• PROBUS INVESTMENT FUND UCITS

Saisei Japan Equity A - JPY

Fund fact sheet as of 31 January 2025

Quick facts

Risk indicator

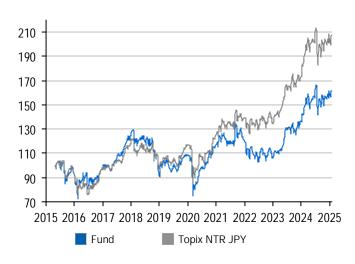
Fund category Japan Equities Reco. placement period 10 years Last NAV (JPY) 7 286.78 **NAV** frequency Daily ISIN LU1205057935 Distributed in LU, CH, FR, UK

Investment objective

The Fund is a long-only open-ended fund incorporated in Luxembourg. Its objective is to carry out longterm investments and generate capital gains. The Fund seeks returns on an absolute basis in Japanese equities listed exclusively in Japan.

The approach is both thematic and bottom-up, with high conviction selection with between 35 and 40 names in the portfolio. It is benchmark and sector agnostic. The Fund offers great flexibility among market caps in which it has no limits, although it tries to keep a certain balance to capture market directions.

Cumulative performance

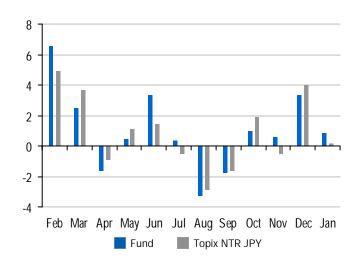


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Higher Risk

Lower Risk

Monthly performances over 1 year (%)



Past performance (%) - Net returns

	Cumulative							Annualised	
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	Origin	3 years	Origin
Fund	0.88%	0.88%	4.89%	0.61%	12.72%	45.57%	61.39%	13.33%	5.02%
Benchmark	0.14%	0.14%	3.60%	0.77%	11.48%	56.75%	107.71%	16.16%	7.77%

From 24/04/2015 to 30/11/2017, the Saisei Strategy (the "Strategy") has been applied to the sub-fund "IGNI Saisei Japan Opportunities Fund", existing under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and registered under Part II of the law dated December 17, 2010 on Undertakings for Collective Investment (the "2010 Law"). From 01/12/2017, following the merger by way of absorption of the "IGNI Saisei Japan Opportunities Fund" to the new sub-fund "Probus Investment Func UCITS - Saisei Japan Equity" (UCITS fund), existing under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and registered under Part I of the 2010 Law, the Saisei Strategy is continuously applied to this new sub-fund.

Fund information

Legal form SICAV UCITS **Fund domicile** Luxembourg Fund launch date 24/04/2015 Total AUM (JPY) 5 324 056 930.00 Fiscal year end December 31st **Fund currency** JPY **Benchmark** Topix NTR JPY Cut-off time 12pm Lux. Time Investment mger Probus Pleion Suisse SA Custodian bank Banque Degroof Petercam Auditor **E&Y Luxembourg**

Investment team

Frédéric Annoni

Frédéric joined the Group in 2016, bringing along his 32 years of experience in Japanese equities. Frédéric began his career at Nomura, spent 8 years at Nikko, where he helped set up the Japanese desk for Switzerland, and 9 years with Citigroup. He is currently in his 10th year managing the Saisei.

NAV analysis

3 years figures (ann.)	Fund	Bench.		Value	Date
Annual volatility	13.01	10.94	52-week NAV high	7 603.29	17/07/2024
Beta	1.00		52-week NAV low	5 696.23	05/08/2024
Tracking error	5.24		Max drawdown (%)	-25.08	18/07/24-05/08/24
Sharpe	1.04	1.44			
Information ratio	-0.50				

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Sectorial allocation (%)

Geographical allocation (%)

Market cap breakdown (%)



Japan Net cash		
ivet cash	0.6	

Large 68.0

Medium 13.7

Small 17.7

Net cash 0.6

Note: Allocations and Breakdowns are not adjusted from derivatives positions.

Top 10 holdings (%)

Top 5 positions	19.3
Daifuku	3.6
Toyota Motor	3.8
Sony	3.9
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	3.9
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	4.1

Daikin Industries	2.9
ITOCHU Corporation BayCurrent Consulting	3.2 3.1
Ryohin Keikaku	3.3
Tokyo Electron	3.4

Other information

ROE (weighted av.)	15.61%
P/E Ratio	14.96x
Price-to-book ratio	1.73x
Dividend yield	2.07
Number of holdings	44

Available share classes

Class Name	ISIN	BLMG ticker	Curr.	Туре	Launch date	Min. invest.	Mgt. fees	Perf. fees	OGC	Front / back load
A - JPY	LU1205057935	SAISEIA LX	JPY	Α	01/12/2017	JPY 10 000 000	1.75%	10% with HWM*	2.5%	Up to 3%/Nil
AH - CHF	LU1941828300	PRSJAHC LX	CHF	Α	22/11/2019	CHF 100 000	1.75%	10% with HWM*	2.6%	Up to 3%/Nil
AH - EUR	LU1205058156	IGSAAHE LX	EUR	Α	01/12/2017	EUR 100 000	1.75%	10% with HWM*	2.6%	Up to 3%/Nil
AH - GBP	LU1941827914	PRSJAHG LX	GBP	Α	10/10/2019	GBP 100 000	1.75%	10% with HWM*	2.6%	Up to 3%/Nil
AH - USD	LU1205058313	SAISEAH LX	USD	Α	01/12/2017	USD 100 000	1.75%	10% with HWM*	2.6%	Up to 3%/Nil
I2H - CHF	LU1941828565	PRSI2HC LX	CHF	Α	18/01/2023	CHF 2 000 000	1.10%	10% with HWM*		Up to 3%/Nil
I2H - EUR	LU1689249503	PRSI2HE LX	EUR	Α	15/01/2018	EUR 2 000 000	1.10%	10% with HWM*	2.0%	Up to 3%/Nil
I2H - GBP	LU1941828219	PRSI2HG LX	GBP	Α	19/01/2023	GBP 2 000 000	1.10%	10% with HWM*		Up to 3%/Nil
I2H - USD	LU1739245006	PRSI2HU LX	USD	Α	25/01/2018	USD 2 000 000	1.10%	10% with HWM*	2.0%	Up to 3%/Nil

This list of costs is not exhaustive. The sub-fund incurs other expenses, as further detailed in the Prospectus/KID.

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^{*}HWM = High Water Mark, for more information please refer to the fund prospectus.



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Commentary

A slow start to the new year, the market taking a breather following a strong end of 2024. The Nikkei 225 lost -0.8%, while the Topix managed to eke-out a paltry +0.13%. Meanwhile, the JPY gained +1.3% vs the USD, following BOJ rise in its benchmark interest rate. The top three positive sectors were: Brokers +7.9%, Other Products (Nintendo) +7.4% and Banks +6.2%. The top three negative sectors were: Shipping -6.9%, Utilities -4.7% and Trading companies -4.6%.

Japanese stocks were swayed by a few macro factors in January, including Trump taking office and the DeepSeek "shock". News reports on January 21 of US plans to put tariffs on China, Mexico and Canada by February 1st stocked selling at times, and stocks have been whipsawed by headlines since January 20st. Also, on January 24, the BOJ announced, as expected, a rate hike prompting a slight uptick in interest rates, with JPY (small) appreciation inducing a slight dip in local stocks. Actually, nothing "new", but as often, taken on a worse possible manner as the Japanese market always tend to overreact first, and then...realise that matters are (insofar) not getting worse.

As for SAISEI, for the month, the following performance <u>by sectors</u>: "Financials", including Banks and other finance companies fared the best with a positive contribution of +72bp, while "Materials" fared the worst with a negative -47bp contribution. Meanwhile, by <u>Market cap</u>: "Large" led the charge with, followed by "Small" and "Medium".

By single stocks, the top three positive contributors to this month's performance were:

- BAY CURRENT (+24.91%, +61bp). Strong earnings released during the month indicate the company continues with a strong run-up of +25% profit increase.
- RYOHIN KEIKAKU (+14.56%, +42bp). Continued upward movement after the retail giant announced very strong monthly orders in November, both in Japan and in China (largest overseas market).
- M&A CAPITAL (+16.11%, +34bp). Stronger thanks to very robust and surprising results. Moreover, the order book of the company seems to increase again with large orders.

The top three negative contributors were:

- ITOCHU (-8.29%, -29bp). Gives back some gains. Might take part in 7&I MBO or may bid for some of the convenience stores of the company. Negative for shareholders' return.
- OSAKA STEEL (-20.42%, -29bp). Gives back some interest, as mother company Nippon Steel will not be bidding for the entire stake missing. Osaka Steel to buy-back shares at 10% discount.
- DEXERIALS (-17.54%, -27bp). No particular news. Maybe poor results to come February 12th?

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