

# Nomura Alpha Japan Long Short Fund Class K USD Acc

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## Investment Objective

The Nomura Alpha Japan Long Short Fund aims to provide investors with a return linked to the performance of a portfolio of long and short positions in Japanese equities and Japanese equities indices

## Overview

The Nomura Alpha Japan Long Short Fund is the result of a partnership between Nomura and Alpha Japan Asset Advisors Ltd<sup>3</sup>.

- It aims to have a net exposure comprised between +80%/ -50% of NAV
- It takes synthetic long and short positions across a broad universe of Japanese equities and Japanese equity indices
- It combines a bottom-up investment philosophy with an active trading approach
- It is based on proprietary research within a robust risk management framework

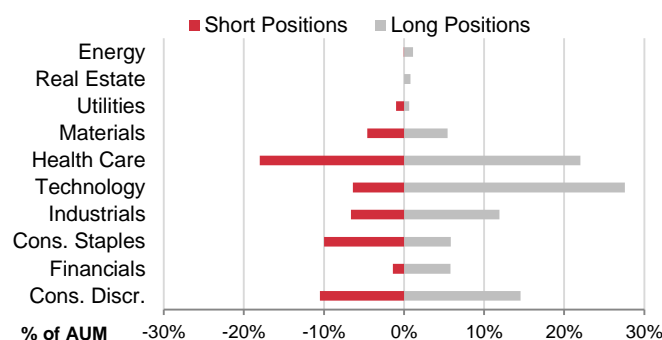
## Key Facts

<b>Share Class</b>	Class K USD Acc
<b>Regulated:</b>	UCITS
<b>Domicile:</b>	Ireland
<b>Format:</b>	ICVC
<b>Fund Inception Date:</b>	08 June 2012
<b>Share Class Inception Date:</b>	12 October 2017
<b>Fund AUM:</b>	\$ 42.94m
<b>Liquidity:</b>	Weekly
<b>Deadline for NAV(T):</b>	3:00 p.m. Dublin (T-3)
<b>Settlement for NAV(T):</b>	T+3
<b>Base Currency:</b>	USD
<b>Minimum Initial Investment:</b>	5,000,000
<b>Management Fees<sup>4</sup>:</b>	1.50%
<b>Expected TER<sup>5</sup>:</b>	1.71%
<b>Performance Fee:</b>	20% of Performance (subject to a high water mark)
<b>Subscription Charge<sup>6</sup>:</b>	Up to 5%
<b>Redemption Charge<sup>6</sup>:</b>	Up to 3%
<b>ISIN:</b>	IE00BF1T8734
<b>Bloomberg:</b>	NMPAJKU ID

## Performance

	NAV	1M	3M	6M	12M	YTD	Volatility <sup>12</sup>
Class K USD Acc	118.15	-2.22%	-2.10%	0.44%	6.42%	2.35%	5.66%

## Alpha Portfolio, Top Sectors



Total Gross Short (% AUM)	Total Gross Long (% AUM)	Total Net (% AUM)
-85.83%	95.65%	9.82%

## Top 5 Long Positions

Stock	Sector	Size (% of AUM)
Carna Biosciences Inc	Health Care	6.03%
Mitsubishi Ufj Financial Gro	Financials	4.44%
Kojima Co Ltd	Cons. Discr.	3.59%
Kyudenko Corp	Industrials	3.26%
Maxell Ltd	Technology	3.24%

## Risk Indicator



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Source: NAIM, Bloomberg, Alpha Japan Asset Advisors Ltd. As of the date of this factsheet. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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- The volatility shown herein is for indication and is calculated only using Fund weekly NAVs available from the latest of either 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 or the launch date of this shareclass, to the date of this factsheet (and excluding month-end NAVs).
  - Nomura Alpha Japan Long Short Fund was previously named Nomura Permal Alpha Japan Neutral Fund effective until 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015, at which point there was an expansion in investment objective from market neutral to long short equity. Returns reflect actual Fund performance implementing a long short strategy net of all fees and costs since launch on October 2017 (share class K USD). As of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016, Permal Investment Management ceased acting as Investment Advisor.
  - Alpha Japan Asset Advisors Ltd. was an advisor and A J Asset Management Ltd was the fund sub-investment manager prior to 30 May 2014
  - Per annum, on Fund's assets under management.
  - Expected Total Expense Ratio (TER): in percentage per annum, on Fund's assets under management determined in accordance with the Guidance Note 1/05 of the Central Bank of Ireland. For avoidance of doubt, this does not include swap costs (i.e. – transaction costs)
  - For more information on the UCITS Hedge Awards 2019 please refer to: <https://thehedgefundjournal.com/ucits-hedge-awards-2019/>
  - Optional, for Distributors only. Subscription charge – upfront only; Redemption charge – on redemption only.
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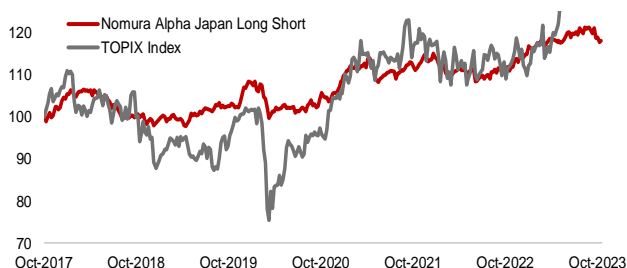
## Market Commentary<sup>2</sup>

Equities around the world traded lower in October. The Nikkei225 dropped -3.1% from mounting tension in the Middle East and concerns about rising interest rates in the US and Japan, where the BOJ revised its YCC policy. Nonetheless, the JPY extended its decline and closed the month above the 151 level versus USD. Against this backdrop, the Fund retreated by -2.2% (Class K USD). Growth stocks with smaller market cap in particular were aggressively sold off, as the TSE MOTHERS plummeted -11.1% to rank as the worst performer by far. It considerably underperformed all other compartments which were in line with the broader market, ranging from the TOPIX Core 30 (-2.6%) to the TOPIX Large (-3.7%). As a result, a number of companies in that segment were indiscriminately punished despite strong fundamentals, something that weighted on the portfolio. For instance, biotech firms StemCell Institute (7096) and Carna Biosciences (4572) declined -16% and -4% respectively, despite an absence of specific news. On the bright side, Furuno Electric (6814) surged +19% after revising earnings forecast upward. The world leading manufacturer of sonar fish finders has rallied +70% over 2013, yet it remains very attractively valued with a P/B still below 1x. Electronic retailer Kojima (7513) was another firm trading below parity that contributed positively. Given the feeble environment, short positions performed well too, notably among high valuation stocks. A couple of our short holdings in the retail sector registered double digit declines. In the midst of the quarterly corporate results announcements, price action may become more correlated to individual stock fundamentals again and favors stock selection.

## Performance Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Return
<b>2017</b>										1.21%	1.12%	2.38%	<b>4.78%</b>
<b>2018</b>	1.36%	-0.12%	0.27%	-0.26%	-1.43%	-0.65%	-2.24%	-1.66%	0.87%	-0.61%	-0.49%	-1.10%	<b>-5.95%</b>
<b>2019</b>	1.48%	0.39%	-0.42%	-1.35%	1.98%	0.39%	0.88%	0.94%	-0.64%	0.66%	1.05%	4.38%	<b>10.05%</b>
<b>2020</b>	-1.91%	-2.27%	-2.73%	0.77%	0.72%	-0.86%	0.13%	0.09%	0.72%	2.03%	0.72%	2.66%	<b>-0.07%</b>
<b>2021</b>	2.39%	1.04%	0.40%	0.51%	-4.23%	1.84%	0.04%	0.64%	1.73%	-0.59%	2.00%	0.50%	<b>6.26%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-2.12%	-2.16%	0.64%	0.10%	0.71%	-2.35%	0.65%	1.05%	0.16%	-0.26%	1.96%	1.98%	<b>0.24%</b>
<b>2023</b>	0.85%	0.89%	0.81%	-0.65%	0.34%	1.24%	0.99%	0.22%	-0.09%	-2.22%			<b>2.35%</b>

## Performance Graph<sup>1,3</sup>



The Topix Index is mentioned for informational purposes only and is not representative of the Fund's investment strategy

## Risk Analysis

	Last 52 Weeks (Annualised) <sup>1</sup>	Last 26 Weeks (Annualised) <sup>1</sup>	Last 13 Weeks (Annualised) <sup>1</sup>	Since Shareclass Inception <sup>1</sup>
Fund IRR <sup>3</sup>	6.37%	-0.32%	-5.05%	18.07%
Volatility <sup>3</sup>	5.16%	5.34%	6.35%	5.66%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.28	-1.01	-1.63	0.21
Best Month	1.98%	1.24%	0.22%	4.38%
Worst Month	-2.22%	-2.22%	-2.22%	-4.23%
Positive Months	75%	67%	33%	66%

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