



# KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides you with key investor information about the Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in the Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

**SPARX Japan Fund (the "Fund"), a sub-fund of SPARX Funds plc (the "Company")**  
**EUR Hedged Class B (the "Shares") - Hedged - ISIN IE00BNCB6368**  
**The Fund is managed by Bridge Fund Management Limited (the "Manager")**

## Objectives and Investment Policy

The Fund's objective is to provide long-term capital growth by identifying and acquiring undervalued Japanese equities by capitalizing on the Investment Advisor's intensive "in-house" research expertise and extensive information network established through independent investment experience in Japan since 1989. The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. In seeking to achieve its objective, the Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of Japanese companies, and in any event, will at all times invest at least two-thirds of its total assets in equity securities issued by companies which are domiciled or exercise the predominant part of their economic activity in Japan. The Fund may invest the rest of its assets in ancillary liquid assets such as money market instruments (including banker's acceptances, commercial paper and negotiable certificates of deposit) or cash deposits. The Fund will invest primarily in securities denominated in Japanese yen. The Fund's equity investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants and other rights (which are issued by a company to allow holders to subscribe for additional securities issued by that company), and securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stocks which are listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges. The Fund may also invest in J-REITS (that is Real Estate Investment Trusts formed under Japanese Law which invest in Japanese Real Estate) that are closed-ended and that are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Pursuant to the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, this Fund is classified as a fund that promotes environmental and/or social characteristics. For further information on the Fund's investment approach with respect to sustainability and non-financial criteria, please refer to the Supplement for the Fund.

The Fund's portfolio is actively managed, and investment selection is

research driven. The investment objective of the Fund is not to track or benchmark its performance against any index. The TOPIX Total Return Index (the "Reference Index") is used as a reference for performance measurement purposes only and not used to determine the composition of the Fund. As outperforming the Reference Index is not part of the Fund's investment objective, the degree to which the Fund's holdings and weightings are similar to the Reference Index is coincidental. The Fund's investment strategy has no restrictions regarding the extent to which the Fund's holdings may deviate from the Reference Index.

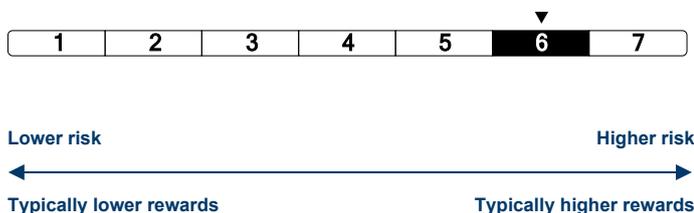
Hedged share classes will use forward currency contracts for hedging purposes and will engage in these hedging activities to reduce risk, with an objective to preserve the principal value of the portfolio investments. In particular, the Investment Advisor will hedge the Shares against exchange rate fluctuation risks between the EUR and the base currency of the Fund.

The Shares are accumulating. It is not the Directors current intention to declare and pay a dividend to the Shareholders in the Class.

The Investment Advisor recommends long term investment in the Fund. You may redeem your Shares in the Fund on each Irish and Japanese business day. For the full investment objective, policy and strategy of the Fund and further information please refer to the prospectus for the Company and the Fund Information Card.

**For more information about the investment policies and strategies please refer to the sections entitled "Investment Policy" and "Principal Investment Strategies" in the Fund Information Card for the Fund.**

## Risk and Reward Profile



This indicator is a measure of a fund's volatility over the past five years. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free. The Fund has been classed as 6 because its volatility has been assessed as high.

Risks materially relevant to the Fund which may not be adequately captured by the indicator include:  
The risk and reward profile of the Fund shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time. This means the Fund is not guaranteed to always stay in the same category.

The principal risk is that the value of Shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and, accordingly, an investor may not get back the full amount invested.

Another risk is that the securities of small sized (by market capitalisation) companies, or financial instruments related to such securities, may have a more limited market than the securities of larger companies, resulting in more difficulty effecting sales of such securities at an advantageous time or without a substantial drop in price than securities of large capitalisation companies that have broad trading markets. In addition, securities of small sized

companies may have greater price volatility as they are generally more vulnerable to adverse market factors.

Investment in securities traded on JASDAQ or MOTHERS involve considerations that are not applicable when investing in established, large cap companies, including reduced or less stringent listing standards for companies and markets, less disclosure requirements, illiquidity of securities and markets and increased market risk in general.

Hedging transactions will be entered into to mitigate Shareholders' exposure to movements in the base currency of the Fund. Whilst this may substantially protect investors against a fluctuation in the value of the base currency of the Fund against the EUR Hedged Class B currency, this will not provide total protection against currency fluctuations and may lead to variations in the net asset value ("NAV") per Share and thus the relative performance of a Share class.

Although the Fund will be considered a diversified portfolio there is the risk that the Fund may employ a relatively focused investment strategy and may hold securities of fewer issuers than other diversified funds.

Not all securities or instruments invested in by the Fund will be listed or rated and consequently liquidity may be low. The accumulation and disposal of holdings in some investments may be time consuming and may need to be conducted at unfavourable prices. The Fund may also encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

The Company prospectus and the Fund Information Card give you more details about all of the risk factors for the Fund.

## Charges

| One-off charges taken before or after you invest  |  |
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| <b>Entry Charge</b>   | It is not the current intention of the Directors to charge a subscription fee. The Directors are, however, entitled to charge a subscription fee of up to 5% on subscription proceeds.   |
| <b>Exit Charge</b>  | It is not the current intention of the Directors to charge a redemption fee. The Directors are, however, entitled to charge a redemption fee of up to 3% on redemptions requested within 60 days of the relevant subscription by that Shareholder. |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out. |  |
| Charges taken from the Fund over the year   |  |
| <b>Ongoing Charges</b>  | 1.2%*  |
| Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions   |  |
| <b>Performance Fee</b>  | 0.0 %  |

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. The **entry** and **exit** charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. Please refer to your financial advisor or the distributor for actual entry and exit charges.

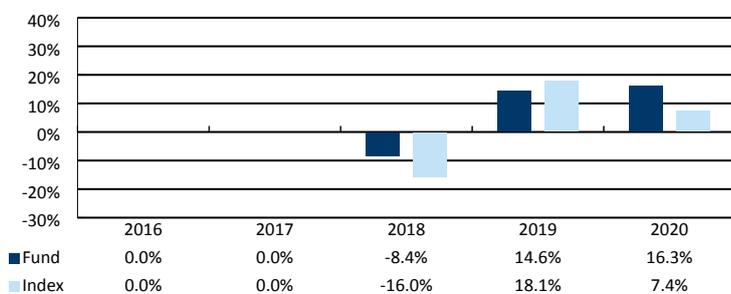
\*The Ongoing Charge figure is based on expenses for the 12 month period ending 31st December, 2020.

\*The Ongoing Charge figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

The Directors in consultation with the Manager may impose an anti-dilution levy which the Investment Advisor considers represents an appropriate figure to cover dealing costs, of up to 0.25% in the event of receipt for processing of net subscription or redemption requests exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, including subscriptions and / or redemptions which would be effected as a result of requests for conversion from the Fund into another Fund.

**For more information about charges, please see the section of the prospectus entitled "Fees and Expenses", which is available at: <http://www.sparxfunds.ie/>**

## Past Performance



- Past Performance is not an indicator of future returns
- The past performance shown here takes account of all charges and costs
- The Shares were launched in May 2017
- The figures display how much the share class in the Fund increased or decreased in value during each year
- The base currency of this share class is EUR.
- The performance of the share class is not tracking the index in the chart.

## Practical Information

**Depository:** HSBC France, Dublin Branch

- Minimum Subscription: EUR 1,000,000
- The NAV per Share is calculated in EUR. The NAV will be published on the business day following the relevant dealing day and made available on the internet at [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) and will be updated following each calculation of the Share.
- The Fund is subject to tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your home country of residence, this might have an impact on your investment. For further details, please speak to an adviser.
- You are entitled to switch from one Fund of the Company to another, subject to the Fund's switching charge. Please refer to the Company prospectus and Fund Information Card for the Fund for further information on how to switch.
- Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Manager are published online at <https://bridgeconsulting.ie/management-company-services/>. This includes the description of how remuneration and benefits are awarded for employees, and information on the remuneration committee. The Manager provides a paper copy free of charge upon request.
- The assets of the Fund are segregated from other funds in the Company. You can find out more information about the Company in the prospectus. The prospectus and periodic reports are in the name of the Company.
- Copies of the prospectus and the annual and half-yearly reports of the Company and the Fund may be obtained from the Administrator, free of charge, by contacting [dub.afs.is@hsbc.com](mailto:dub.afs.is@hsbc.com).
- The Directors of the Company may be held liable under law for any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Company and the Fund Information Card.