

# PineBridge Japan Small Cap Equity Fund



All investments involve risk. The value of your investment and the income from it will fluctuate and a loss of capital may occur.

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MSCI Japan Small Cap Daily Total Return Net Index

<b>Asset Class</b>	Equity
<b>Fund Inception</b>	01 Jan 1994
<b>Fund Base Currency</b>	USD
<b>Fund Size (million)</b>	US\$ 88.2
<b>No. of Securities</b>	55
<b>Legal Structure</b>	UCITS
<b>Income Treatment</b>	No Distribution: Dividends Reinvested
<b>ISIN</b>	IE0030395846
<b>Bloomberg</b>	PBIJEG1
<b>SFDR Category*</b>	Article 8

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To achieve long term capital growth by making at least two-thirds of its total investments in equity and equity-related investments in small Japanese companies, i.e. companies incorporated in Japan or companies whose assets, products or operations are in Japan. At least 50% of the Sub-Fund's investments will be in companies whose market capitalisation at the time of acquisition is less than JPY 400 billion.

Past performance does not predict future returns. Please see a list of key risks and important benchmark information for this sub-fund on pages 2 & 3.

Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 Month	0.0	2.3
3 Months	-2.7	4.0
1 Year	-8.9	13.0
3 Years	-11.1	-0.7
5 Years	-1.3	3.7
Since Inception	6.8	5.1

	2024 YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-2.7	-8.3	-17.0	-1.6	11.6	25.1	-25.4	53.1	12.1	8.8	4.7
Benchmark	4.0	13.2	-12.2	-2.2	6.8	19.6	-16.5	31.8	7.3	15.1	-0.5

The Fund performance is calculated net of fees on NAV to NAV in USD with dividends reinvested. Performance is representative of Y class in USD. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than the base currency of the fund.

	3 YEARS
Information Ratio	-1.3
Sharpe Ratio	-0.8
Alpha (%)	-10.4
Tracking Error (%)	7.5
Standard Deviation (%)	17.8
Beta	1.2
R Squared (%)	83.9

Wtd Avg Mkt Cap US\$ million	84,976.5
P/E Ratio	15.7
P/B Ratio	2.0
ROE (%)	14.3
Debt to Equity Ratio	0.32

**\*EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.** For more information, please visit [pinebridge.com/ESG](https://pinebridge.com/ESG)

Unit Class	Inception Date	Price as at 31/03/24	Minimum Investment	Management Fee	Service Fee	Total Expense Ratio as at 31/12/23	Ongoing Charge	Entry/Exit Fee
Y USD	01 Jan 1994	US\$ 79.75	US\$ 1 million	1.00%	0.00%	1.34%	1.29%	None

Class: **Y USD**

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SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)			TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)	
	FUND	BENCHMARK		FUND
Industrials	22.3	24.9	Maeda Kosen Co., Ltd.	5.0
Information Technology	20.9	10.4	Zenkoku Hosho Co., Ltd.	4.9
Consumer Discretionary	10.8	16.5	Ain Holdings Inc.	4.1
Financials	8.3	8.6	JSB Co., Ltd.	3.8
Consumer Staples	7.8	9.6	M&A Capital Partners Co., Ltd.	3.4
Materials	7.7	11.3	Raito Kogyo Co., Ltd.	3.3
Real Estate	6.1	8.2	West Holdings Corporation	3.3
Health Care	5.7	4.7	Topcon Corp.	3.1
Other	7.9	5.9	Syuppin Co., Ltd.	3.1
Cash	2.6	0.0	ULVAC, Inc.	3.0

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**IMPORTANT BENCHMARK INFORMATION:**  
The Sub-Fund is actively managed, seeking to deliver excess returns over the Sub-Fund’s benchmark. The holdings may or may not be components of the benchmark and the Investment Manager has broad discretion to deviate from the benchmark securities, weightings and risk characteristics. The degree to which the Sub-Fund resembles the composition and risk characteristics of the benchmark is not a specifically targeted outcome and could vary over time, and the Sub-Fund’s performance may be meaningfully different from the Sub-Fund’s benchmark. Source of benchmark: MSCI. The benchmark is used for information purposes only and is calculated dividend reinvested. No benchmark is directly identical to the Sub-Fund and its performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance of the Sub-Fund.

**GLOSSARY**  
**Alpha:** Measures the relative performance generated by the fund compared to the benchmark. An alpha of 1.0 indicates that the fund has outperformed its benchmark by 1%, after adjusting for risk of the benchmark.  
**Beta:** Reflects sensitivity of the fund’s returns to that of benchmark returns. A beta of 1.05 suggests that the fund could perform 5% better than the benchmark in up market and 5% worse in down market, assuming all other factors remain constant.  
**Exit Fee:** Fee charged to investors when they redeem units from a fund.  
**Information Ratio:** Measures the funds returns above the benchmark returns relative to the risk (volatility) of the excess returns. It is a measure that identifies the consistency of the manager to outperform the benchmark.  
**Initial Fee:** Fee charged to investors when they purchase units in a fund.  
**Management Fee:** Percentage of the fund’s assets that unitholders pay annually as remuneration to the investment adviser for managing the fund.  
**Ongoing Charge / Ongoing Charge Fee (OCF):** Charge unitholders pay annually which relates to the costs of running a fund. The OCF takes into account the Investment Management Fee and all the expense of running a fund.  
**R Squared:** Reflects the proportion of fund performance explained by changes in the benchmark. A high R-squared indicates the fund’s performance has been in line with the benchmark. A low R-squared indicates the fund’s performance has not been in line with the benchmark.  
**Service Fee:** Percentage of fund’s assets that retail unitholders pay annually for distribution services.  
**Sharpe Ratio:** Measure of the fund’s risk adjusted performance calculated as the portfolio returns in excess of the risk-free rate, divided by the risk (volatility) i.e. the Standard Deviation. The higher the Sharpe Ratio the better the returns compared to the risk taken.  
**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** Estimated percentage (annualized) of fund assets used to pay for management fees and operating expenses, including service fees (if any) incurred by the fund. Fund expenses are reflected in the NAV. When calculating the TER, PineBridge has used the amount of expenses that it has received or estimated in its capacity as the Fund’s Manager. Please note that the expense ratio includes variable expenses that are based on a number of factors including fund size, transactions, and other expenses. No assurance can be given that the TER will be realized over any future given period.  
**Tracking Error:** Reflects the degree of variability of fund returns in relation to the benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund’s historic performance is to the benchmark.

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