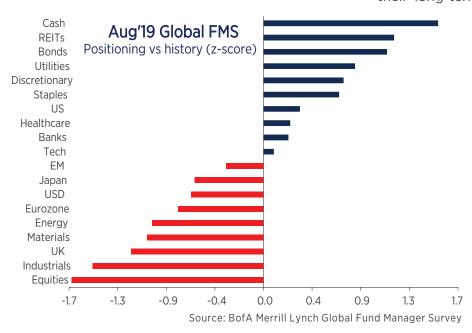


# **Our Thinking**

We have always described ourselves as "contrarian" investors. While many of our best investment decisions on behalf of clients in the past have been at odds with market sentiment, we are also quick to point out that we are never contrarian for its own sake. Just like driving down the wrong side of the road is a bad idea, so too is blindly betting against the crowd. There are many nuances, and our degree of apparent "contrarian-ness" can vary over time.

Today there is little ambiguity. Each month, Bank of America Merrill Lynch publishes a survey of global fund managers. The survey asks more than 200 investment decision-makers who collectively manage more than \$500 billion to weigh in on the sectors, regions, and asset classes that they are favouring most (and least) in their portfolio decisions.



The chart shows how the survey participants as a group are positioned today relative to history. Hold this chart up to a mirror and you will almost be able to see how the Orbis Funds are positioned today.

The consensus among survey participants favours cash and bonds from an asset class perspective, the discretionary and staples sectors, and the US from a regional perspective. In other words, all the areas where we've struggled to find much value. On the other hand, their positioning is lower in Emerging Markets, Japan and Europe and the Energy sector—all places where we are finding compelling value.

Of course, this is just one survey and not necessarily the opinion of "the market". But it gives us a rough sense of current sentiment. On that basis, it is pretty clear that many of our current views are out of line with consensus thinking. That brings us to another key point about being contrarian: it's easy to look foolish.

Try pulling up a chart of Coca-Cola shares since the start of 2019. Who needs a fund manager when you can make nearly 20% in just 8 months by buying shares of one of the world's most famous brands? If

you aren't comfortable picking stocks, you could have just bought an S&P 500 index fund and made nearly 20% over that same period. Better yet, why not just lend money to Uncle Sam? 10-year US Treasury bonds have returned 13% year-to-date without any "risk"—at least according to the conventional definition of risk.

It's easy to see why these assets have become so popular. But don't be fooled by the smooth trajectory of their recent performance. The real risk with any investment is paying a higher price than it is worth and seeing your capital permanently impaired. From that perspective, the companies that have driven global equity returns of late carry much more risk than meets the eye.

Take Coke. The soft drink company's shares trade at 33 times trailing 12-month earnings—well above their long-term historical average of 22 times. It is

one thing to pay a premium multiple for a rapidly growing and highly profitable business or one with room to increase earnings. But with declining revenue growth in each of the past six calendar years and a debt load that has doubled since the start of the current decade, Coke appears to have dangerously high expectations built into its current share price.

Compare that with Tencent—a dominant Internet company that reaches 96% of China's online and mobile users through two messaging platforms (WeChat and QQ) as well as games, videos, music, news and other digital properties. Tencent trades at a similar multiple to Coke, but it is debt-free, revenue and earnings have grown rapidly over the past 10 years, and it still has many untapped growth opportunities ahead in areas such as

payments, social advertising and cloud services. Best of all, we managed to get most of our exposure to Tencent at a substantial discount by purchasing shares of Naspers, a South African holding company that owns a majority stake in Tencent.

While these are just two examples of what we own and don't own, we believe they are representative of a pattern that we see across the Orbis Funds. The common theme is that as the market continues to bifurcate, the portfolios increasingly represent areas of the market that are being shunned, while avoiding the parts that are loved. Importantly, this doesn't mean we are being complacent about the associated risks such as the ongoing trade war between China and the US—we know things could get worse in the near term.

Going against the herd comes with its share of volatility, but in our experience it is often uncertainty itself that creates opportunity. We are willing to trade the near-term comfort of the herd for the potential to earn considerably more attractive future returns while protecting our clients' capital over the long term.

This report does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any interests, shares or other securities in the companies mentioned in it nor does it constitute financial advice.



# Orbis SICAV Japan Equity (Yen) Fund

The Fund is designed to remain fully invested in Japanese equities and seeks higher returns than the Japanese stockmarket, without greater risk of loss. It is predominantly exposed to the Japanese yen. The benchmark is the Tokyo Stock Price Index, including income, gross of withholding taxes ("TOPIX").

¥4,963 **Pricing currency** Japanese yen **Domicile** Luxembourg Type **SICAV** Share class **Investor Share Class** Fund size ¥131 billion **Fund inception** 1 January 1998 Strategy size ¥191 billion Strategy inception 1 January 1998

Benchmark TOPIX
Peer group Average Japan Equity
Fund Index
Minimum investment US\$50,000
Dealing Weekly
(Thursdays)
Entry/exit fees None
UCITS compliant Yes
ISIN LU0160128079

#### Growth of ¥10,000 investment, net of fees, dividends reinvested



#### Returns (%)

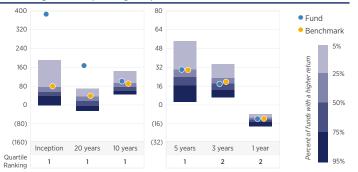
	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Annualised		Net	Gross
Since Fund inception	7.7	2.0	2.8
20 years	5.2	0.6	1.8
10 years	7.5	5.8	6.8
5 years	5.8	4.5	5.6
3 years	6.4	6.0	6.7
1 year	(9.8)	(11.9)	(10.8)
Not annualised			
Calendar year to date	0.6	2.6	2.6
3 months	2.8	0.2	0.2
1 month	(3.6)		(3.4)

	Year	%
Best performing calendar year since Fund inception	2013	57.0
Worst performing calendar year since Fund inception	2008	(32.4)

## Risk Measures, since Fund inception

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Largest drawdown (%)	52	60	56
Months to recovery	90	124	93
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	18.2	18.1	17.6
Beta vs benchmark	0.9	1.0	1.0
Tracking error vs benchmark (%)	9.4	2.6	0.0

#### Ranking within peer group, cumulative return (%)



#### Sector Allocation (%)

Sector	Fund	Benchmark
Cyclicals	45	39
Consumer Non-Durables	43	25
Information and Communications	7	9
Financials	5	10
Technology	0	16
Utilities	0	2
Total	100	100

#### Top 10 Holdings

	Sector	%
Sumitomo	Consumer Non-Durables	9.9
TSURUHA Holdings	Consumer Non-Durables	8.7
COSMOS Pharmaceutical	Consumer Non-Durables	6.1
Mitsubishi	Consumer Non-Durables	5.5
Sumitomo Mitsui Fin.	Financials	5.2
Honda Motor	Cyclicals	4.9
lida Group Holdings	Cyclicals	4.8
Mitsui & Co	Consumer Non-Durables	4.8
Sundrug	Consumer Non-Durables	4.3
NGK Insulators	Cyclicals	4.2
Total		58.6

#### Portfolio Concentration & Characteristics

% of NAV in top 25 holdings	97
Total number of holdings	29
12 month portfolio turnover (%)	37
12 month name turnover (%)	19
Active share (%)	92

## Fees & Expenses (%), for last 12 months

Management fee <sup>1</sup>	1.99
For 3 year performance in line with benchmark	1.50
For 3 year outperformance/(underperformance) vs benchmark	0.49
Fund expenses	0.09
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.08

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See Notices for important information about this Fact Sheet.

1.5% per annum ± up to 1%, based on 3 year rolling outperformance/ (underperformance) vs benchmark.



# **Orbis SICAV Japan Equity Fund**

This Fact Sheet is a Minimum Disclosure Document and a monthly General Investor Report as required by the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

> Manager Orbis Investment Management (Luxembourg) S.A. Investment Manager Orbis Investment Management (Guernsey) Limited Inception date 1 January 1998 Number of shares (Investor Share Class) Yen Class: 15.232.393 **Euro Class:** 1,126,206 Income distributions during the last 12 months None

#### Fund Objective and Benchmarks

The Yen Classes of the Fund seek higher returns in yen than the Japanese stockmarket, without greater risk of loss. The Euro Class of the Fund seeks higher returns than the Japanese stockmarket hedged into euro, without greater risk of loss. The TOPIX measured in Japanese yen (including income and before deduction of withholding taxes) (the "TOPIX Yen") is the Yen Class' benchmark, while the TOPIX Yen hedged into euro (the "TOPIX Euro") is the benchmark of the Euro Class.

The Fund does not seek to mirror the TOPIX Yen/TOPIX Euro and may deviate meaningfully from them in pursuit of superior longterm capital appreciation.

#### How We Aim to Achieve the Fund's Objective/Adherence to Objective

The Fund is actively managed and is designed to remain continuously fully invested in, and exposed to all the risks and rewards of, selected Japanese equities. The Fund identifies as Japanese equities those equities of companies which are domiciled in Japan, whose securities trade on a Japanese stockmarket or whose business is primarily located in or linked to Japan. These equities are selected using extensive proprietary investment research undertaken by the Investment Manager and its investment advisors. Orbis devotes a substantial proportion of its business efforts to detailed "bottom up" investment research conducted with a long-term perspective, believing that such research makes superior long-term performance attainable. The lower the price of a share as compared to its assessed intrinsic value, the more attractive Orbis considers the equity's fundamental value. The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, equity investing based on this approach offers superior returns and reduces the risk of loss.

All share classes invest in a portfolio of Japanese equities selected by the Investment Manager. However, while the currency exposure of the Yen Classes remains as fully exposed to the yen as practicable, the Euro Class is hedged into, and therefore largely exposed to, the euro. The Euro Class is designed for investors who measure their returns in euro and who wish to be invested in Japanese equities without being exposed to fluctuations in the yen-euro exchange rate.

Since inception and over the latest ten- and five-year periods, both the Yen and Euro Classes have outperformed their respective benchmarks net of fees. The Fund will experience periods of underperformance in pursuit of its objective of creating long-term wealth for investors.

#### Risk/Reward Profile

- The Fund is aimed at investors who are seeking a portfolio the objective of which is to be fully invested in, and exposed to, Japanese equities at all times.
- Investments in the Fund may suffer capital loss.
- Investors should understand that the Investment Manager generally assesses an equity investment's attractiveness using a three-to-five year time horizon.

#### Management Fee

As is described in more detail in the Fund's Prospectus, the Fund's various share classes bear different management fees. The fees are designed to align the Manager's and Investment Manager's interests with those of investors in the Fund. With respect to the Fund's Investor Share Classes, the fee is structured as follows: a fee is charged based on the net asset value of the class. The fee rate is calculated weekly by comparing the Yen class' performance over three years against the TOPIX Yen. For each percentage point of three year performance above or below that performance, 0.04 percentage points are added to or deducted from 1.5%, subject to the following limits:

· Maximum fee: 2.5% per annum

• Minimum fee: 0.5% per annum

For a description of the management fee borne by the Fund's other share classes, please refer to the Fund's Prospectus.

#### Fees, Expenses and Total Expense Ratio (TER)

The relevant class within the Fund bears all expenses payable by such class, which shall include but not be limited to fees payable to its Manager, Investment Manager and additional service providers, fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining governmental registrations, taxes, duties and all other operating expenses, including the cost of buying and selling assets. However, the Manager and the Investment Manager have agreed that in the current calendar year, except for specified exclusions, operating expenses attributable to the Fund's Investor Share Classes will be capped at 0.20%. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for a description of the fee cap applicable to its other share classes. Each cap will be automatically extended for further successive one year periods unless terminated by the Manager or the Investment Manager at least three months prior to the end of the then current term. The operating expenses that are capped are all expenses, excluding the Manager's and Investment Managers' fees described above under "Management Fee," the cost of buying and selling assets, interest and brokerage charges.

Where an investor subscribes or redeems an amount representing 5% or more of the net asset value of the Fund, the Manager may cause the Fund to levy a fee of 0.25% of the net asset value of the Fund shares being acquired or redeemed.

The annual management fees charged are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the class over a 12 month period, excluding trading costs. Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns. Expenses may vary, so the current TER is not a reliable indicator of future TERs.

#### Changes in the Fund's Top 10 Holdings

31 May 2019	%	31 August 2019	%
Sumitomo	10.0	Sumitomo	9.9
NEXON	6.8	TSURUHA Holdings	8.7
TSURUHA Holdings	6.4	COSMOS Pharmaceutical	6.1
Mitsubishi	5.8	Mitsubishi	5.5
Sumitomo Mitsui Fin.	5.5	Sumitomo Mitsui Fin.	5.2
Mitsui & Co	4.8	Honda Motor	4.9
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NGK Insulators	4.0	Sundrug	4.3
Daito Trust Construction	3.9	NGK Insulators	4.2
Total	56.4	Total	58.6

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## **Orbis SICAV Japan Equity Fund**

#### Additional Information

South African residents should contact Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited at 0860 000 654 (toll free from within South Africa) or offshore\_direct@allangray.co.za to receive, free of charge, additional information about a proposed investment (including Prospectus, application forms, annual reports and a schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions). The Investment Manager can be contacted at +1 441 296 3000 or clientservice@orbis.com. The Fund's Depositary is Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch, 31 Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Luxembourg. All information provided herein is subject to the more detailed information provided in the Fund's Prospectus.

#### **Share Price and Transaction Cut Off Times**

Share prices are calculated on a net asset value basis by share class, normally as of 5:30 pm (Bermuda time) (i) in the case of the Investor Share Classes, each Thursday (or, if a Thursday is not a business day, the preceding business day), (ii) in the case of the Refundable Reserve Fee Share Classes, the first Thursday of each calendar month and any other Thursday on which an investor transacts in such class (or, if a Thursday is not a business day, the preceding business day), (iii) on the last calendar day of each month (or, if that is not a weekday, the preceding weekday) and/ or (iv) any other days in addition to (or substitution for) any of the days described in (i), (ii) or (iii), as determined by the Manager without notice.

Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the Fund's current Prospectus. To be processed on a given dealing day: subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm on that dealing day; subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; requests to switch from an Orbis SICAV Fund into a different Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; and requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm. All times given are Bermuda time, and all requests must be properly completed and accompanied by any required funds and/or information.

Share prices, updated weekly, are available

- from the Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited's website at www.allangray.co.za,
- from the Orbis website at www.orbis.com,
- by e-mail, by registering with Orbis for this service at the Orbis website at www.orbis.com, and
- · from Bloomberg.

#### **Legal Notices**

Returns are net of Investor Share Class fees, include income and assume reinvestment of dividends. Figures quoted are for the periods indicated for a ¥10,000 or €10,000 investment (lump sum, for illustrative purposes only). Annualised returns show the average amount earned on an investment in the Fund/share class each year over the given time period. This Report does not constitute advice nor a recommendation to buy, sell or hold, nor an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy interests or shares in the Orbis Funds or other securities in the companies mentioned in it.

Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of an investment in the Fund may go down as well as up, and past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Neither the Manager nor the Investment Manager provides any guarantee with respect to capital or the Fund's returns. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Commission and incentives may be paid by investors to third parties and, if so, would be included in the overall costs. Individual investors' performance may differ as a result of investment date, reinvestment date and dividend withholding tax, as well as a levy that may apply in the case transactions representing more than 5% of the Fund's net asset value. The Fund may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed in accordance with its mandate. The Fund invests in foreign securities. Depending on their markets, trading in those securities may carry risks relating to, among others, macroeconomic and political circumstances, constraints on liquidity or the repatriation of funds, foreign exchange rate fluctuations, taxation and trade settlement.

The discussion topics for the commentaries were selected, and the commentaries were finalised and approved, by Orbis Investment Management (Guernsey) Limited, the Fund's Investment Manager. Information in this Report is based on sources believed to be accurate and reliable and provided "as is" and in good faith. The Orbis Group does not make any representation or warranty as to accuracy, reliability, timeliness or completeness of the information in this Report. The Orbis Group disclaims all liability (whether arising in contract, tort, negligence or otherwise) for any error, omission, loss or damage (whether direct, indirect, consequential or otherwise) in connection with the information in this Report.

Prior to 29 November 2002 the Orbis SICAV Japan Equity Fund—Yen class was a British Virgin Islands investment company, Orbis Japan Equity (Yen) Fund Limited.

#### **Fund Minimum**

Minimum investment amounts in the Fund are specified in the Fund's Prospectus, provided that a new investor in the Orbis Funds must open an investment account with Orbis, which may be subject to minimum investment restrictions, country restrictions and/or other terms and conditions. For more information on opening an Orbis investment account, please visit www.orbis.com.

Clients investing via Allan Gray, which includes the Allan Gray Investment Platform, an Allan Gray investment pool or otherwise through Allan Gray Nominees, remain subject to the investment minimums specified by the applicable terms and conditions.

TOPIX Stock Price Index, including income ("TOPIX"): Tokyo Stock Exchange. TOPIX hedged into euro is calculated by Orbis using an industrystandard methodology using the TOPIX which is in yen. No further distribution of the TOPIX data is permitted.

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#### Notes to Help You Understand This Report

Certain capitalised terms are defined in the Glossary section of the Orbis Funds' respective Prospectuses, copies of which are available upon request from Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited, a Member of the Association for Savings & Investments SA. The country and currency classification for equity securities follows that of third party benchmark providers for comparability purposes. Based on a number of factors including the location of the underlying business, Orbis may consider a security's classification to be different and manage the Funds' exposures accordingly. Totals presented in this Report may not sum due to rounding.

12 month portfolio turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the lesser of total security purchases or sales in the Fund over the period, divided by the average net asset value (NAV) of the Fund. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

12 month name turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period but no longer held at the end of the period, divided by the total number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

Active share is a measure of how actively managed the Orbis Equity Funds are. It is calculated by summing the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each individual stock in the specific Orbis Fund, versus the weight of each holding in the respective benchmark index, and dividing by two.

The total expense ratio has been calculated using the expenses, excluding trading costs, and average net assets for the 12 month period ending 31 August 2019.