

**Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund: JSM** 

Interim Report (March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023)

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# Message from the Company

#### To Unitholders

#### **Market Summary**

Global economy slowed down due to aggressive rate hike by FED and other major central banks, and high level of inflation. Economic activities returned to near normal level especially in the US and Europe. Such improvements together with higher inflation caused central banks and governments to remove supporting fiscal and monetary policies. A rise in inflation and expectation of FED hikes led to a sharp rise in bond yields although real interest rates remained at low level. Continuous rate hikes in 2022 also raised concerns on economic recession. Geopolitical risks, high level of inflation and more than expected rate hikes will be negative factors to economic growth as well as global capital markets, and will cause higher volatility.

#### Fund's Investment Strategy

Mainly invest in units of United Japan Small and Mid Cap Fund (Master Fund), which is set up and managed by UOB Asset Management Ltd (Singapore). The Fund seeks to achieve long term capital growth through investing in securities of small and medium capitalization corporations listed, domiciled, or having substantial operations, in Japan.

The Fund's investment approach continues to be driven by bottom-up stock selection. Fund continue to allocate capital to high-quality and sustainable growth companies that are reasonably priced. Our focus is on companies with strong competitive advantages, healthy cash flow and proven track record.

#### Asset allocation as at August 31, 2023

Sector	%/NAV
Industrials	33.79
Information Technology	26.99
Consumer Discretionary	15.67
Materials	6.96
Health Care	4.99
Financial	1.59
Real Estate	1.45
Utilities	1.37
Others	1.98
Cash	5.21

As we have managed Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund for a period of half year on August 31, 2023, we would like to inform the net value to unit holder, The fund has a net asset value 290,234,001.08 Baht in asset value or its earning per unit is at 22.0679 Baht.

In this connection, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the trust of all Unitholders has been extended to us for your investment Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund. Should you have any further question or need more information, you can monitor or follow the announcement the net asset value of the Fund in the company website.

UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

(Mr. Vana Bulbon)

In Home

Chief Executive Officer

# List of Board of Directors And Management Team UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

# **Board of Directors**

1. Mr. Lee Wai Fai Chairman Board of Director

Mr. Thio Boon Kiat Director
 Mr. Sanchai Apisaksirikul Director
 Ms. Aumporn Supjindavong Director

5. Mr. Vana Bulbon Director and CEO

#### **Management Team**

1. Mr. Vana Bulbon Chief Executive Officer

Mrs. Sunaree Piboonsakkul Senior Director (Operation Division)
 Mr. Jerdphan Nithayayon Senior Director (Investment Division)

4. Ms. Rachada Tangharat Executive Director (Business Development Division)

# Office Location

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Dear: The Unit holders of JAPAN SMALL AND MID CAP FUND

Mutual Fund Supervisor Opinion

We, The Kasikornbank Public Company Limited, as the Mutual Fund Supervisor of JAPAN SMALL AND MID CAP FUND by UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd. from March 1, 2023 until August 31, 2023 consider that UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd. has well performed and fully completed its duties pursuant to its project and Securities and Exchange Act B.E. 2535.

**Mutual Fund Supervisor** 

September 8, 2023

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

# Name List of Fund Manager

# For the period of March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

No.	Name List of Fund Manager				
1	Ms. Vannachan	Ungthavorn*			
2	Mr. Thitirat	Ratanasingha*			
3	Mr. Tanapat	Suriyodorn			
4	Mr. Guy	Siriphanporn*			
5	Ms. Pornsajee	Worasuttipisit			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$   $\,$  Fund manager and portfolio manager in derivatives ( if any ).

# **Fund Performance**

Registration Date Mar 25, 2014

Ending Date of Accounting Period Aug 31, 2023

	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ผลตอบแทนของกองทุน										
(Fund Return)	N/A	17.41%	22.81%	-0.29%	41.71%	-14.12%	16.00%	0.54%	7.03%	-9.50%
ผลตอบแทนตัวชี้วัด										
(Benchmark Return)	N/A	7.96%	23.10%	3.88%	17.33%	-16.27%	9.08%	8.03%	8.53%	-10.84%
ความผันผวนของผลดำเนินงาน										
(Fund Standard Deviation)	N/A	9.98%	15.56%	21.50%	8.72%	19.74%	14.86%	24.68%	14.58%	17.14%
ความผันผวนของตัวชี้วัด										
(Benchmark Standard Deviation)	N/A	11.51%	15.46%	18.98%	9.07%	16.05%	12.12%	21.11%	14.05%	16.20%

	ตั้งแต่ต้นปี (YTD) <sup>1)</sup>	3 เดือน (3 Months) <sup>1)</sup>	6 เดือน (6 Months) <sup>1)</sup>	1 ปี (1 Year) <sup>2)</sup>	3 ปี (3 Years) <sup>2)</sup>	5 ปี (5 Years) <sup>2)</sup>	10 ปี (10 Years) <sup>2)</sup>	ตั้งแต่จัดตั้ง (Since Inception) <sup>3)</sup>
	(TID)	(3 Monus)	(6 Months)	(I Teal) -/	(3 Teals)	(5 Teals)	(10 Teals)-/	(Since inception)
ผลตอบแทนของกองทุน	11.64%	6.78%	8.10%	6.85%	6.81%	1.44%	N/A	8.75%
(Fund Return)	11.0476	0.70%	0.10%	0.0076	0.0176	1.44 /0	IV/A	0.7576
ผลตอบแทนตัวชี้วัด								
(Benchmark Return)	11.41%	5.97%	7.91%	7.60%	5.75%	1.84%	N/A	5.93%
ความผันผวนของผลดำเนินงาน								
(Fund Standard Deviation)	10.43%	5.97%	9.35%	13.55%	12.36%	16.79%	N/A	14.57%
ความผันผวนของตัวชี้วัด								
(Benchmark Standard Deviation)	10.38%	5.93%	8.77%	14.07%	11.78%	13.33%	N/A	11.55%

Remark: 1.Return per period

- 2. Return per year
- 3. If Since inception < 1 Year Return per period, If Since inception ≥ 1 Year Return per year
- Benchmark: MSCI Japan SMID Cap Index converted in THB.
- Performance measures used in this annual report comply with AIMC performance presentation standards.
- Past performance / performance comparison relating to a capital market product is not a guarantee of future results.

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

# Total Expenses as called from fund Table

# From March 1, 2023 To August 31, 2023

Called expenses from fund (Fund's direct expense)	Amount	Percentage of
	Unit : Thousand	Net Assets Value
Management fee	2,508.70	1.6050
Trustee fee	50.17	0.0321
Transaction fee	-	-
Registrar fee	200.70	0.1284
Advisory fee	-	-
Sale Promotion - IPO	-	-
Sale Promotion - After IPO	-	-
Auditing Fee	23.52	0.0076
Other Expenses*	8.20	0.0026
Total Expenses **	2,791.29	1.7757
Rebate fee	Amount	Percentage of
	Unit : Baht	Net Assets Value
Rebate fee	1,577,969.71	0.5090

Remark \* Other expense which each items is less than 0.01% of NAV

<sup>\*\*</sup> Included VAT (if any) and Not included brokerage fee

#### Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

# Details of Investment ,Borrowing and Obligations

# As of August 31, 2023

	Market Value	%NAV
Domestic : Assets and Securities List		
<u>Deposits</u>	<u>5,313,639.55</u>	<u>1.83</u>
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK (THAI) PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED	3,012,345.85	1.04
KASIKORNBANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED (JPY)	1,187,401.37	0.41
KASIKORNBANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED	1,113,892.33	0.38
<u>Others</u>	-229,448.44	<u>-0.08</u>
OtherAssets	243,752.26	0.08
Other Liabilities	-473,200.70	-0.16
SINGAPORE : Assets and Securities List		
Common Stocks	273,886,754.67	94.37
Non Listed Securities	273,886,754.67	94.37
Unit Trust	273,886,754.67	94.37
UJJP	273,886,754.67	94.37
Futures Contracts		
Forward Contracts	11,263,055.30	<u>3.88</u>
Forward Contracts	11,263,055.30	3.88
Net Asset Value	290,234,001.08	100.00

# Details of Instruments and the Ranking of Credit of respective Instruments in the Portfolio Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund As of August 31, 2023

# Detail of investment in the Futures contacts

Type of Contract	Counter Party	Ratin	Objective	Market Value	%NAV	Maturity Date	(net gain/loss)
Currency Derivatives Contracts							
Forward Contracts	CIMB THAI BANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED	AA	Hedging	484,900.00	0.17	18/10/2023	484,900.00
	THE SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED	AA+	Hedging	10,924,003.10	3.76	18/10/2023	10,924,003.10
	THE SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED	AA+	Hedging	-145,847.80	-0.05	18/10/2023	-145,847.80

#### UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

#### Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

#### Financial Statement

(Unaudited)

Statements of Income		Balance sheets	
From March 1, 2023 To August 31, 2023		As at August 31, 2023	
Investment Incomes		Assets Investments at fairvalue (at cost : Baht 259,360,563,03 )	273,886,754.67
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Dividend income	0.00	Cash at banks	5,307,490.84
Interest income	16,457.02	Accounts receivable	
Other income	1,577,969.71	From sales of investments	0.00
Total incomes	1,594,426.73	From dividend and interest	6,148.71
Expenses		Deferred expenses - net	0.00
Management fee	2,508,696.81	Other asset	11,506,807.56
Trustee fee	50,173.94	Total Assets	290,707,201.78
Registrar fee	200,695.72		
Set-up Fund Fee	0.00	Liabilities	
Investment advisory fee	0.00	Accounts payable From purchases of investments	0.00
Professional fee	23,523.10	Accrued expenses	468,682.45
Deferred expenses-written off	0.00	Other liabilities	4,518.25
Other expenses	10,668.55	Total Liabilities	473,200.70
Total expenses	2,793,758.12		
Net income (loss) from investments	(1,199,331.39)	Net assets :	290,234,001.08
Gain (Loss) on exchange rate	5,868,338.86		
Net gain (loss) on investments		Net assets	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	2,203,821.58	Capital received from unitholders	131,518,337.33
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,026,254.22	Retained earnings	
Net unrealized gain (loss) on forward sold contract	16,786,799.58	Equalization account	(875,503,152.02)
Total net gain (loss) on investments	20,016,875.38	Retained earnings from operations	1,034,218,815.77
		Net assets value	290,234,001.08
Increase (Decrease) in asset from operations	24,685,882.85	Net assets value per unit	22.0679
Dividend payment during year	0.00		

24,685,882.85 Investment units sold at the end of the year (units)

Increase (Decrease) in net asset from operations

13,151,833.7327

# Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

For the period of March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

0.000/
0.00%
0.0070

# Credit rating of the bank or financial institution

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

# As of August 31, 2023

Bank of deposit	Credit ratings by international	Credit ratings by domestic		
	institution	institution		
United Overseas Bank (Thai) Pcl.	Baa1 (Moody)	AAA (Fitch)		

# **List of Soft Commission**

No	Brokerage	Soft Commission	Reason for receiving
-	- None -	-	-

#### **List of Connected Person with transactions**

#### For the Period of March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

List of Connected Persons who had transactions with Fund

UOB Asset Management (Singapore)

#### Remark:

The investors can verify the Connected Persons' transactions of fund directly at UOB Asset Management (Thailand) Co., Ltd. or through the website of the Company (www.uobam.co.th) or The Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.or.th)

# Report on non-compliance of investment limit

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

# For the Period of March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Date	Fund Name	Ratio at the end of the day (%NAV)	Ratios of the project (%NAV)	cause	performance
-None-	-	-	-	-	-

# Information on the exceeding of 1/3 unit holding

# Japan Small And Mid Cap Fund

#### As of August 31, 2023

-None-

# Remark:

The investor can verify the information on the exceeding of 1/3 unit holding through the website of the company (www.uobam.co.th)



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ลงน้อ	s. śwg	🗀 ร. ย้ายไม่ทราบที่อยู่ใหม่	6 เดิกกิจการ	ร. ไม่มารับภายในกำหนด	🔲 4 ไม่มีผู้รับตามจำหน้า	🗌 3. ในโยอมรับ	🔲 2. ไปมีเลขที่บ้านตามจำหน้า	🗌 1. จำหน้าไม่ชัดเอน	เหตุขัดข้องที่น่าถ่ายผู้รับไม่ได้