

# BOCHK INVESTMENT FUNDS

## BOCHK JAPAN EQUITY FUND

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### Important Notes:

- Investment involves risks and BOCHK Japan Equity Fund (the "Sub-Fund") may not be suitable for everyone. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The Sub-Fund is subject to market and exchange rate fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. Price of Units and the income (if any) generated from the Sub-Fund may go down as well as up. Investors could face no returns and/or suffer significant loss related to the investments. There is no guarantee in respect of repayment of principal.
- The key risks to which the Sub-Fund is subject to include: general investment risk, currency risk, equity market risk, single country and concentration risk, derivative instruments risk and tax risk.
- Please refer to the offering document of the Sub-Fund for further details including investment objectives and policies, charges and expenses, and risk factors, before making any investment decision.

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE IN USD [Gross Distribution Reinvested]

	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Sub-Fund — Class A	3.68%	-0.02%	25.98%	9.52%	53.04%	62.83%
Reference Index <sup>^</sup>	4.65%	0.50%	28.38%	16.39%	70.50%	125.44%

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE IN USD

	Sub-Fund — Class A	Reference Index <sup>^</sup>
2016	0.72%	2.38%
2017	20.00%	23.99%
2018	-15.45%	-12.88%
2019	18.05%	19.61%
2020	12.46%	14.48%

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

1	SOFTBANK GROUP CORP	3.6%
2	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	3.5%
3	SONY CORP	3.2%
4	KEYENCE CORP	2.0%
5	NINTENDO CO LTD	1.7%
6	RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	1.6%
7	BOCIP JAPAN SMALL&MID CAP OPPORTUNITY	1.6%
8	TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	1.4%
9	mitsubishi UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP	1.4%
10	NIDEC CORP	1.4%

### FUND DATA (Class A)

Investment Manager	BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited
Fund Size (Million)	USD 46.70
Inception Date	9 July 2004
Base Currency	USD
Management Fee (p.a.)	1.5%
Initial Charge	5%
Switching Fee	1% <sup>▲</sup> or Nil <sup>▲▲</sup>
NAV per unit	USD 16.2829
12 Months NAV <sup>††</sup>	Highest: USD 16.2865 Lowest: USD 12.0490
Morningstar Overall Rating <sup>†††</sup>	★★
Risk Level <sup>♦</sup>	High
Standard Deviation	15.08%
Beta	0.99
Bloomberg Ticker	BOCJPEQ HK EQUITY
ISIN Code	HK0000039815

The value of the investment products managed by BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited represents 1.6% of the Sub-Fund's fund size.

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<sup>^</sup> Prior to 1 January 2007, "MSCI Japan Total Return (USD)" was used as the Sub-Fund's reference index. Started from 1 January 2007, the Sub-Fund's reference index was changed to "MSCI Daily TR Net Japan USD".

<sup>\*\*</sup> With effect from 17 December 2018, sector classification methodology for the Sub-Fund has been updated slightly. Accordingly, the sector allocation has been restructured and the sector named "Telecom" has been replaced by "Communication Services".

<sup>§</sup> "Net Liquidity" was formerly named as "Cash & Deposit".

<sup>##</sup> The manager's comment above solely reflects the opinion, view and interpretation of the fund managers as of the date of issuance of this document. Investors should not solely rely on such information to make any investment decision.

<sup>♦</sup> Risk levels are categorized into low, low to medium, medium, medium to high and high. The risk levels are determined by BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited based on the investment mix of each Sub-Fund and/or its underlying investments, and represent only the views of BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited in respect of the relevant Sub-Fund. Such risk levels are for reference only and should not be regarded as investment advice. You should not rely on the risk levels only when making any investment decision. The risk level is determined based on data as at 31 December 2020 and will be reviewed and (if appropriate) updated at least annually without prior notice, taking into account the prevailing market circumstances. If you are in doubt about the information of risk level, you should seek independent financial and professional advice.

<sup>††</sup> 12 Months Highest / Lowest NAV per Unit was calculated by reference to the NAV per Unit on each month's last dealing day.

<sup>▲</sup> For switching into a different class (denominated in a different currency) of Class A Units relating to the same Sub-Fund or switching into Class A Units of another Sub-Fund which is not a Money Market Sub-Fund.

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Investors should note that Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited is not the Manager of the Sub-Fund and will only act as the Sponsor and Distributor whilst BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited is the Manager. Fund performance is calculated in the base currency of the Sub-Fund or the denominated currency of the relevant class of Units of the Sub-Fund on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross distribution reinvested. The data for "Standard Deviation", "Beta" and "Morningstar Overall Rating<sup>†††</sup>" will not be shown for the Sub-Fund or the relevant class of the Units of the Sub-Fund with less than 3-year history. "Standard Deviation", a risk measurement, is based on the monthly return of the Sub-Fund or the relevant class of Units of the Sub-Fund over the past 3 years in the base currency of the Sub-Fund or the denominated currency of the relevant class of Units of the Sub-Fund. "Beta" measures the sensitivity of the return of the Sub-Fund or the relevant class of Units of the Sub-Fund to the changes in its reference index. This document is issued by BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited and has not been reviewed by the SFC.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The BOCHK Japan Equity Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital growth through investing primarily (at least 70% of its non-cash assets) in listed equities and equity related securities of companies whose activities are closely related to the economic development and growth of the Japan economy. Such equities and equity related securities may be listed on various stock exchanges in Japan, the United States, London or Singapore.

### MANAGER'S COMMENT<sup>##</sup>

#### On Market

Japan's preliminary GDP estimate for October-December 2020 showed a second consecutive quarter of major growth, exceeding market consensus with exports and personal consumption contributing the most. The outlook for the current quarter might be weaker due to the reissuance of the state of emergency in January. However, the slowing rate of new coronavirus infections and the vaccination program rolling out might set a stage for economic recovery in coming months. Scandal surrounding PM Suga's son aroused public anger and as Japan remained committed to hold the Tokyo Olympics despite the pandemic, popularity of Suga dropped to new low. Stability of the current administration has posed a new risk after sustained calmness in the Abe era.

Japan equities moved higher in February, marking its highest level in decades. The local vaccination program, stronger-than-expected preliminary GDP figure and heightened expectation for the early rollout of additional stimulus in the US all buoyed investment sentiment. The market fell back in the latter part of the month after a spike in US Treasury yields triggered a retreat in global markets. Energy related stocks performed the best while Health Care & Pharmaceuticals dropped in contrast.

#### On Portfolio

The Sub-Fund slightly underperformed the reference index in February. Successful stock selection in Information Technology offset some of the negatives. The sharp run-up in Japan equities might have gone ahead of fundamentals, but the expected normalization of both the local and foreign economies remain positive to equity market. Thus the Sub-Fund would adopt a more neutral stance to reduce the near term risks.

