

# Aberdeen Japan Investment Trust Plc

AJIT

## Morningstar Peer Group Classification

Japan

### Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth principally through investment in listed Japanese companies which have above average prospects for growth.

### Valuation statistics (NAVs estimated<sup>1</sup>) GBX

	14 Dec 2017	12 m High	Low
Price	633.50	636.00	514.00
Fair Cum NAV	703.61		
Fair Ex NAV	701.54		
Par Cum NAV	703.61		
Par Ex NAV	706.24	714.19	585.81
Fair Cum Discount	-9.96		
Fair Ex Discount	-9.70		
Par Cum Discount	-9.96		
Par Ex Discount	-10.30	-6.67	-13.93
Peer Group Discount	-2.04		
Z-Statistic <sup>2</sup>	1.05		

### Last Actual NAVs (GBX) as at 13 Dec 2017

Fair Cum NAV	710.83
Fair Ex NAV	708.76
Par Cum NAV	710.83
Par Ex NAV	708.76

### Key Data

Domicile	UK
Launch Date	31 Dec 1969
Financial Year-end	31 Mar
Exchange	London (LSE)
Next AGM	Jul 2018
NAV Frequency	Daily
Dividend Frequency	Annual
Total Assets (GBP)	116.5m
Net Assets (GBP)	105.3m
Shares Outstanding	14,903,203
Gross Gearing <sup>3</sup>	111
Net Gearing <sup>4</sup>	109
Average Daily Shares Traded (1yr)	0.010m
Average Daily Value Traded (1yr)	0.054m
Total Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (2017)	1.25%
Market Capitalisation (GBP)	94.4m
Net Dividend Yield <sup>6</sup>	0.95%

### Dividend Policy

The fund intends to pay annual dividends

### Year-on-Year Dividend Growth % (financial year 31 Mar)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	0.00	42.86	61.54	-42.22	-5.26

### Dividend Growth % (annualised on current financial year)<sup>7</sup>

	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
	0.00	19.52	32.15	7.46	4.78

### Directors

Neil Gaskell (Chairman), Karen Brade, Kevin Pakenham, Sir David Warren

**Fund Manager:** Flavia Cheong (10 Nov 2006) / Keita Kubota (31 Mar 2016) / Chern-Yeh Kwok (10 Nov 2006) / Adrian Lim (10 Nov 2006) / Hugh Young (10 Nov 2006)

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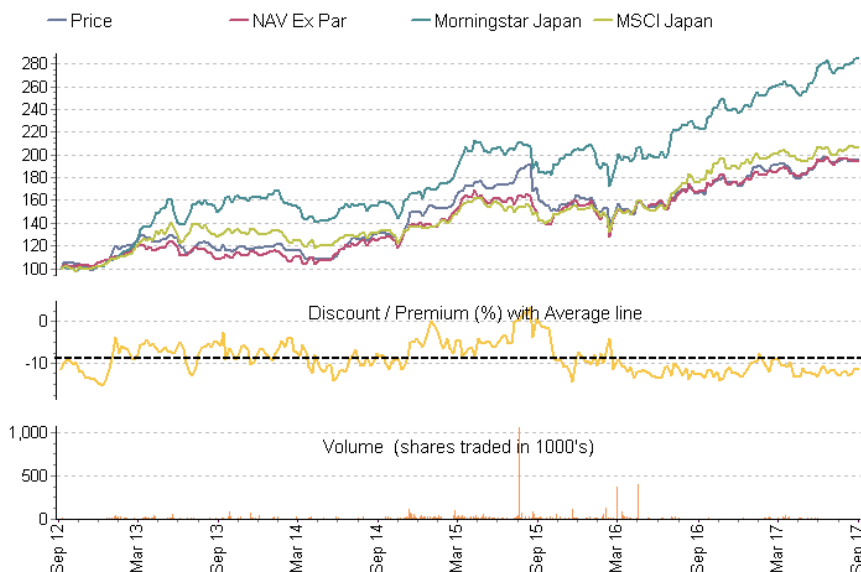
**Website:** www.aberdeenjapan.co.uk

**Stockbroker:** JP Morgan Securities

### Management Fee Summary

Management fee of 0.95% of the value of the total assets up to GBP 50m decreasing to 0.75% of the value of the total assets over and above GBP 50m.

## Total Return Performance (GBP) over 5 years (or since inception)

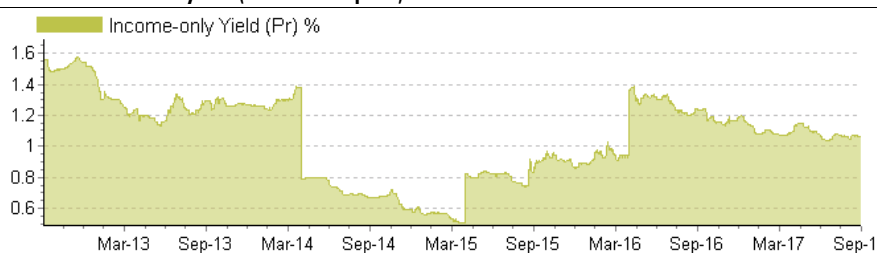


## Performance (Total Return %)<sup>8</sup> GBP

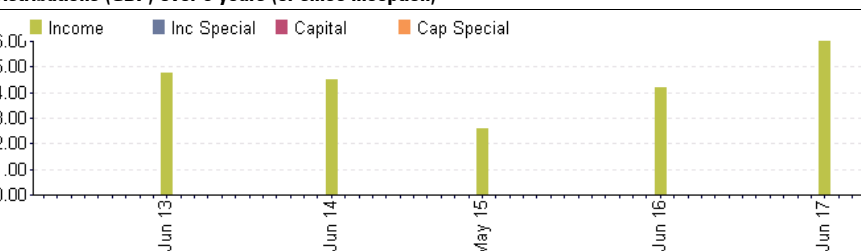
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	YTD	3 years	5 years
Price	+1.56	+11.58	+10.56	+25.14	+20.55	+49.68	+113.07
NAV	+1.09	+10.92	+10.52	+21.55	+21.17	+56.17	+100.85
Peer Group (Price)	+1.30	+15.10	+15.30	+34.59	+32.86	+99.24	+215.86
Peer Group (NAV)	+1.71	+13.02	+12.46	+28.42	+26.97	+85.24	+185.32
Benchmark	-0.18	+9.00	+5.23	+13.87	+13.92	+62.29	+113.98

Peer Group: Morningstar IT Japan P  
Morningstar Benchmark: MSCI JAPAN  
Fund distributions reinvested on ex-dividend date<sup>8</sup>

## Dividend Yields over 5 years (or since inception)



## Distributions (GBP) over 5 years (or since inception)



## Latest Dividend History (GBP)

Type	Dividend	Declared Date	Ex Div Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Financial Year
Income	6.000	31 May 17	15 Jun 17	16 Jun 17	14 Jul 17	2017
Income	4.200	01 Jun 16	09 Jun 16	10 Jun 16	08 Jul 16	2016
Income	2.600	29 May 15	18 Jun 15	19 Jun 15	16 Jul 15	2015

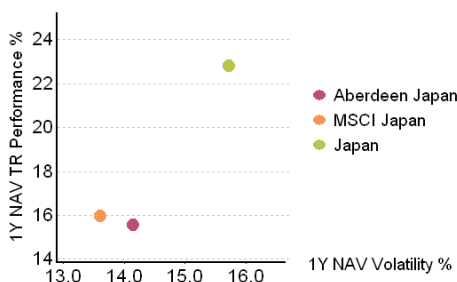
## Initial Public Offering

on 31 Dec 1969

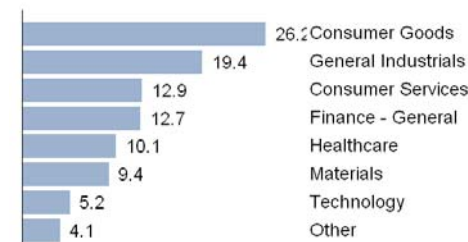
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## Risk & Return<sup>9</sup>

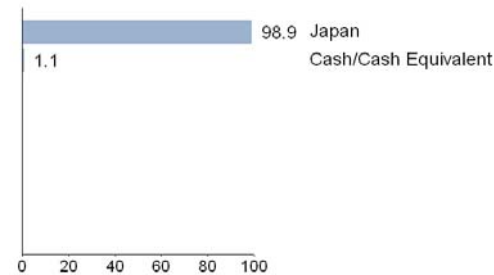


## Sector Breakdown (%)



31-Jul-2017

## Geographic Breakdown (%)



31-Jul-2017

## Largest Holdings (% Portfolio<sup>10</sup>) as at 31 Oct 2017

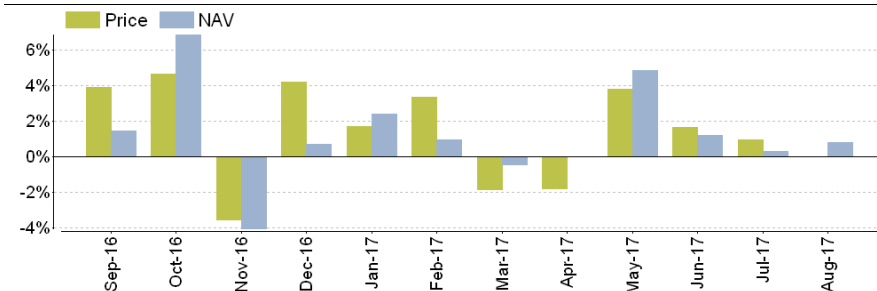
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	6.1%
Keyence Corp.	5.0%
Fanuc	4.5%
Japan Tobacco Inc	4.4%
Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd.	4.0%
Nabtesco Corp	4.0%
Amada	3.9%
KDDI Corporation	3.6%
Yahoo Japan Corp.	3.4%
Systemex	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.9%</b>

## Capital Structure

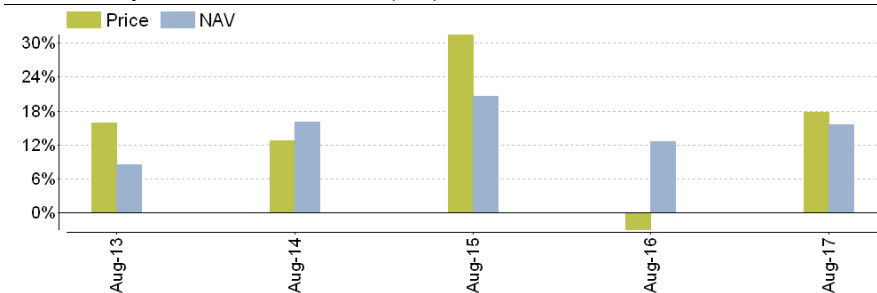
Number of Shares	Share Type
14,903,203	Ord 10p
918,369	Treasury Shares

Loan CCY	£m	Redemption	Coupon
JPY	8.6		0.898%
JPY	2.7		0.750%

## Discrete Monthly Price & NAV Total Return % (GBP)



## Discrete Yearly Price & NAV Total Return % (GBP)



## Risk & Correlation

	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Alpha (NAV) <sup>11</sup>	0.06	0.05	0.73	-0.09	0.06
Beta (NAV) <sup>12</sup>	0.72	0.72	0.76	1.04	0.91
R-squared (NAV) <sup>13</sup>	0.74	0.65	0.65	0.74	0.63
Sharpe (NAV) <sup>14</sup>	3.70	1.85	2.65	1.02	1.07
Price Volatility <sup>15</sup>	9	8	8	15	14
NAV Volatility <sup>15</sup>	11	10	12	20	19
Benchmark Volatility <sup>15</sup>	10	9	11	18	19
Peer Group Price Volatility <sup>15</sup>	10	11	10	16	17
Peer Group NAV Volatility <sup>15</sup>	13	13	13	21	21

## Additional Performance (Total Return<sup>8</sup>) GBX

Period	Price	NAV	Peer Price	Peer NAV	Benchmark
2017	+20.55	+21.17	+32.86	+26.97	+13.92
2016	+34.57	+34.31	+53.74	+50.83	+39.59
2015	+4.20	+17.05	+23.71	+22.79	+16.26
2014	+31.36	+18.68	+2.30	+4.03	+2.27
2013	+9.22	+7.57	+54.82	+45.85	+24.98
2012	+26.44	+20.13	+6.39	+3.28	+3.60
Since FTSE 2009 Low (13 Mar 09)	+356.76	+351.31	+387.34	+290.63	+163.96
Since Sub-Prime (20 Nov 07)	+202.03	+200.23	+203.15	+165.76	+112.24
Since FTSE 2007 Peak (13 Oct 07)	+187.71	+180.01	+166.90	+138.56	+96.88

## Wind-up Provisions/Buy Back Policy

The Board will offer shareholders the opportunity to wind up the Company at the next AGM held on 30-Sep-18.

1 **NAV Estimation** - Fair value of debt refers to the market price of the debt if it is traded or, if it is not traded, an estimation of its value calculated using points over gilt methodology.  
 Cum Income NAVs include net revenue in the financial year to date. All estimates are fully diluted for the effects of warrants, convertibles or treasury shares. NAV estimations are created and maintained by Morningstar. For more detailed methodology document please contact FD.Support@morningstar.com

2 **Z-Statistic 1y** - Shows whether the fund's current discount is significantly higher or lower than the average over the past year, calculated as (Current Discount - Mean) / Std Dev

3 **Gross Gearing** - The ratio of estimated gross Assets to the Net Assets, expressed as a percentage

4 **Net Gearing** - The ratio of estimated Gross Assets minus cash and fixed interest to the Net Assets, expressed as a percentage. Cash and fixed interest represents not-equity exposure.

5 **Total Expense Ratio** - (Total Expenses - Performance Fees - Cost of Leverage - Tax - Restructuring Costs) / Average Net Assets

6 **Net Dividend Yield** - This is calculated by dividing the current financial years dividends (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price.

7 **Dividend Growth** - The annualised percentage growth in dividends. Based upon the current financial year, including any future estimates or forecasts.

8 **Performance** - Calculated using start and end period Share Prices or NAV Dividends are reinvested on the ex-dividend date at the prevailing Share Price or NAV.

9 **Risk & Return** - 1 Year ex income par NAV total return performance against 1 Year NAV volatility. Please see notes 8 and 15 for performance and volatility definitions respectively.

10 **Portfolio** - In order to calculate the portfolio value we deduct any holdings in cash only (Note that Fixed Interest is not included).

11 **Alpha** - The difference between the fund's average excess total return and the benchmark's average excess total return.

12 **Beta** - The sensitivity of the fund to broad market movements. A Beta of 0.5 would imply the fund will move by half as much as the index.

13 **R-squared** - A measure of correlation between the fund and index. A value of 0.8 means that 80% of the fund's NAV changes can be explained by changes in the index.

14 **Sharpe** - A risk-adjusted return measure, calculated by dividing the fund's average monthly excess total return over the risk-free rate by the standard deviation of those returns. The figure shown is the annualized Sharpe Ratio.

15 **Volatility** - The annualized standard deviation of the logged daily returns, adjusting for distributions from capital.