

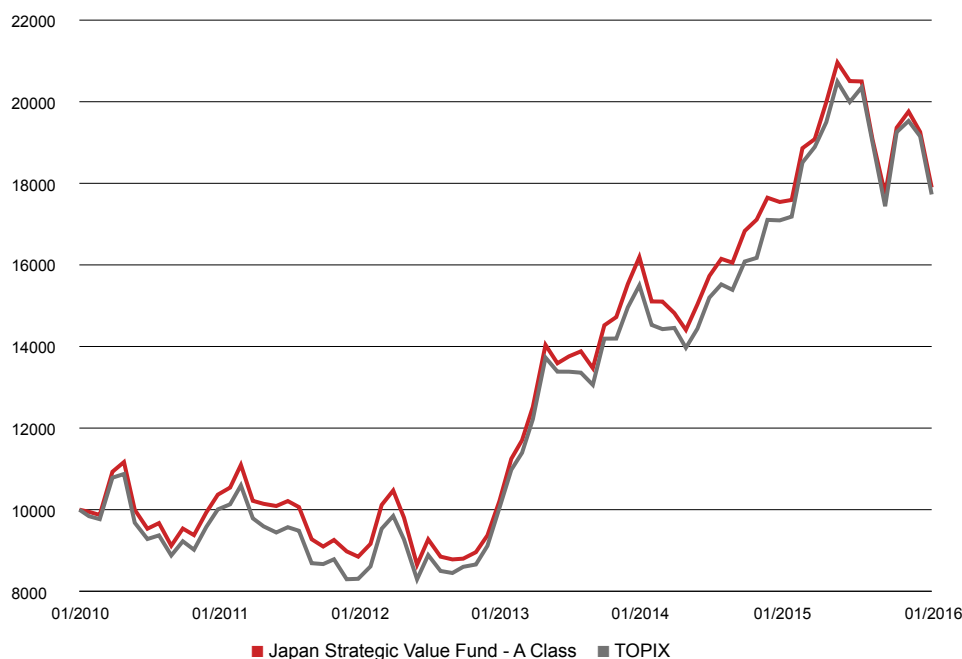
## Fund Review

The fund outperformed the benchmark by 0.38% during January (net of fees and other expenses).

Global markets have had a difficult start to 2016 as investors moved to reduce their risk assets such as equities. Following the US interest rate rise in December investors were already in a cautious mood and developments in January did little to lift the gloom. Economic releases globally were consistently downbeat both at home and overseas and the effective devaluation of the Chinese renminbi was also unsettling. Meanwhile, the continuing weakness in commodity prices reinforced concerns over growth prospects. Possibly reacting to the strength of the yen, at the very end of the month, the Bank of Japan surprised the markets by announcing that it would join the likes of the European Central Bank by imposing negative interest rates on some commercial bank reserves held with the central bank. This news gave the equity market a boost on the last trading day of the month but failed to lift the index into positive territory for the month.

Stock positions providing the biggest positive contributions to performance over the period included overweights in communications company Nippon Telegraph & Telephone, specialist information service provider SCSK and auto components maker Koito Manufacturing, along with an underweight in factory automation and robotics company Fanuc. Significant detractors from performance included overweight positions in major bank Mitsubishi UFJ Financial, technology company NEC and software supplier OBIC Business Consultants together with an underweight in Japan Tobacco.

## Performance of JPY 10,000 since inception against Benchmark



## Cumulative performance in JPY (%) of Class A shares

	1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	Since Inception
Fund	-7.06	-7.56	-7.06	1.74	59.15	78.99
Benchmark	-7.44	-7.94	-7.44	3.16	61.49	77.27

## Standardised performance as at 30 December 2015 in JPY (%) of Class A shares

	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013	2013/2012
Fund	9.79	8.34	58.64	15.35
Benchmark	12.06	10.27	54.41	20.86

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd based on Net Asset Value per share calculated by BBH, in JPY. Performance is shown since the inception date, 4th January 2010, of the Class A shares. All performance presented is net of fees and other expenses.

## January 2016

### Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth through investment in a portfolio of Japanese equity securities.

### Investment Style

- Bottom up stock selection.
- Strong value emphasis.
- Not constrained by sector weightings.

### Benchmark

Topix (total return)

### Key Facts

Launch Date	26th August 2009
Fund Type	ICVC
Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	JPY
NAV Currencies	EUR,GBP,JPY,USD
Year End	31 December
Morningstar Sector	Japan Eq
Bloomberg Code	NOMJSJA (JPY, A)
ISIN Code	IE00B3VTHJ49 (JPY, A)
Trading Cutoff	12:00 GMT
Trading Frequency	Daily
Valuation Frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	15:00 GMT
Settlement	T + 4
Fund Size	JPY 369.78bn USD 3.05bn
Number of holdings	183
NAV	JPY 17,899.25 (A Class)

### Risk Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	0.03%	0.00%
Beta	0.95	1.00
Information Ratio	0.81	-
Tracking Error	3.33%	-
Standard Deviation	15.94%	16.46%

**Top 10 Holdings**

	% active weight
NT&T	3.80
Toyota Motor Corp.	3.78
Mitsubishi UFJ Fin Group	3.59
Seven & I Holdings Co.	2.13
ORIX Corporation	1.60
Nissan Motor Co.	1.60
Bridgestone Corporation	1.59
Electric Power Dev.	1.55
Tokio Marine Holdings	1.52
Sony Corporation	1.50

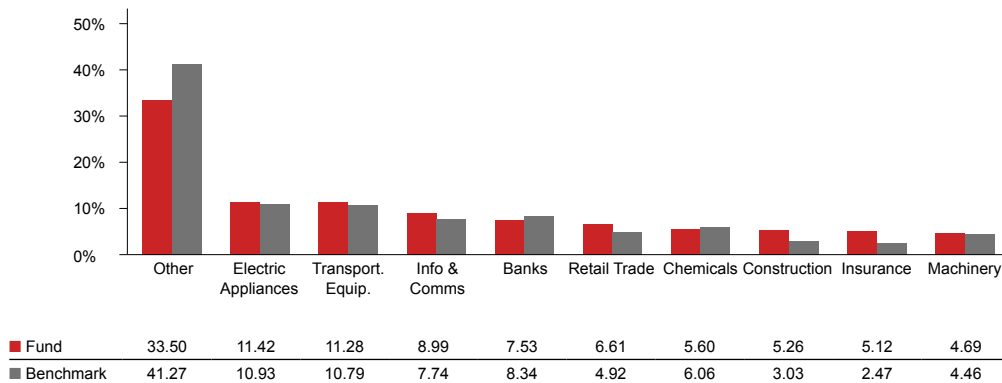
**Top 10 Overweight**

	% active weight
NT&T	1.99
Electric Power Dev.	1.39
Mitsubishi UFJ Fin Group	1.31
Sumitomo Electric Ind.	1.19
SCSK Corporation	1.13
Toray Industries	1.12
Seven & I Holdings Co.	1.10
ORIX Corporation	1.05
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	0.96
NEC Corp.	0.92

**Top 10 Underweight**

	% active weight
Japan Tobacco Inc.	-1.46
Honda Motor Co.	-1.42
SoftBank Corp.	-1.39
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co.	-1.14
Sumitomo Mitsui Fin Grp	-1.00
East Japan Railway Co.	-0.95
Central Japan Railway Co.	-0.93
Astellas Pharma Inc.	-0.91
Kao Corp.	-0.85
Canon Inc.	-0.85

**Sector Breakdown**



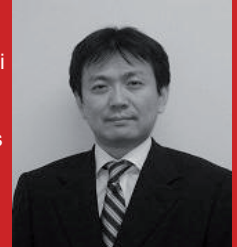
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**Fund Manager**

Kentaro Takayanagi has 20 years of investment experience and has been at Nomura since 1991.



**Share Class Details**

Management Fee	0.85% (I Class) 1.40% (A Class)
Min Initial Sub	\$1m (I Class) \$5,000 (A Class)
Min Further Sub	\$250k (I Class) \$2,500 (A Class)
Initial Commission	0.00% (I Class) Max 5.00% (A Class)

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