginning with the acquisition of the units by the unitholder and each subsequent period of eight years beginning immediately after the preceding Relevant Period.

A gain on a chargeable event does not arise in respect of:

- a) a unitholder who is not an Irish resident and not ordinarily resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event, provided the necessary signed statutory declarations are held by the Sub-Funds;
- b) certain exempted Irish tax resident investors who have provided the Sub-Funds with the necessary signed statutory declarations;
- c) an exchange of units arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction of the Sub-Funds with another sub-fund;
- d) any transactions in relation to units held in a recognised clearing system as designated by order of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland;
- e) certain exchanges of units between spouses and former spouses on the occasion of judicial separation and/or divorce; and
- f) an exchange by a unitholder, effected by way of an arm's length bargain where no payment is made to the unitholder, of units in the Sub-Funds for other units in the Sub-Funds.

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### **19. TAXATION (continued)**

In the absence of an appropriate declaration, each Sub-Fund will be liable for Irish tax on the occurrence of a chargeable event, and each Sub-Fund reserves its right to withhold such taxes from the relevant unitholders.

There were no chargeable events during the financial period under review.

Capital gains, dividends and interest (if any) received on investments made by the Sub-Funds may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Sub-Funds or its unitholders. The Sub-Funds currently incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income or gains are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Withholding taxes are shown as a separate item in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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### 20. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NAV TO DEALING NAV

All fees and expenses relating to the establishment and organisation of the Trust including the fees of the Manager's professional advisers and all fees incurred by the Manager in relation to the registration of the Trust will be borne by the Trust. In accordance with IFRS, the establishment costs of €150,000 were fully charged in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year in which they were incurred. For the purpose of calculating the Dealing NAV used for dealing purposes, these establishment costs relating to the creation of the Trust are to be amortised over the first five years in accordance with the Prospectus.

| Japan Small Cap Fund                                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| NAV per financial statements<br>Adjustment for unitholder | 15,235,920,821                            | 19,172,502,279                        | 26,030,978,664                            |
| dealing   | 796,346,021                               | -                                     |   |
| NAV per Dealing NAV                                       | 16,032,266,842                            | 19,172,502,279                        | 26,030,978,664                            |
| NAV per unit<br>Class A JPY                               |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | JPY8,920,341,451                          | JPY12,513,444,019                     | JPY15,562,445,541                         |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | JPY16,602.6482                            | JPY15,839.5981                        | JPY15,086.1317                            |
| Class B JPY   |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | JPY1,299,675,393                          | JPY1,239,015,828                      | JPY1,179,195,392                          |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | JPY27,961.7294                            | JPY26,656.6756                        | JPY25,369.6751                            |
| Class A USD Hedged  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | US\$32,188,690                            | US\$32,564,489                        | US\$31,078,925                            |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | US\$207.5712                              | US\$193.3780                          | US\$180.5286                              |
| Class C USD Hedged  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | US\$589,049                               | US\$552,290                           | US\$26,221,312                            |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | US\$153.6031                              | US\$144.0176                          | US\$132.3093                              |
| Class A EUR Hedged  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | EUR70,470                                 | EUR66,258                             | EUR62,751                                 |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | EUR92.1170                                | EUR86.6116                            | EUR82.0271                                |
| Class Retail EUR Hedged                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV                                      | EUR90,043                                 | EUR94,110                             | EUR98,151                                 |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit                             | EUR96.8203                                | EUR91.3692                            | EUR86.8591                                |
|   |   |                                       |   |

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### 20. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NAV TO DEALING NAV (continued)

| <i>Japan Small Cap Fund (continued)</i><br>NAV per unit<br>Class Retail JPY              | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023<br>JPY | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023<br>JPY | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022<br>JPY |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Reported Dealing NAV   | JPY659,749,205                            | JPY651,672,902                        | JPY622,999,490                            |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | JPY10,255.3815                            | JPY9,820.7107                         | JPY9,388.6024                             |
| Class Retail USD Hedged  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | US\$1,580,721                             | US\$2,537,135                         | US\$2,415,267                             |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | US\$110.9278                              | US\$103.7301                          | US\$97.2017                               |
| <i>Japan Small Cap II Fund</i><br>NAV per financial statements<br>Write-back of deferred | 1,877,727,658                             | 1,781,377,358                         | 1,711,535,369                             |
| organisational expenses incurred<br>Deferred organisational expenses                     | -   | 1,274,556                             | 1,274,556                                 |
| amortised  |   | (1,195,375)                           | (599,325)                                 |
| NAV per Dealing NAV  | 1,877,727,658                             | 1,781,456,539                         | 1,712,210,600                             |
| NAV per unit<br>Class A JPY  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | JPY150,335,331                            | JPY148,354,472                        | JPY139,878,312                            |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | JPY9,300.4050                             | JPY9,177.8604                         | JPY8,653.4878                             |
| Class B JPY  |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | JPY1,183,024,934                          | JPY1,165,986,317                      | JPY1,097,998,698                          |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | JPY9,437.2770                             | JPY9,301.3559                         | JPY8,759.0021                             |
| Class A USD Hedged   |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | US\$1,154,735                             | US\$1,111,761                         | US\$1,027,356                             |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | US\$108.9156                              | US\$104.8623                          | US\$96.9011                               |
| Class B USD Hedged   |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | US\$2,460,202                             | US\$2,365,738                         | US\$2,222,617                             |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | US\$98.0051                               | US\$94.2420                           | US\$86.9750                               |
| Class A GBP Hedged   |   |                                       |   |
| Reported Dealing NAV   | GBP27,059                                 | GBP26,102                             | GBP24,237                                 |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit  | GBP104.0712                               | GBP100.3909                           | GBP93.2199                                |

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### 20. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NAV TO DEALING NAV (continued)

|                               | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2023 | 31 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2023 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>2022 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Japan Quality Growth Fund     | JPY                                | JPY                            | JPY                                |
| NAV per unit                  |                                    |                                |                                    |
| Class A JPY                   |                                    |                                |                                    |
| Reported Dealing NAV          | JPY1,212,196,454                   | JPY1,136,443,237               | JPY1,093,918,236                   |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit | JPY15,501.9252                     | JPY14,533.1708                 | JPY13,989.3486                     |
| Class A EUR Hedged            |                                    |                                |                                    |
| Reported Dealing NAV          | EUR619,314                         | EUR572,253                     | EUR548,140                         |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit | EUR154.8285                        | EUR143.0633                    | EUR137.0349                        |
| Class C USD Hedged            |                                    |                                |                                    |
| Reported Dealing NAV          | -                                  | -                              | US\$26,599,017                     |
| Reported Dealing NAV per unit | -                                  | -                              | US\$159.1381                       |

### 21. EXCHANGE RATES USED IN THIS REPORT

Transactions during the financial period/year are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. The following exchange rates were used to translate assets and liabilities into one JPY:

|               | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | 31 <sup>st</sup> March |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|               | 2023                       | 2023                   |
| British Pound | -                          | 164.5585               |
| Euro          | 157.9919                   | 144.5954               |
| US Dollar     | 149.2250                   | 133.0900               |

### 22. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the opinion of the Manager, the Sub-Funds do not have any significant contingent liabilities at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### 23. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD

There were no significant events during the period.

### 24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Through to xx November 2023, unitholders subscribed a total of JPYx into and redeemed a total of JPYx from Japan Small Cap Fund.

There were no other events subsequent to the period end to the date that the financial statements were approved that require disclosure in the financial statements.

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### 25. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Manager approved the financial statements on xx November 2023.

# Japan Small Cap Fund Schedule of Investments As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| A                               | ls at 50° | September 2025 |             |          |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------|
|                                 |           |                | Fair        | % of     |
|                                 |           | Nominal        | Value       | Reported |
|                                 |           | Holding        | JPY         | NAV      |
| Equities                        |           |                |             |          |
| Japan                           |           |                |             |          |
| Anicom Holdings Inc             |           | 350,700        | 215,680,500 | 1.42     |
| Anycolor Inc                    |           | 63,400         | 222,851,000 | 1.46     |
| Balnibarbi Co Ltd               |           | 78,600         | 111,454,800 | 0.73     |
| Bluememe Inc                    |           | 67,400         | 122,802,800 | 0.81     |
| Brainpad Inc                    |           | 318,500        | 275,502,500 | 1.81     |
| Bushiroad Inc                   |           | 375,000        | 211,500,000 | 1.39     |
| Buysell Technologies Co Ltd     |           | 48,400         | 151,250,000 | 0.99     |
| Core Concept Technologies Inc   |           | 92,700         | 261,414,000 | 1.72     |
| CUC Inc                         |           | 7,000          | 17,402,000  | 0.11     |
| Dexerials Corp                  |           | 52,200         | 192,618,000 | 1.26     |
| Digital Arts Inc                |           | 20,600         | 95,275,000  | 0.63     |
| DMG Mori Co Ltd                 |           | 96,500         | 245,399,500 | 1.61     |
| En-Japan Inc                    |           | 67,600         | 157,372,800 | 1.03     |
| Enplas Corp                     |           | 11,400         | 119,358,000 | 0.78     |
| Exawizards Inc                  |           | 298,400        | 121,747,200 | 0.80     |
| FFRI                            |           | 80,100         | 84,906,000  | 0.56     |
| Finatext Holdings Ltd           |           | 252,200        | 156,868,400 | 1.03     |
| Fixstars Corp                   |           | 92,600         | 108,434,600 | 0.71     |
| Fujimori Kogyo Co               |           | 50,100         | 186,121,500 | 1.22     |
| Furuya Metal Co Ltd             |           | 28,400         | 293,372,000 | 1.93     |
| Gakujo Co Ltd                   |           | 52,800         | 106,286,400 | 0.70     |
| Giftee Inc                      |           | 108,200        | 153,752,200 | 1.01     |
| Grid Inc                        |           | 4,500          | 14,670,000  | 0.10     |
| Halows Co Ltd                   |           | 83,700         | 351,540,000 | 2.31     |
| Hirano Tecseed Co Ltd           |           | 68,200         | 146,016,200 | 0.96     |
| Iriso Electronics Co Ltd        |           | 45,000         | 189,000,000 | 1.24     |
| Japan Material Co Ltd           |           | 99,000         | 227,106,000 | 1.49     |
| Jins Holdings Inc               |           | 32,900         | 104,951,000 | 0.69     |
| JTower Inc                      |           | 38,100         | 234,315,000 | 1.54     |
| Komehyo Holdings Co Ltd         |           | 52,600         | 302,976,000 | 1.99     |
| Kondotec Inc                    |           | 226,200        | 266,689,800 | 1.75     |
| Kumiai Chemical Industry        |           | 185,400        | 205,423,200 | 1.35     |
| Kusuri No Aoiki Holdings Co Ltd |           | 7,300          | 63,188,800  | 0.41     |
| Kyoritsu Maintenance Co Ltd     |           | 37,600         | 233,947,200 | 1.54     |
| Litalico Inc                    |           | 72,800         | 146,182,400 | 0.96     |
| Macromill Inc                   |           | 217,400        | 159,354,200 | 1.05     |
|                                 |           |                |             |          |

# Japan Small Cap Fund Schedule of Investments As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

|                               | (Continued)           | <b></b>     | 0/ <b>0</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                               | <b>N</b> 7 <b>N N</b> | Fair        | % of        |
|                               | Nominal               | Value       | Reported    |
|                               | Holding               | JPY         | NAV         |
| Equities (continued)          |                       |             |             |
| Japan (continued)             |                       |             |             |
| Maeda Kosen Co Ltd            | 63,300                | 189,267,000 | 1.24        |
| Mandom Corp                   | 145,200               | 200,376,000 | 1.32        |
| Maruwa Co Ltd                 | 10,800                | 253,584,000 | 1.66        |
| Matching Service Japan Co Ltd | 88,300                | 98,984,300  | 0.65        |
| MEC Co Ltd                    | 56,100                | 207,570,000 | 1.36        |
| Mirait Holdings Corp          | 123,500               | 242,862,750 | 1.59        |
| Money Forward Inc             | 21,600                | 103,723,200 | 0.68        |
| Monogatari Corp               | 67,000                | 276,710,000 | 1.82        |
| Nippon Ceramic Co Ltd         | 50,600                | 134,798,400 | 0.88        |
| Nissei ASB Machine Co Ltd     | 17,700                | 80,535,000  | 0.53        |
| Nomura Co Ltd                 | 225,600               | 215,222,400 | 1.41        |
| Nousouken Corp                | 251,700               | 82,557,600  | 0.54        |
| Oisix Ra Daichi Inc           | 120,400               | 193,723,600 | 1.27        |
| OpenWork Inc                  | 32,200                | 110,285,000 | 0.72        |
| Optorun Co Ltd                | 57,600                | 105,926,400 | 0.70        |
| PAL Group Holdings Co Ltd     | 137,500               | 266,475,000 | 1.75        |
| Peptidream Inc                | 107,100               | 172,538,100 | 1.13        |
| Plaid Inc                     | 196,400               | 142,390,000 | 0.93        |
| Plus Alpha Consulting Co Ltd  | 49,500                | 138,798,000 | 0.91        |
| Poppins Holdings Inc          | 43,700                | 54,231,700  | 0.36        |
| QOL Holdings Co Ltd           | 53,200                | 98,792,400  | 0.65        |
| Raksul Inc                    | 166,000               | 220,946,000 | 1.45        |
| Rise Consulting Group Inc     | 112,200               | 106,253,400 | 0.70        |
| S Foods Inc                   | 47,900                | 160,225,500 | 1.05        |
| Sanyo Chemical                | 40,900                | 167,485,500 | 1.10        |
| Shibaura Electronics Co Ltd   | 26,800                | 161,336,000 | 1.06        |
| Siix Corp                     | 196,900               | 299,878,700 | 1.97        |
| Simplex Holdings Inc          | 123,700               | 334,979,600 | 2.20        |
| Snow Peak Inc                 | 117,000               | 138,879,000 | 0.91        |
| Solasto Corp                  | 399,600               | 247,752,000 | 1.63        |
| Sosei Group Corp              | 19,600                | 29,243,200  | 0.19        |
| S-Pool Inc                    | 261,300               | 124,640,100 | 0.82        |
| SRE Holdings Corp             | 20,100                | 59,234,700  | 0.39        |
| Star Mica Co Ltd              | 409,100               | 257,323,900 | 1.69        |
| Strike Co Ltd                 | 71,000                | 238,205,000 | 1.56        |
|                               |                       |             |             |

# Japan Small Cap Fund Schedule of Investments As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

| (00                                   | intillaca) |                |          |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
|                                       |            | Fair           | % of     |
|                                       | Nominal    | Value          | Reported |
|                                       | Holding    | JPY            | NAV      |
| Equities (continued)                  | C          |                |          |
| -                                     |            |                |          |
| Japan (continued)                     |            |                |          |
| Sunwels Co Ltd                        | 74,100     | 218,743,200    | 1.44     |
| Syuppin Co Ltd                        | 162,600    | 183,900,600    | 1.21     |
| Taikisha Ltd                          | 57,000     | 257,640,000    | 1.69     |
| Techmatrix Corp                       | 89,100     | 141,312,600    | 0.93     |
| TKP Corp                              | 96,900     | 252,521,400    | 1.66     |
| Tosho Co Ltd                          | 210,700    | 239,987,300    | 1.58     |
| Totetsu Kogyo Co                      | 93,000     | 273,234,000    | 1.79     |
| TRE Holdings Corp                     | 203,300    | 244,976,500    | 1.61     |
| UT Holdings Co Ltd                    | 102,100    | 227,785,100    | 1.49     |
| Valuence Holdings Inc                 | 54,800     | 150,974,000    | 0.98     |
| Yokogawa Bridge Holdings Corp         | 130,500    | 364,617,000    | 2.38     |
| Total Equities                        |            | 14,728,154,150 | 96.67    |
| Forward Currency Contracts            |            | 74,317,519     | 0.49     |
| Total Net Financial Assets            |            | 14,802,471,669 | 97.16    |
| Other Net Assets                      |            | 433,449,152    | 2.84     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of |            | 1              | 100.00   |
| <b>Redeemable Participating Units</b> |            | 15,235,920,821 | 100.00   |

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### OTC financial derivative instruments Forward foreign currency contracts

|                           | Maturity<br>Date | Bought<br>JPY   | Sold<br>JPY   | Unrealised<br>Gain<br>JPY | Unrealised<br>Loss<br>JPY |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| US Dollar                 |                  |                 |               |                           |                           |
| Long                      | 31/10/2023       | (5,355,049,333) | 5,434,015,425 | 78,966,092                | -                         |
| Short                     | 31/10/2023       | 349,762,456     | (354,464,788) | -                         | (4,702,332)               |
|                           |                  | (5,005,286,877) | 5,079,550,637 | 78,966,092                | (4,702,332)               |
| <b>Euro</b><br>Long       | 31/10/2023       | (25,914,085)    | 25,968,611    | 54,526                    |                           |
| Short                     | 31/10/2023       | 637,784         | (638,551)     | 54,520                    | (767)                     |
| Short                     |                  | (25,276,301)    | 25,330,060    | 54,526                    | (767)                     |
| Total forwar<br>contracts | rd currency      | (5,030,563,178) | 5,104,880,697 | 79,020,618                | (4,703,099)               |

The counterparty for the OTC financial derivative positions is the Custodian.

# % of total assets

| Total assets comprised as follows:                               | %      |
|--|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 2.52   |
| Transferable securities admitted to an official exchange listing | 91.37  |
| OTC Financial derivative instruments                             | 0.49   |
| Other assets   | 5.62   |
| Total Agenta   | 100.00 |
| Total Assets   | 100.00 |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Schedule of Investments As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| As at 50 <sup>m</sup> Se        | ptember 2025 |            |          |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
|                                 |              | Fair       | % of     |
|                                 | Nominal      | Value      | Reported |
|                                 | Holding      | JPY        | NAV      |
| Equities                        |              |            |          |
| Japan                           |              |            |          |
| Ain Pharmaciez Inc              | 1,900        | 8,379,000  | 0.45     |
| Anicom Holdings Inc             | 55,600       | 34,194,000 | 1.82     |
| Anycolor Inc                    | 9,000        | 31,635,000 | 1.68     |
| Argo Graphics Inc               | 5,800        | 19,256,000 | 1.03     |
| Brainpad Inc                    | 38,400       | 33,216,000 | 1.77     |
| Bushiroad Inc                   | 51,200       | 28,876,800 | 1.54     |
| Buysell Technologies Co Ltd     | 6,200        | 19,375,000 | 1.03     |
| Core Concept Technologies Inc   | 9,400        | 26,508,000 | 1.41     |
| CUC Inc                         | 700          | 1,740,200  | 0.09     |
| Daito Pharmaceutical Co Ltd     | 1,550        | 3,642,500  | 0.19     |
| Dexerials Corp                  | 7,100        | 26,199,000 | 1.40     |
| Digital Arts Inc                | 2,600        | 12,025,000 | 0.64     |
| DMG Mori Co Ltd                 | 12,700       | 32,296,100 | 1.72     |
| En-Japan Inc                    | 8,800        | 20,486,400 | 1.09     |
| Enplas Corp                     | 1,400        | 14,658,000 | 0.78     |
| Exawizards Inc                  | 34,200       | 13,953,600 | 0.74     |
| Finatext Holdings Ltd           | 30,300       | 18,846,600 | 1.00     |
| Fixstars Corp                   | 13,200       | 15,457,200 | 0.82     |
| Furuya Metal Co Ltd             | 3,400        | 35,122,000 | 1.87     |
| Giftee Inc                      | 12,400       | 17,620,400 | 0.94     |
| Iriso Electronics Co Ltd        | 5,500        | 23,100,000 | 1.23     |
| Japan Hospice Holdings Inc      | 9,900        | 25,027,200 | 1.33     |
| Japan Material Co Ltd           | 14,800       | 33,951,200 | 1.81     |
| Jins Holdings Inc               | 3,500        | 11,165,000 | 0.59     |
| JMDC Inc                        | 5,200        | 28,282,800 | 1.51     |
| JTower Inc                      | 4,700        | 28,905,000 | 1.54     |
| Kotobuki Spirits Co Ltd         | 9,500        | 22,961,500 | 1.22     |
| Kumiai Chemical Industry        | 28,700       | 31,799,600 | 1.69     |
| Kusuri No Aoiki Holdings Co Ltd | 900          | 7,790,400  | 0.41     |
| Kyoritsu Maintenance Co Ltd     | 5,800        | 36,087,600 | 1.92     |
| Lacto Japan                     | 11,600       | 24,313,600 | 1.29     |
| Macromill Inc                   | 29,200       | 21,403,600 | 1.14     |
| Mandom Corp                     | 16,400       | 22,632,000 | 1.21     |
| Maruwa Co Ltd                   | 1,300        | 30,524,000 | 1.63     |
| Matching Service Japan Co Ltd   | 14,500       | 16,254,500 | 0.87     |
| MEC Co Ltd                      | 7,500        | 27,750,000 | 1.48     |
|                                 |              |            |          |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Schedule of Investments As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

|                              | (Continued) |            |          |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
|                              |             | Fair       | % of     |
|                              | Nominal     | Value      | Reported |
| Equities (continued)         | Holding     | JPY        | NAV      |
| Japan (continued)            |             |            |          |
| Mirait Holdings Corp         | 18,300      | 35,986,950 | 1.92     |
| Money Forward Inc            | 2,500       | 12,005,000 | 0.64     |
| Monogatari Corp              | 8,300       | 34,279,000 | 1.83     |
| Nippon Ceramic Co Ltd        | 2,800       | 7,459,200  | 0.40     |
| Nissei ASB Machine Co Ltd    | 2,100       | 9,555,000  | 0.51     |
| Nittoku Co Ltd               | 10,000      | 24,660,000 | 1.31     |
| Nomura Co Ltd                | 26,000      | 24,804,000 | 1.32     |
| Oisix Ra Daichi Inc          | 14,000      | 22,526,000 | 1.20     |
| OpenWork Inc                 | 3,900       | 13,357,500 | 0.71     |
| Optorun Co Ltd               | 8,000       | 14,712,000 | 0.78     |
| PAL Group Holdings Co Ltd    | 18,400      | 35,659,200 | 1.90     |
| Peptidream Inc               | 13,600      | 21,909,600 | 1.17     |
| Plaid Inc                    | 21,200      | 15,370,000 | 0.82     |
| Plus Alpha Consulting Co Ltd | 5,200       | 14,580,800 | 0.78     |
| Poppins Holdings Inc         | 5,400       | 6,701,400  | 0.36     |
| QOL Holdings Co Ltd          | 7,000       | 12,999,000 | 0.69     |
| Raksul Inc                   | 25,800      | 34,339,800 | 1.83     |
| Rise Consulting Group Inc    | 12,900      | 12,216,300 | 0.65     |
| S Foods Inc                  | 2,500       | 8,362,500  | 0.45     |
| Sanyo Chemical               | 4,600       | 18,837,000 | 1.00     |
| Seiren Co Ltd                | 12,000      | 28,116,000 | 1.50     |
| Siix Corp                    | 25,700      | 39,141,100 | 2.08     |
| Simplex Holdings Inc         | 15,300      | 41,432,400 | 2.20     |
| SMS Co Ltd                   | 13,100      | 33,346,050 | 1.78     |
| Snow Peak Inc                | 13,600      | 16,143,200 | 0.86     |
| Solasto Corp                 | 47,300      | 29,326,000 | 1.56     |
| Sosei Group Corp             | 3,400       | 5,072,800  | 0.27     |
| S-Pool Inc                   | 27,700      | 13,212,900 | 0.70     |
| SRE Holdings Corp            | 2,100       | 6,188,700  | 0.33     |
| Star Mica Co Ltd             | 26,700      | 16,794,300 | 0.89     |
| Strike Co Ltd                | 8,400       | 28,182,000 | 1.50     |
| Syuppin Co Ltd               | 22,800      | 25,786,800 | 1.37     |
| Taikisha Ltd                 | 6,400       | 28,928,000 | 1.54     |
| Techmatrix Corp              | 12,700      | 20,142,200 | 1.07     |
| TKP Corp                     | 13,300      | 34,659,800 | 1.85     |
|                              | - 1         |            |          |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
|                                    |           | Fair             | % of     |
|                                    | Nominal   | Value            | Reported |
|                                    | Holding   | JPY              | NAV      |
| Equities (continued)               | 8         | 01 1             |          |
| Equites (continued)                |           |                  |          |
| Japan (continued)                  |           |                  |          |
| Tokyo Base Co Ltd                  | 28,700    | 9,729,300        | 0.52     |
| Topre Corp                         | 13,100    | 22,230,700       | 1.18     |
| Tosho Co Ltd                       | 24,900    | 28,361,100       | 1.51     |
| TRE Holdings Corp                  | 24,900    | 30,004,500       | 1.60     |
| Tsumura & Co                       | 4,800     | 13,344,000       | 0.71     |
| UT Holdings Co Ltd                 | 10,900    | 24,317,900       | 1.30     |
| Vision Inc                         | 15,500    | 23,405,000       | 1.25     |
| Yokogawa Bridge Holdings Corp      | 14,700    | 41,071,800       | 2.19     |
|                                    |           |                  |          |
| Total Equities                     |           | 1,744,691,600    | 92.91    |
|                                    |           | <b>F</b> 950 444 | 0.43     |
| Forward Currency Contracts         |           | 7,850,444        | 0.42     |
|                                    |           |                  | 02.22    |
| Total Net Financial Assets         |           | 1,752,542,044    | 93.33    |
| Other Net Assets                   |           | 125,185,614      | 6.67     |
|                                    |           | · · ·            |          |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders |           |                  |          |
| of Redeemable Participating Units  |           | 1,877,727,658    | 100.00   |
| • •                                |           |                  |          |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Schedule of Investments

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### **OTC financial derivative instruments** Forward foreign currency contracts

| U                                 | Maturity<br>Date | Bought<br>JPY | Sold<br>JPY  | Unrealised<br>Gain<br>JPY | Unrealised<br>Loss<br>JPY |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>US Dollar</b>                  |                  |               |              |                           |                           |
| Long                              | 31/10/2023       | (546,127,064) | 554,180,309  | 8,053,245                 | -                         |
| Short                             | 31/10/2023       | 11,299,244    | (11,466,628) | -                         | (167,384)                 |
|                                   |                  | (534,827,820) | 542,713,681  | 8,053,245                 | (167,384)                 |
| <b>British Pound</b><br>Long      | 31/10/2023       | (5,099,245)   | 5,063,015    | -                         | (36,230)                  |
| Short                             | 31/10/2023       | 105,311       | (104,498)    | 813                       | -                         |
|                                   | _                | (4,993,934)   | 4,958,517    | 813                       | (36,230)                  |
| Total forward<br>currency contrac | ets _            | (539,821,754) | 547,672,198  | 8,054,058                 | (203,614)                 |

The counterparty for the OTC financial derivative positions is the Custodian.

## % of total assets

| Total assets comprised as follows:                               | %      |
|--|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 5.98   |
| Transferable securities admitted to an official exchange listing | 91.78  |
| OTC Financial derivative instruments                             | 0.42   |
| Other assets   | 1.82   |
| Total Assets   | 100.00 |

# Japan Quality Growth Fund Schedule of Investments

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| Π                                  | s at 50 | September 2023 |            |          |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------|----------|
|                                    |         |                | Fair       | % of     |
|                                    |         | Nominal        | Value      | Reported |
|                                    |         | Holding        | JPY        | NAV      |
| Equities                           |         |                |            |          |
| Japan                              |         |                |            |          |
| Advantest Corp                     |         | 9,000          | 37,629,000 | 2.87     |
| Bandai Namco Holdings              |         | 13,600         | 41,371,200 | 3.16     |
| Cosmos Pharmaceutical Corp         |         | 2,500          | 38,237,500 | 2.92     |
| Daikin Industries                  |         | 2,000          | 46,950,000 | 3.58     |
| Disco Corp                         |         | 1,800          | 49,644,000 | 3.79     |
| Enplas Corp                        |         | 2,600          | 27,222,000 | 2.08     |
| Fast Retailing Co                  |         | 500            | 16,295,000 | 1.24     |
| Fujimi Inc                         |         | 11,000         | 33,055,000 | 2.52     |
| JMDC Inc                           |         | 2,500          | 13,597,500 | 1.04     |
| Keyence Corp                       |         | 900            | 49,950,000 | 3.81     |
| Koei Tecmo Holdings Co Ltd         |         | 15,912         | 33,820,956 | 2.58     |
| Mani Inc                           |         | 14,300         | 25,940,200 | 1.98     |
| Mitsubishi Corp                    |         | 8,600          | 61,300,800 | 4.68     |
| Mitsubishi UFG Financial Group     |         | 48,200         | 61,141,700 | 4.67     |
| Murata Manufacturing               |         | 18,600         | 50,852,400 | 3.88     |
| Nidec Corp                         |         | 5,600          | 38,813,600 | 2.96     |
| Nifco Inc                          |         | 10,100         | 39,076,900 | 2.98     |
| Nitori Holdings Co Ltd             |         | 1,300          | 21,723,000 | 1.66     |
| Nomura Research                    |         | 10,499         | 40,872,607 | 3.12     |
| Pan Pacific International Holdings | Corp    | 15,400         | 48,325,200 | 3.69     |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd            |         | 9,500          | 43,785,500 | 3.34     |
| Relo Group Inc                     |         | 14,400         | 23,306,400 | 1.78     |
| Shift Inc                          |         | 1,100          | 30,041,000 | 2.29     |
| SMC Corp                           |         | 600            | 40,188,000 | 3.07     |
| Sony Group Corp                    |         | 5,000          | 61,200,000 | 4.67     |
| Suntory Beverage and Food          |         | 3,800          | 17,290,000 | 1.32     |
| Sysmex Corp                        |         | 3,700          | 26,392,100 | 2.01     |
| TDK Corp                           |         | 8,400          | 46,552,800 | 3.55     |
| Terumo Corp                        |         | 10,500         | 41,611,500 | 3.18     |
| Toho Co Ltd                        |         | 7,000          | 35,714,000 | 2.73     |
| Tokio Marine Holdings              |         | 17,000         | 58,905,000 | 4.50     |
| Uni-Charm Corp                     |         | 8,100          | 42,857,100 | 3.27     |
| Visional Inc                       |         | 4,600          | 34,684,000 | 2.65     |
| Zozo Inc                           |         | 3,300          | 9,050,250  | 0.70     |
|                                    |         |                |            |          |

# Japan Quality Growth Fund **Schedule of Investments**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

|                                       | Fair          | % of     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
|                                       | Value         | Reported |
|                                       | JPY           | NAV      |
| Total Equities                        | 1,287,396,213 | 98.27    |
| Forward Currency Contracts            | 212,786       | 0.02     |
| Total Net Financial Assets            | 1,287,608,999 | 98.29    |
| Other Net Assets                      | 22,434,043    | 1.71     |
| Net Assets attributable to Holders of | 1 210 0/2 0/2 | 100.00   |
| <b>Redeemable Participating Units</b> | 1,310,043,042 | 100.00   |

### **OTC** financial derivative instruments Forward foreign currency contracts

|                          | Maturity<br>Date | Bought<br>JPY | Sold<br>JPY | Unrealised<br>Gain<br>JPY | Unrealised<br>Loss<br>JPY |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Euro                     |                  |               |             |                           |                           |
| Long                     | 31/10/2023       | (101,816,086) | 102,026,350 | 210,264                   | -                         |
| Short                    | 31/10/2023       | 4,639,725     | (4,637,203) | 2,522                     | -                         |
|                          |                  | (97,176,361)  | 97,389,147  | 212,786                   | -                         |
| Total forwa<br>contracts | rd currency      | (97,176,361)  | 97,389,147  | 212,786                   | -                         |

The counterparty for the OTC financial derivative positions is the Custodian.

# Japan Quality Growth Fund **Schedule of Investments**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Continued)

# % of total assets

| Total assets comprised as follows:                               | %      |
|--|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 1.82   |
| Transferable securities admitted to an official exchange listing | 95.77  |
| OTC financial derivative instruments                             | 0.01   |
| Other assets   | 2.40   |
|  |        |
| Total Assets   | 100.00 |

# Japan Small Cap Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|                                 | Acquisitions<br>Nominal | Disposals<br>Nominal |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Anicom Holdings Inc             | -                       | 159,500              |
| Anycolor Inc                    | 37,100                  | 16,500               |
| Balnibarbi Co Ltd               | -                       | 114,900              |
| Brainpad Inc                    | 172,000                 | 50,300               |
| Bushiroad Inc                   | -                       | 170,900              |
| Buysell Tech Co Ltd             | 30,700                  | 5,600                |
| Core Concept Technologies Inc   | 64,400                  | 8,200                |
| Daito Pharmaceutical Co Ltd     | 2,294                   | 42,934               |
| Dexerials Corp                  | -                       | 23,800               |
| DMG Mori Co Ltd                 | 16,700                  | 24,000               |
| En-Japan Inc                    | -                       | 30,800               |
| Enplas Corp                     | 11,400                  | -                    |
| Exawizards Inc                  | 81,200                  | 64,000               |
| FFRI                            | -                       | 113,800              |
| Finatext Holdings Ltd           | -                       | 166,100              |
| Fujimori Kogyo Co               | -                       | 23,000               |
| Furuya Metal Co Ltd             | 3,700                   | 12,400               |
| Giftee Inc                      | 37,700                  | 3,600                |
| Iriso Electronics Co Ltd        | 12,100                  | 16,000               |
| Japan Material Co Ltd           | 20,000                  | 43,900               |
| JTower Inc                      | -                       | 17,400               |
| Komehyo Holdings Co Ltd         | -                       | 49,600               |
| Kumiai Chemical Industry        | -                       | 84,400               |
| Kusuri No Aoiki Holdings Co Ltd | -                       | 22,400               |
| Kyoritsu Maintenance Co Ltd     | -                       | 17,000               |
| Maeda Kosen Co Ltd              | 5,300                   | 27,000               |
| Management Solutions Co Ltd     | -                       | 94,100               |
| Mandom Corp                     | 145,200                 | -                    |
| Maruwa Co Ltd                   | -                       | 6,600                |
| Matching Service Japan Co Ltd   | -                       | 91,300               |
| MEC Co Ltd                      | -                       | 37,900               |
| Media Do Co Ltd                 | -                       | 86,500               |
| Mirait Holdings Corp            | -                       | 56,400               |
| Money Forward Inc               | 9,200                   | 900                  |
| Monogatari Corp                 | -                       | 46,500               |
| Nissei ASB Machine Co Ltd       | -                       | 26,600               |
| Nomura Co Ltd                   | 51,000                  | 32,400               |
| Oisix Ra Daichi Inc             | 43,100                  | 47,100               |
| PAL Group Holdings Co Ltd       | 73,500                  | 42,300               |

# Japan Small Cap Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(Continued)

|                               | Acquisitions<br>Nominal | Disposals<br>Nominal |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Peptidream Inc                | -                       | 48,700               |
| Plaid Inc                     | 121,300                 | 7,100                |
| Poppins Holdings Inc          | -                       | 131,600              |
| QOL Co Ltd                    | -                       | 118,500              |
| Raksul Inc                    | -                       | 63,800               |
| Rise Consulting Group Inc     | 112,200                 | -                    |
| Sanyo Chemical                | 40,900                  | -                    |
| Siix Corp                     | 21,400                  | 69,300               |
| Simplex Holdings Inc          | 6,100                   | 45,800               |
| Snow Peak Inc                 | 27,000                  | 23,300               |
| Sosei Group Corp              | -                       | 97,700               |
| ST Corp                       | -                       | 125,900              |
| Sunwels Co Ltd                | -                       | 57,000               |
| Syuppin Co Ltd                | -                       | 74,100               |
| Taikisha Ltd                  | 32,900                  | 6,700                |
| TKP Corp                      | -                       | 44,100               |
| Tosho Co Ltd                  | 29,400                  | -                    |
| Totetsu Kogyo Co              | -                       | 42,200               |
| TRE Holdings Corp             | 80,900                  | 38,800               |
| UT Holdings Co Ltd            | 29,200                  | 30,700               |
| Yokogawa Bridge Holdings Corp | -                       | 59,400               |

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations the interim report documents material changes that have occurred in the disposition of the assets of the Sub-Fund during the financial period. A material change is defined as aggregate purchases of a security exceeding 1 per cent of the total value of purchases for the financial period and/or aggregate disposals greater than 1 per cent of the total value of sales for the financial period. If there are fewer than 20 purchases that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those purchases and such number of the next largest purchases so that at least 20 purchases are disclosed. If there are fewer than 20 sales that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those sales and such number of the next largest sales so that at least 20 sales are disclosed. This schedule is not intended to provide a reconciliation between holdings at the beginning of the financial period.

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|  | Acquisitions<br>Nominal | Disposals<br>Nominal |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Ain Pharmaciez Inc                       | 1,500                   | 4,700                |
| Anycolor Inc                             | 6,100                   | 500                  |
| Brainpad Inc                             | 23,900                  | -                    |
| Buysell Tech Co Ltd                      | 4,100                   | -                    |
| Core Concept Technologies Inc            | 9,400                   | -                    |
| Daito Pharmaceutical Co Ltd              | 350                     | 5,200                |
| DMG Mori Co Ltd                          | 3,200                   | -                    |
| Enplas Corp                              | 1,400                   | -                    |
| Finatext Holdings Ltd                    | -                       | 26,500               |
| Furuya Metal Co Ltd<br>Inter Action Corp | -                       | 400<br>8,100         |
| Iriso Electronics Co Ltd                 | 1,000                   | 8,100                |
| Japan Hospice Holdings Inc               | 9,900                   | _                    |
| Japan Material Co Ltd                    | 1,900                   | 1,600                |
| JMDC Inc                                 | 800                     | 2,900                |
| Kotobuki Spirits Co Ltd                  | 8,800                   | 3,800                |
| Kusuri No Aoiki Holdings Co Ltd          | -                       | 2,100                |
| Mandom Corp                              | 16,400                  | -                    |
| Maruwa Co Ltd                            | -                       | 800                  |
| Matching Service Japan Co Ltd            | -                       | 6,200                |
| MEC Co Ltd                               | 5,600                   | 1,800                |
| Media Do Co Ltd                          | -                       | 5,400                |
| Monogatari Corp                          | -                       | 6,100                |
| Nissei ASB Machine Co Ltd                | -                       | 3,300                |
| Oisix Ra Daichi Inc                      | 1,600                   | -                    |
| PAL Group Holdings Co Ltd                | 9,200                   | 1,600                |
| Peptidream Inc                           | -                       | 2,300                |
| PKSHA Technology Inc                     | -                       | 3,300                |
| Plaid Inc                                | 16,000                  | -                    |
| Poppins Holdings Inc                     | -                       | 9,000                |
| QOL Co Ltd                               | -                       | 10,200               |
| Raksul Inc                               | -                       | 4,000                |
| Rise Consulting Group Inc                | 12,900                  | -                    |
| Sanyo Chemical                           | 4,600                   | -                    |
| Seria Co Ltd                             | -                       | 5,100                |
| SMS Co Ltd                               | 4,400                   | -                    |
| Snow Peak Inc                            | 2,800                   | -                    |
| Solasto Corp                             | 8,700                   | -                    |
| Sosei Group Corp                         |                         | 7,200                |
| Star Mica Co Ltd                         | 8,700                   | 7,200                |
|  | ,                       | -                    |
| Taikisha Ltd                             | 3,400                   | -                    |
| TKP Corp                                 | -                       | 3,500                |

# Japan Small Cap II Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(Continued)

|                               | Acquisitions<br>Nominal | Disposals<br>Nominal |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Tokyo Base Co Ltd             | -                       | 15,700               |
| Topre Corp                    | 13,100                  | -                    |
| Tosho Co Ltd                  | 4,100                   | -                    |
| TRE Holdings Corp             | 10,700                  | -                    |
| Tsumura & Co                  | -                       | 3,500                |
| UT Holdings Co Ltd            | 10,900                  | -                    |
| Vision Inc                    | -                       | 12,900               |
| Visional Inc                  | -                       | 800                  |
| Yokogawa Bridge Holdings Corp | 3,200                   | -                    |

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations the interim report documents material changes that have occurred in the disposition of the assets of the Sub-Fund during the financial period. A material change is defined as aggregate purchases of a security exceeding 1 per cent of the total value of purchases for the financial period and/or aggregate disposals greater than 1 per cent of the total value of sales for the financial period. If there are fewer than 20 purchases that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those purchases and such number of the next largest purchases so that at least 20 purchases are disclosed. If there are fewer than 20 sales that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those sales and such number of the next largest sales so that at least 20 sales are disclosed. This schedule is not intended to provide a reconciliation between holdings at the beginning of the financial period and holdings at the end of the financial period.

# Japan Quality Growth Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

|   | Acquisitions<br>Nominal | Disposals<br>Nominal |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Advantest Corp                          | 8,600                   | 2,000                |
| Bandai Namco Holdings                   | 3,300                   | 5,000                |
| Cosmos Pharmaceutical Corp              | 600                     | 1,000                |
| Daikin Industries                       | 200                     | 300                  |
| Disco Corporation                       | 900                     | 900                  |
| Enplas Corp                             | 2,600                   | -                    |
| Fast Retailing Co                       | -                       | 800                  |
| Fujimi Inc                              | 11,000                  | -                    |
| JMDC Inc                                | 2,600                   | 7,600                |
| Keyence Corp                            | 100                     | -                    |
| Koei Tecmo Holdings Co Ltd              | 1,000                   | -                    |
| M3 Inc                                  | 7,800                   | 13,400               |
| Mani Inc                                | 14,300                  | -                    |
| Misumi Group Inc                        | 2,300                   | 14,000               |
| Mitsubishi Corp                         | 4,300                   | 1,500                |
| Mitsubishi UFG Financial Group          | 56,100                  | 7,900                |
| Murata Manufacturing                    | 13,300                  | -                    |
| Nidec Corp                              | 2,000                   | 2,300                |
| Nifco Inc                               | 500                     | 200                  |
| Nitori Holdings Co Ltd                  | 100                     | 900                  |
| Nomura Research                         | 2,100                   | 1,900                |
| Pan Pacific International Holdings Corp | 15,400                  | -                    |
| Recruit Holdings Co Ltd                 | 6,700                   | 4,300                |
| Relo Group Inc                          | 2,100                   | 4,300                |
| Rohm Co Ltd                             | -                       | 6,400                |
| Ryohin Keikaku Co Ltd                   | 900                     | -                    |
| Seven and I Holdings                    | 200                     | 200                  |
| Shift Inc                               | 1,200                   | 300                  |
| SMC Corp                                | -                       | 5,500                |
| Sony Group Corp                         | 1,600                   | 1,400                |
| Square Enix Holdings Co Ltd             | 1,200                   | 1,700                |
| Suntory Beverage and Food               | 1,600                   | 1,000                |
| Symex Corp                              | 3,600                   | 4,700                |
| TDK Corp                                | 1,200                   | 1,000                |
| Terumo Corp                             | 11,100                  | 12,700               |
| Toho Co Ltd                             | 1,400                   | -                    |
| Tokio Marine Holdings                   | 8,600                   | 2,000                |
| Uni-Charm Corp                          | 3,300                   | 5,000                |

### Japan Quality Growth Fund Schedule of Portfolio Movements

For the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(Continued)

|              | Acquisitions | Disposals |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|
|              | Nominal      | Nominal   |
| Visional Inc | 1,700        | 700       |
| Yamaha Corp  | 1,300        | 7,600     |
| Zozo Inc     | 2,100        | 10,000    |

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations the interim report documents material changes that have occurred in the disposition of the assets of the Sub-Fund during the financial period. A material change is defined as aggregate purchases of a security exceeding 1 per cent of the total value of purchases for the financial period and/or aggregate disposals greater than 1 per cent of the total value of sales for the financial period. If there are fewer than 20 purchases that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those purchases and such number of the next largest purchases so that at least 20 purchases are disclosed. If there are fewer than 20 sales that meet the material changes definition, the Sub-Fund shall disclose those sales and such number of the next largest sales so that at least 20 sales are disclosed. This schedule is not intended to provide a reconciliation between holdings at the beginning of the financial period and holdings at the end of the financial period.

## Appendix I Total Expense Ratio 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Total Expense Ratio ("TER")\*

#### Japan Small Cap Fund

The TER for each share class of the Sub-Fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was 1.13%, 0.98%, 1.23%, 2.36%, 1.22%, 1.98%, 1.88% and 1.98% for the A JPY, B JPY, A USD Hedged, C USD Hedged, A EUR Hedged, Retail EUR Hedged, Retail JPY and Retail USD Hedged classes respectively (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 1.12%, 0.97%, 1.21%, 2.36%, 1.20%, 1.96%, 1.87% and 1.96% for the A JPY, B JPY, A USD Hedged, C USD Hedged, A EUR Hedged, Retail EUR Hedged, Retail JPY and Retail USD Hedged, Retail JPY and Retail USD Hedged, Retail JPY and Retail USD Hedged, Retail JPY, B JPY, A USD Hedged, C USD Hedged, A EUR Hedged, Retail EUR Hedged, Retail JPY and Retail USD Hedged classes respectively).

#### Japan Small Cap II Fund

The TER for each share class of the Sub-Fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was 0.92%, 0.67%, 1.02%, 0.76% and 1.00% for the A JPY, B JPY, A USD Hedged, B USD Hedged Classes and A GBP Hedged Classes respectively (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 0.95%, 0.70%, 1.05%, 0.79% and 1.02% for the A JPY, B JPY, A USD Hedged, B USD Hedged Classes and A GBP Hedged classes respectively).

#### **Fee Waiver**

In order to assist the Manager in growing the assets of the Sub-Fund, the Promoter and Distributor will in normal circumstances assume any expense if the ongoing charge figure of the Sub-Fund exceeds 0.3% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund exclusive of i) Investment Manager Fees, ii) Distributor Fees and iii) FX Manager Fees.

The Sub-Fund level ongoing charge figure will be calculated on a daily basis using the NAV as at the previous Valuation Day. Unitholders will be notified at least 30 days in advance of any determination by the Promoter to withdraw this assistance.

### Japan Quality Growth Fund

The TER for each share class of the Sub-Fund as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was 1.14%, 1.24% and 2.33% for the A JPY, A EUR Hedged and C USD Hedged classes respectively (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 1.31%, 1.40% and 2.55% for the A JPY, A EUR Hedged and C USD Hedged classes respectively).

#### **Fee Waiver**

In order to assist the Manager in growing the assets of the Sub-Fund, the Promoter and Distributor will in normal circumstances assume any expense if the ongoing charge figure of the Sub-Fund exceeds 0.3% of the NAV of the Sub-Fund exclusive of i) Investment Manager Fees, ii) Distributor Fees and iii) FX Manager Fees.

The Sub-Fund level ongoing charge figure will be calculated on a daily basis using the NAV as at the previous Valuation Day. Unitholders will be notified at least 30 days in advance of any determination by the Promoter to withdraw this assistance.

\*The TER was calculated based on the version currently applicable of the "Guidelines on the calculation and disclosure of the TER of collective investment schemes" of the Swiss Funds & Asset Management Association (SFAMA).