# ARCUS JAPAN FUND



# Investment Objective

The Arcus Japan Fund (a sub-fund of Arcus FUND SICAV, hereafter 'AJF' or the 'Fund') is a long-only equity fund focusing on Japanese equities with the objective of achieving a return in excess of the return of the TOPIX Total Return (TOPIX TR) Index. The fund has adhered to its objective policy.

Fund Launch Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2005

Benchmark: TOPIX Total Return (TOPIX TR) Index

Base Currency: JPY

Fund Size¹: USD 937.8m / JPY 123.0bn

Distributions: N/A (Accumulating Shares)

Estimated Month End Total Arcus Group

Assets Under Management (AUM)²:USD 1,241mPortfolio Manager:Mark PearsonAssistant Portfolio Manager:Ben Williams

Investment Manager: Arcus Investment Limited (AIL)

Delegated Trade Placement

 Manager:
 Arcus South East Asia (ASEA)

 Fund Type & Structure:
 UCITS (Luxembourg SICAV)³

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Ltd

Auditor: KPMG

# Illustrative Fund Performance

Representative class: AJF Relative Institutional (JPY) Share Class, launched 29 June 2006.



# **Asset Allocation**

There were no material changes to the fund's composition.

Asset Classes	%
Bond	0.0
Cash	0.9
Equity	99.7
TOTAL	100.6

Accrued dividends, performance fees, accruals, and the forward profit and loss ("P&L"), comprise the remaining -0.6% of the NAV.

Performance (Net of Fees)	Dec 22	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Launch <sup>4</sup>	Annualised Since Launch <sup>4</sup>
Relative Institutional (JPY)	-3.9%	15.6%	15.6%	34.2%	33.7%	152.9%	5.8%
TOPIX TR⁵	-4.6%	-2.5%	-2.5%	18.1%	17.2%	72.2%	3.3%

Highest and Lowest 1-Year Returns (Net of Fees) Highest Rolling 1-Year Return (Since Inception) Lowest Rolling 1-Year Return (Since Inception)

Relative Institutional (JPY) 52.8% in 2013 -42.5% in 2008

# Top 10 Holdings

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Stock	Name	% of NAV <sup>6</sup>
1	RENESAS ELECTRONICS CORP (6723)	4.5%
2	RAKUTEN INC (4755)	4.0%
3	MITSUBISHI MATERIALS CORP (5711)	3.9%
4	NEC CORP (6701)	3.8%
5	MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC (8411)	3.5%
6	MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL CO INC (4182)	3.0%
7	ALPS ALPINE CO LTD (6770)	3.0%
8	SBI HOLDINGS INC (8473)	2.8%
9	SUMITOMO HEAVY INDUSTRIES LTD (6302)	2.4%
10	TOHOKU ELECTRIC POWER CO INC (9506)	2.3%

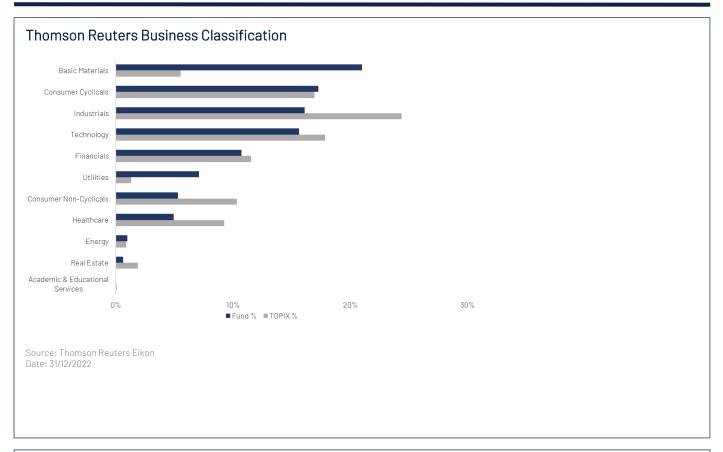
# Size Distribution of Equity Positions

Market Capitalisation (USD billion)	Number of Holdings	% of NAV
> 10	13	20.7%
5-10	8	15.8%
1-5	49	56.8%
<1	6	6.4%
TOTAL	76	99.7%
Cash		0.9%

Market Capitalisations are designated in USD using the month end exchange rate and may rise or fall due to exchange rate fluctuations.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2022	3.1	2.1	3.3	-0.5	3.3	0.6	1.9	2.0	-4.9	3.8	4.2	-3.9	15.6
2021	4.0	11.6	8.7	-4.3	3.3	-1.0	-1.4	-0.3	5.5	-1.1	-5.9	3.9	23.8
2020	-4.2	-9.8	-12.7	5.3	6.5	-3.2	-9.1	14.2	-1.3	-3.4	11.0	4.3	-6.2
2019	6.5	0.8	-1.5	2.0	-7.1	3.6	0.1	-6.0	8.2	6.3	1.9	2.0	16.7
2018	0.1	-3.2	-2.1	4.9	-3.3	-0.7	2.9	-1.9	5.7	-7.6	-0.2	-9.2	-14.6
2017	0.4	1.2	-1.8	0.9	0.5	2.7	0.9	-0.3	4.5	4.8	0.8	1.9	17.7
2016	-9.4	-11.3	5.8	-0.9	3.4	-11.5	7.6	2.0	-2.0	7.0	9.0	3.8	0.3
2015	-2.7	12.2	0.2	5.7	6.9	-3.0	-0.3	-8.2	-7.8	12.1	0.6	-2.9	10.7
2014	-4.7	-0.6	-0.4	-2.0	3.7	4.5	1.2	-1.3	3.7	-0.9	7.5	-1.3	9.2
2013	10.2	3.5	6.0	12.6	-0.2	0.0	1.0	-2.9	6.9	-0.8	5.1	2.9	52.8
2012	4.0	10.9	3.0	-5.5	-12.3	8.2	-3.8	-2.0	2.9	7.3	5.1	12.4	30.8
2011	1.1	5.6	-6.7	-2.5	-1.2	1.6	-0.1	-8.2	-1.9	2.6	-5.8	0.8	-14.6
2010	2.0	1.3	9.8	2.5	-12.8	-7.2	0.9	-4.9	2.6	-0.9	7.3	5.8	4.3
2009	-5.2	-3.8	5.6	11.6	11.8	4.1	2.2	5.3	-6.8	0.0	-4.7	7.6	28.8
2008	-8.7	-1.7	-10.1	13.9	4.5	-7.1	-1.8	-4.9	-12.1	-20.5	-3.9	2.7	-42.5
2007	2.1	2.5	-2.5	-2.4	5.4	2.2	-2.2	-7.6	1.9	1.0	-6.3	-2.7	-8.9
2006						2.5	-0.4	4.6	-1.7	0.9	-0.7	4.9	10.3

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# Risk and Reward Profile Lower risk Higher risk Potentially lower reward Potentially higher reward 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

This refers to the Relative Institutional JPY class. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'. The synthetic risk and reward indicator of 6 reflects the volatility of the Japanese market over the last 5 years.

The Fund pursues return in an aggressive manner that may involve investing in unpopular or distressed stocks, and these risks may not be adequately captured by the synthetic indicator. The Fund is also exposed to falls in the Japanese stock market.

The Fund invests primarily in shares that should be easy to sell, but redemption may be delayed in extraordinary circumstances.

The JPY, USD, EUR and GBP share classes are exposed to different foreign exchange risks

Exchange Risk: Foreign exchange rate variations may cause the value of investments to decrease. For JPY share classes this risk will be fairly limited as a result of the Sub-Fund's net asset value being calculated in JPY and the Sub-Fund investing principally in JPY-denominated securities. For other currency classes this risk may be greater than the usual exchange risk associated to investment because the net asset value of these classes may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates.

Concentration Risk: Certain Sub-Funds may invest in securities of one country or a limited number of countries. Sub-Funds that invest in one or a few select countries will be exposed to market, currency, and other risks related specifically to the economies of those countries.

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Liquidity Risk: In difficult market conditions, the Sub-Fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all. This could affect performance and could cause the Sub-Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Sub-Fund to financial loss.

# **Share Classes**

Please refer to the Prospectus and Subscription documents for the eligibility criteria of each share class.

Share Class	Currency	Number of Shares	Share Price	TER <sup>7</sup>	Minimum Investment in EUR (*)	ISIN	Bloomberg
Relative Institutional	JPY	999,175	25,286	1.13	50,000	LU0243544235	ARCJPNR LX
Relative Institutional	EUR	20,843	197.46	1.13	50,000	LU0573573127	ARCJPNE LX
Relative Institutional	USD	27,215	283.57	1.13	50,000	LU0573573390	ARCJRIS LX

(\*) Or the equivalent in the relevant Reference Currency if not in EUR.

(\*\*) Currently not invested but these Share Classes are available and will be re-launched if invested in.

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- $^{1}$  FX rate as at  $\frac{31}{12}/\frac{2022}$  JPY/USD =  $\frac{131.11}$  (source: Thomson Reuters Eikon).
- <sup>2</sup> Arcus Investment Limited ("AIL"), Arcus South East Asia ("ASEA"), Arcus Investment Asia Limited ("AIAL") and Arcus Research Limited, Japan Branch ("ARL") are hereafter collectively referred to as "Arcus" or the "Arcus Group". Total Arcus Group Assets Under Management (AUM) represents total AUM managed by Arcus / the Arcus Group including the Japan portfolio of the Pan Asia fund sub managed by AIAL.
- <sup>3</sup> On the 19th of August 2021 the Arcus Japan Fund was converted from a mutual investment fund (Fonds Commun de Placement "FCP") into an investment company with variable capital (Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable "SICAV") named Arcus FUND SICAV. As a result of the conversion, Arcus Japan Fund became a sub-fund of the Company (i.e., Arcus FUND SICAV Arcus Japan Fund), Arcus Japan Fund is herein defined as "AJF" or the "Sub-Fund".
- <sup>4</sup> AJF Relative Institutional (JPY) Share Class, launched 29 June 2006.
- <sup>5</sup> AJF benchmark changed from TOPIX to TOPIX TR effective 04/09/2020.
- <sup>6</sup> NAV = Net Asset Value

<sup>7</sup>TER is a measure of the Fund's total operating expenses over 12 months, including management fee, as a percentage of the Fund's net assets. The TER quoted is indicative, based on expenses and average assets for the year ending <sup>30th</sup> November <sup>2022</sup>. It is calculated by the Fund Administrator and published in the KIID. It is an indication of the likely level of costs and will fluctuate as the Fund's expenses and average net assets change.

# Data sources:

AlL internal data, Administrator official NAV ("Net Asset Value") data, Thomson Reuters Eikon.

# Glossar

Annualised performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

 $Highest \& Lowest \ return: The \ highest \ and \ lowest \ returns \ for \ any \ 1 \ year \ over \ the \ period \ since \ inception \ have been \ shown.$ 

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

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# MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT MONTHLY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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