

#### **FUND FACTS**

	Investor	Institutional
	Class	Class
Ticker	MJFOX	MIJFX
CUSIP	577130800	577130792
Inception	12/31/98	10/29/10
NAV	\$17.58	\$17.63
Initial Investment	\$2,500	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio	1.05%	0.97%

#### **Portfolio Statistics**

Net Assets \$655.5 million Portfolio Turnover 83.4%<sup>1</sup>

### Benchmark

MSCI Japan Index<sup>2</sup>

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Shuntaro Takeuchi	Donghoon Han
Lead Manager	Lead Manager

## **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia is the largest dedicated Asia-only investment specialist in the United States. With \$9.3 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2023 Matthews Asia employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance.

Portfolio characteristics for the Fund may vary from time to time from what is shown. It should not be assumed that any investment in the securities listed was or will be profitable.

You should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Matthews Asia Funds before making an investment decision. A prospectus or summary prospectus with this and other information about the Funds may be obtained by visiting matthewsasia.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

## Matthews Japan Fund

December 31, 2023

## **Investment Objective**

Long-term capital appreciation.

## Strategy

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Japan.

## **Risks**

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Investing in international and emerging markets may involve additional risks, such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange-rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation. In addition, single-country and sector funds may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than diversified funds because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographic region. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the prospectus.

#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 Since Inception Inception **Investor Class** 8.25% 17.99% 17.99% -5.84% 6.45% 5.55% 5.54% 12/31/98 **Institutional Class** 8.29% 18.08% 18.08% -5.78% 6.49% 5.63% 7.47% 10/29/10 8.22% 20.77% 20.77% MSCI Japan Index 1.04% 7.31% 5.34% 3.89%<sup>3</sup>

## GROWTH OF A HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000 INVESTMENT SINCE INCEPTION — INVESTOR



The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gain distributions or redemption of fund shares. Values are in US\$. Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc.

- 1 The lesser of fiscal year 2022 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.
- 2 The MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of Japanese equities listed in Japan. Index is for comparative purposes only and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 3 Calculated from 12/31/98.

Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions before taxes. All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance visit matthewsasia.com.

# Matthews Japan Fund

December 31, 2023

TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>4</sup>		
	Sector	% of Net Assets
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Materials	5.6%
Keyence Corp.	Information Technology	4.8%
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financials	4.1%
Sony Group Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	3.9%
Hitachi, Ltd.	Industrials	3.7%
Renesas Electronics Corp.	Information Technology	3.4%
Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	Industrials	3.0%
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	Information Technology	2.9%
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	2.9%
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	Consumer Staples	2.8%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN		37.1%

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>5</sup>				
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference	
Information Technology	22.0	15.0	7.0	
Industrials	20.9	22.1	-1.2	
Consumer Discretionary	20.1	19.0	1.1	
Financials	10.6	12.2	-1.6	
Materials	6.3	5.1	1.2	
Health Care	5.7	8.3	-2.6	
Consumer Staples	5.0	5.8	-0.8	
Communication Services	4.3	7.2	-2.9	
Real Estate	2.5	3.2	-0.7	
Utilities	0.0	1.2	-1.2	
Energy	0.0	0.8	-0.8	
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	2.6	0.0	2.6	

Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit

e		Fund	Benchmark	Difference
)	Mega Cap (over \$25B)	50.3	59.3	-9.0
	Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	28.2	26.0	2.2
	Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	15.8	14.7	1.1
,	Small Cap (under \$3B)	3.1	0.0	3.1
	Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	2.6	0.0	2.6
	Source: FactSet Research Syste	ems		
	PORTFOLIO CHARACTEI	RISTICS	;	
			Fund	Benchmark
	Number of Positions		43	225
	Weighted Avg. Market Ca (in billions)	ар	\$49.2	\$56.7
	Active Share <sup>7</sup>		65.4	n.a.
	P/E Using FY1 Estimates <sup>8</sup>		16.6x	14.1x
	P/E Using FY2 Estimates <sup>8</sup>		15.3x	13.6x
	Price/Cash Flow <sup>9</sup>		11.0	9.4
	Price/Book <sup>10</sup>		1.8	1.4
	Return on Equity <sup>11</sup>		14.4	12.4
	EPS Growth (3 Years) <sup>12</sup>		13.9%	12.8%

Source: FactSet Research Systems

MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)5,6

- 4 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- 5 Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

  Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.
- 6 Equity market cap of issuer.

Source: FactSet Research Systems

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- Active Share is calculated by taking the absolute value of the difference between portfolio holdings and benchmark weights, summing all of these differences, and dividing by two. The calculation will result in an active share number between 0%, which indicates the portfolio perfectly replicates the benchmark, and 100%, which indicates there is no overlap whatsoever between the portfolio and the index. Active Share was calculated including cash held in the Fund.
- 8 The P/E Ratio is the share price of a stock as of the report date, divided by the forecasted earnings per share for a 12-month period (FY1) or a 24-month period (FY2). For the Fund, this is the weighted harmonic average estimated P/E ratio of all the underlying stocks in the Fund, excluding negative earners. There is no guarantee that the composition of the Fund will remain unchanged, or that forecasted earnings of a stock will be realized. Information provided is for illustrative purposes only.
- 9 A measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. Because this measure deals with cash flow, the effects of depreciation and other non-cash factors are removed. Similar to price/earnings ratio, this measure provides an indication of relative value.
- 10 Price-to-Book Ratio (P/B Ratio) is used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. A lower P/B ratio could mean that the stock is undescribed.
- 11 Return on Equity (ROE) is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested, and is calculated as net income divided by shareholder's equity.
- 12 Earnings Per Share (EPS) is the amount of annual profit (after tax and all other expenses) attributable to each share in a company. EPS is calculated by dividing profit by the average number of shares in a company. Earnings growth is not a measure of a fund's future performance.

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