

# USONIAN JAPAN VALUE CREATION

## OVERVIEW

Usonian Japan Value Creation Fund seeks total return and measures its performance against the TOPIX Total Return Index (the "Index") for performance comparison purposes. The Fund employs a fundamental, value-oriented approach to invest in equities of Japanese companies and companies tied economically to Japan.

In managing the Fund, the Usonian Japan Equity team follows a disciplined, bottom-up approach using fundamental research to identify equities that we believe are undervalued and profitable with high quality balance sheets. The team spends considerable time developing a high level of knowledge about our companies and focusing on downside risk. Additionally, as long-term investors, we engage collaboratively with corporate management to unlock shareholder value.

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020
Class VI	-7.37	-7.37	7.47	21.81	-12.73	0.73	16.84
Index	-4.33	-4.33	7.37	19.58	-15.22	0.76	12.79

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class VI	17.80	3.40	-	-	7.43
Index	21.29	2.42	-	-	5.29

## STANDARDIZED SEC RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)(AS OF 30-SEP-24)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class VI	23.85	4.99	-	-	9.65
Index	21.18	2.71	-	-	6.56

Net of all fees and expenses after reimbursement by the Manager, but not transaction costs, if any. If certain expenses were not reimbursed, performance would be lower. **Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not indicative of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance data may be lower or higher than the performance data provided herein. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com).** The portfolio is not managed relative to a benchmark. References to an index are for informational purposes only.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**Drew Edwards**  
Joined GMO in 2020  
MBA & JD, Northwestern University



**Colin Bekemeyer**  
Joined GMO in 2021  
MBA & MA, University of Pennsylvania

## FACTS

Share Class	Class VI
Share Class Ticker	GMAHX
Share Class Inception	14-Sep-20
Fund Inception	14-Sep-20
Total Assets	\$178mm USD
Index	Tokyo Stock Price Index (TR)

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 30-SEP-20)

Alpha (Jensen's)	2.45
Beta	0.85
R Squared	0.79
Sharpe Ratio	0.34
Standard Deviation	14.19

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

Net Expense Ratio	0.58
Gross Expense Ratio	0.74

Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least June 30, 2025. Elimination of this reimbursement will result in higher fees and lower performance.

Gross Expense Ratio is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated June 30, 2024.

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include: (1) Market Risk - Equities: The market price of equities may decline due to factors affecting the issuer, its industries, or the economy and equity markets generally. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the net asset value of the Fund's shares. (2) Management and Operational Risk: The risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. (3) Focused Investment Risk: The Fund invests its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers, and a decline in the market price of a particular security held by the Fund may affect the Fund's performance more than if the Fund invested in the securities of a larger number of issuers. For a more complete discussion of these risks and others, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. Annualized Returns may include the impact of purchase premiums and redemption fees. The GMO Trust funds are distributed in the United States by Funds Distributor LLC. GMO and Funds Distributor LLC are not affiliated.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
EV/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	8.2x	10.4x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	15.4x	17.7x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.0x	1.3x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	7.7%	11.3%
Market Cap - Wtd Avg Bil	1453.0 JPY	6052.5 JPY
Market Cap - Wtd Avg Bil	9.5 USD	39.7 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	34	2117
Active Share	94.4%	N/A
EV/EBITDA - Ex LT Investments Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	7.1x	9.7x
Net Debt/Equity - Wtd Avg	0.1x	0.1x

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	0.0	7.0
Consumer Discretionary	15.4	16.9
Consumer Staples	9.2	6.3
Energy	0.0	0.9
Financials	17.7	13.5
Health Care	4.1	7.7
Industrials	24.8	25.3
Information Technology	16.9	13.5
Materials	7.3	5.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.0
Utilities	0.0	1.4

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** TOPIX (Net of dividend withholding tax) is a free-float adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is calculated based on all the domestic common stocks listed on the TSE First Section.

**An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

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## GLOSSARY

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is gross of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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