

December 2023

**Investment Objective:** To achieve capital growth through investing in a focused portfolio of over-capitalised small-cap Japanese equities. Asset Value Investors will leverage its decades of experience investing in asset-backed companies to engage with company management and help to unlock value in this under-researched area of the market.

## HEADLINES

Portfolio commentary can be found in our Q4 shareholder letter, accessible on [www.ajot.co.uk](http://www.ajot.co.uk)

## THE FUND

(Figures to 31 December 2023)

Share Price (pence)

127.0

NAV

130.3

Prem./Disc.

-2.5%

EV/EBIT

8.7

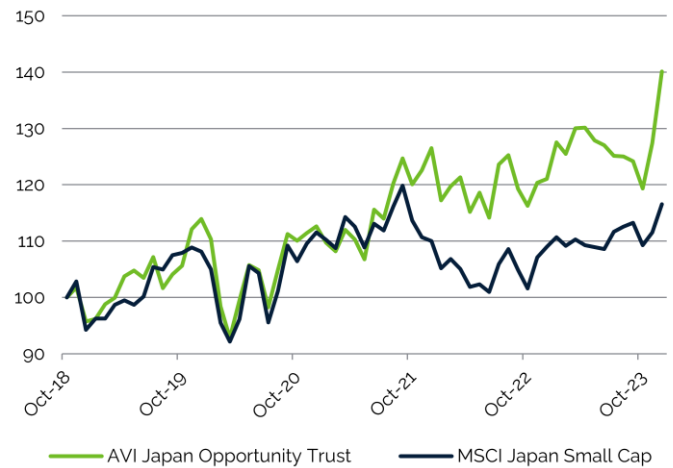
Net Cash/Market Cap

37.7%

NFV/Market Cap

49.1%

## NAV Total Return Since Inception (£)

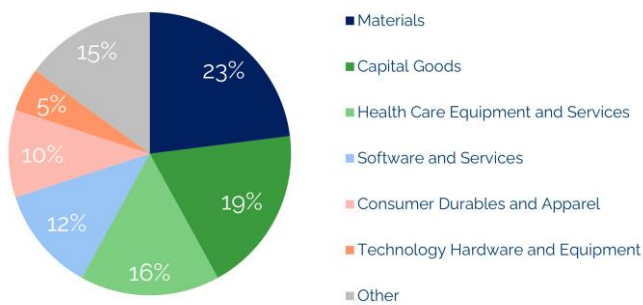


Total Return, £	Month	2023	1Y	3Y	SI*
AJOT Share Price	12.4%	14.8%	14.8%	18.7%	34.2%
AJOT NAV	10.0%	15.8%	15.8%	24.4%	40.5%
MSCI Jap Small Cap	4.5%	6.9%	6.9%	4.4%	16.2%

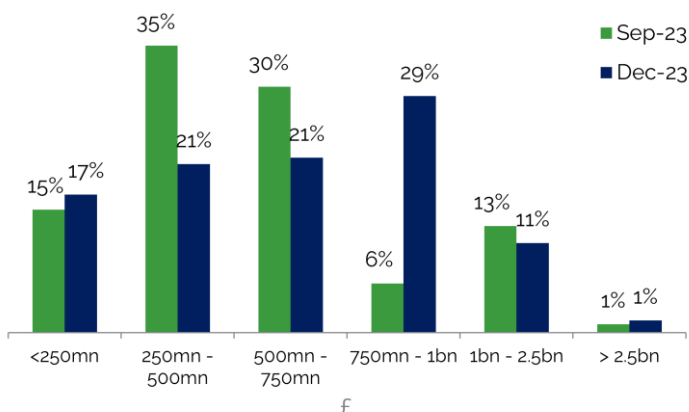
## PORTFOLIO

(Holdings to 31 December 2023)

## Sector Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



## Market Cap Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



## Top Ten Equity Holdings % of NAV

Holding	30-Sep-23	Holding	31-Dec-23
TSI Holdings	11.8	Nihon Kohden	9.7
Nihon Kohden	8.8	TSI Holdings	8.7
Takuma	8.2	Takuma	8.6
Konishi	7.9	Konishi	8.5
DTS	7.9	Shin-Etsu Polymer	7.4
Shin-Etsu Polymer	6.5	DTS	7.4
T Hasegawa	5.7	Eiken Chemical	6.5
Wacom	5.6	Wacom	5.6
Jade Group	5.5	Jade Group	5.5
Digital Garage	4.7	NC Holdings	4.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72.8</b>
% Gearing	4.4	% Gearing	1.6
No. of Holdings	22	No. of Holdings	22

## STATISTICS

## Contributors / Detractors (in GBP)

Largest Contributors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
Nihon Kohden	214	9.7
Shin-Etsu Polymer	148	7.4
Jade Group	142	5.5
Takuma	118	8.6
Digital Garage	96	4.5

Largest Detractors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
TSI Holdings	-11	8.7
Shiga Bank	-5	1.5
Wacom	-4	5.6

## Fund Facts

Launch Date	23 October 2018
Net Assets	£183.0m
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors Limited
AJOT Shares owned by the Manager***	2,717,716
Shareholder Services	Link Asset Services
Management Fee**	1.0% of lower of market cap or NAV
Website	www.ajot.co.uk
Ticker Code	AJOT.LN
ISIN	GB00BD6H5D36

	1m	1y	3y	SI
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Net Asset Value TR	10.0%	15.8%	24.4%	40.5%
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Calendar Year Net Returns	YTD	2022	2021	2020
Share Price TR	14.8%	-6.0%	10.0%	-1.1%
Net Asset Value TR	15.8%	-4.5%	12.4%	-0.7%
MSCI Jap Small Cap	6.9%	-4.3%	12.3%	-1.2%

## Capital Structure

Ordinary Shares	140,836,702
Shares held in Treasury	400,000
TONAR + 1.15% Revolving Credit facility	¥2,930,000

## Gross Assets/Gearing

Gross Assets	199.3m
Debt at fair value (gross)	16.3m
Gearing (net)	1.6%

All performance shown in GBP Total Return

\* 23 October 2018 Start Date

\*\* 25% of Management Fee to be reinvested in shares of AJOT

\*\*\* Shares owned by AVI Ltd & AVI employees

## Investment Manager – Joe Bauernfreund

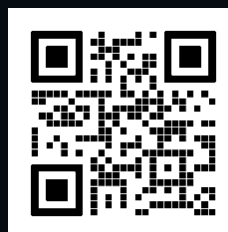
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The share price can be found in The Financial Times.  
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Information may be found on the following websites:

[www.ajot.co.uk](http://www.ajot.co.uk)

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