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### Investment Objective

To provide shareholders with dividend income combined with capital growth, mainly through investment in equities listed or quoted in Japan.

Portfolio Exposure	Number of stocks	%
Dividend Growth	29	87.8
Special Situations	6	15.9
Stable Yield	4	11.9
Total	39	115.7

### Dividend (pence per share) – Year End October

Dividends Declared	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Jun/Jul	1.60	1.55	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.25	1.15	1.00
Jan/Feb	TBC	3.75	3.50	3.35	3.20	3.10	2.50	2.30	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>4.90</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>3.00</b>

### Discrete Performance – (%) Full Calendar Year<sup>(1)</sup>

Total Return	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Ord Share Price	8.45	23.01	1.79	12.39	-9.09	10.79
NAV (cum income)	12.96	17.39	-0.51	10.79	1.23	20.93
TOPIX TR in GBP	10.53	12.76	-4.60	2.22	9.49	15.65

### Cumulative Performance (%)<sup>(1)</sup>

Total Return	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Inception
Ord Share Price	0.27	8.45	8.45	35.79	39.03	136.52
NAV (cum income)	-0.78	12.96	12.96	31.92	48.61	162.65
TOPIX TR in GBP	0.80	10.53	10.53	18.90	33.08	109.32

Source: Independent NAVs are calculated daily by Frostrow Capital LLP (by Apex Listed Companies Services (UK) Limited pre 31.12.24). From January 2021 Total Return performance details shown are net NAV to NAV returns (including current financial year revenue items) with gross dividends re-invested. Prior to January 2021 Total Return performance details shown were net NAV to NAV returns (excluding current financial year revenue items) with gross dividends re-invested. Ordinary Share Price period returns displayed are calculated as Total Return on a Last price to Last price basis. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. The price of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. All figures are in GBP or sterling adjusted based on a midday FX rate consistent with the valuation point. Inception date 15 December 2015. Investments denominated in foreign currencies expose investors to the risk of loss from currency movements as well as movements in the value, price or income derived from the investments themselves and some of the investments referred to herein may be derivatives or other products which may involve different and more complex risks as compared to listed securities.

### Fund Statistics

Net Asset Value	£276.6m
Market Value	£251.3m
No. Ordinary Shares in issue	134,730,610
Launch date	Dec 2015
NAV per Ordinary Share cum Income GBp	205.28
NAV per Ordinary Share ex Income GBp	201.48
Ordinary Share Price GBp	186.50
Premium (Discount)	(9.2%)
Dividends Paid	Aug & Mar
Dividend Yield	2.9% <sup>(2)</sup>
Active Share	80.9% <sup>(3)</sup>
Financial Calendar Year End	31 October

### Company Fees:

Ongoing charges ratio (OCR) per year (30.04.24)	1.05% <sup>(4)</sup>
Annual Management Fee	0.75% <sup>(5)</sup>

### AIFMD Exposure Calculation:

Gross	118.6 (% NAV)
Commitment	117.2 (% NAV)

### Company Codes:

ISIN - Ordinary Share	GB00BYSRMH16
Sedol - Ordinary Share	BYSRMH1 GB
Bloomberg - Ordinary Share	CCJI LN

(1) Source: Frostrow Capital LLP.

(2) The yield is calculated using the actual dividends declared during the past 12 months and the closing Ordinary Share price as at the date of this factsheet.

(3) Source: Frostrow Capital LLP.

(4) Source: OCR is calculated by Apex Listed Companies Services (UK) Limited. This is rounded to 2 decimal places.

(5) The management fee is calculated on a tiered basis of 0.75% per annum on the first £300 million of net assets and 0.60% on net assets in excess of £300 million.

Top 10 Holdings	
Holding	%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	8.9
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	6.5
Nintendo	5.4
ITOCHU	5.2
SOFTBANK	4.9
SBI Japan	4.6
Tokio Marine	4.5
Shin-Etsu Chemical	4.3
Japan Securities Finance	4.0
Tokyo Metro	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.2</b>

Top 10 Sectors	
Holding	%
Chemicals	19.4
Banks	15.4
Info & Communications	9.6
Electrical Appliances	8.8
Wholesale	8.6
Insurance	7.3
Other Financing Business	7.1
Other Products	6.5
Services	6.0
Retail Trade	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.5</b>

## Commentary

The Net Asset Value of the CC Japan Income & Growth Trust fell by 0.8% in December. The primary Japanese equity indices rose during the month coinciding with a notable weakening of the yen from Y150/US\$ at the start of the month to above Y157/US/\$ by the end. In sterling terms, the move was slightly less pronounced but still significant for holders of the Trust with the yen depreciating from Y190/GBP to Y197/GBP.

The auto sector, in which the trust has a long standing and significant underweight position, performed strongly during the month. This followed the announcement that Nissan Motor, Mitsubishi Motor and Honda Motor had signed a memorandum of understanding ('MoU') to discuss integrating their respective businesses. The three companies acknowledge the technological challenges and rapidly evolving competitive environment in the auto industry and believe that in combination they will be able to maintain global leadership. By integrating operations, they also believe there will be opportunities for production, development and financial synergies which will lead to enhanced profitability. Many questions remain ... not least whether two auto manufacturers who had been struggling with the industry's electric transition can become stronger through combination? We believe the historical attempts to integrate Nissan with its former saviour, Renault, offers a cautionary precedent.

Honda also announced that it will buy back as much as Y1.1trn of its own shares, with the upper limit equivalent to 23.7% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury stock) with the aim of 'optimizing equity capital'. This undoubtedly boosts the prospects for the shares in the near term but addresses none of the fundamental longer-term challenges or delivers more consistent sustainable returns for shareholders which is particularly important in our assessment. This view was shared by the S&P Credit Ratings Agency who commented that the "repurchases do not contribute to strengthening the future business base and result in capital outflows".

The sector was also boosted by an unsubstantiated report that the leading company in the sector, Toyota Motor, is seeking to enhance its Return on Equity by the end of the decade by reforming its business model and enhancing its shareholder returns. This news resulted in a rebound in its share price from levels close to its lows for the year. To date, Toyota has managed the shifting industry landscape more successfully than its domestic peers, but this still presents a significant headwind for its business going forward. We do consider the ongoing improvement in capital allocation and efforts to unwind extensive cross-shareholdings to be a positive for the company and Japan as a whole. Toyota had for many years stubbornly refused to yield to the calls for change in corporate governance. Reports that Japan's leading company by market cap may now be accelerating the restructuring of its financial relationships with parts suppliers and peers sends a strong message to other corporate managers in Japan of the importance of the TSE's drive to improve capital efficiency.

## Company Information

**Launch date:** 15 December 2015

**AIC sector:** Japan

**Fund manager:** Richard Aston

### Directors:

June Aitken (Chair), Craig Cleland, Kate Cornish-Bowden, John Charlton-Jones

**Portfolio Manager:** Chikara Investment LLP

### AIFM, Administrator & Company

**Secretary:** Frostrow Capital LLP (effective 1 January 2025)

**Company Broker:** Peel Hunt

### Depository & Custodian:

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited

### Company Website:

[www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com](http://www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com)

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**Key Risks**

**Liquidity risk** – The Fund may encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

**Credit and counterparty risks** – the Fund may be exposed to credit and counterparty risks in relation to the securities and counterparties it invests in and with whom it transacts.

**Concentration risk** – This Fund holds a limited number of investments. If one of these falls in value, it can have a greater impact on the Fund's value than if the Fund held a larger number of investments.

**Currency risk** – Investing in assets in a currency other than your own exposes the value of your investment to exchange rate fluctuations.

**Derivatives** – the Fund may use derivatives as investments or to manage the risk profile of the Fund. Their use may increase the risk of losses as well as enhance potential gains as compared to funds that do not use derivatives.

**Sustainability Risk** - Environmental, social and governance events or conditions could occur that have an adverse impact on the value of the Fund's investments, either directly, or by contributing to the impact or materiality of other risks.

The Fund prospectus gives you further details about all the risks for this fund – see under “Important Information” for how to obtain a copy.

**Target Market** - The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties, and is eligible for all distribution channels. The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

**Value Assessment** -The AIFM has conducted an annual Value Assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The Assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations. Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company), and also considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Chikara Investments LLP, as AIFM prior to 1 January 2025, concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

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**Important Information**

The Key Information Document and the latest prospectus of the Company are available on the Company's website: [www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com](http://www.ccjapanincomeandgrowthtrust.com). All data as at 31.12.2024 unless stated otherwise.

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The Company may enter into long only contracts for difference or equity swaps for gearing and efficient portfolio management purposes. It may also use borrowing to seek to enhance investment returns. This will exaggerate market movements both up and down. Generally gearing, through borrowings and/or entering into long only contracts for difference or equity swaps, will not exceed the net asset value by more than 20% at the time of drawdown of the relevant borrowings or entering into the relevant transaction, as appropriate. Where the Company utilises such instruments, it is likely to take a credit risk with regard to the parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default.

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