

## Key information (unaudited)

as of 31 August 2023

<b>Total Net Assets (m)</b>	£168.5
<b>Total Net Asset Value per Share</b>	149.10 p
<b>Share Price</b>	136.00p
<b>Discount</b>	-8.8%
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	NAVF LN

## Performance

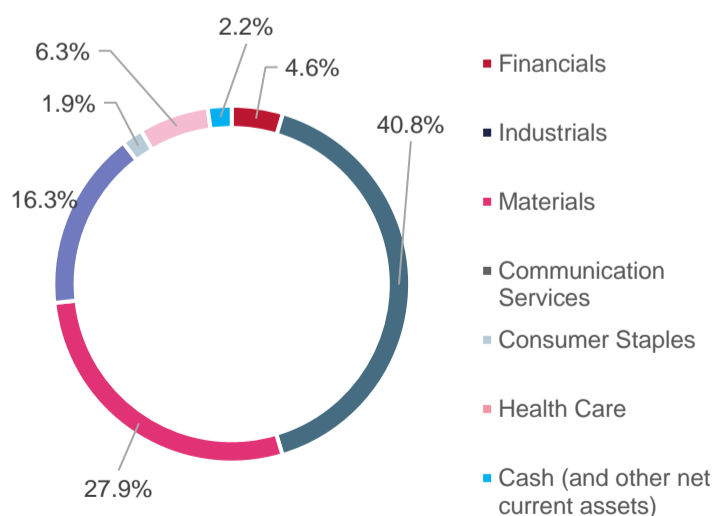
Performance	Month	Since Inception
NAVF Share Price	-7.5%	+36.0%
NAVF Net Asset Value	+0.5%	+49.1%

## Portfolio characteristics

<b>Equity Investments</b>	97.8%
<b>Price / Book</b>	126.6%
<b>Price / Earnings</b>	17.6x
<b>EV / EBITDA</b>	6.0x
<b>*Adjusted Cash / Market Cap</b>	34.7%
<b>**Net Working Capital / Market Cap</b>	41.8%

## Sector breakdown

as a percentage of net assets



## About NAVF

Nippon Active Value Fund ("NAVF") is an Investment Trust listed on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange. The investment advisor of the Fund is Rising Sun Management Limited.

NAVF is targeting attractive levels of capital growth for shareholders from the active management of a focused portfolio of quoted small cap Japanese equity investments.

The investment advisor, Rising Sun Management Limited, targets companies which are attractive, undervalued and have a substantial proportion of their market capitalisation held in cash and/or listed securities and/or realisable assets.

## Top 10 holdings as a percentage of net assets

as of 31 August 2023

<b>1</b>	<b>INTAGE HOLDINGS INC</b>	(Communication Services)	12.4%
<b>2</b>	<b>MITSUBOSHI BELTING</b>	(Industrials)	8.3%
<b>3</b>	<b>EBARA JITSUGYO CO</b>	(Industrials)	8.1%
<b>4</b>	<b>NIPPON FINE CHEM</b>	(Materials)	7.2%
<b>5</b>	<b>TOYOTA INDUSTRIES</b>	(Industrials)	6.6%
<b>6</b>	<b>STELLA CHEMIFA</b>	(Materials)	4.5%
<b>7</b>	<b>MEISEI INDUSTRIAL</b>	(Industrials)	4.4%
<b>8</b>	<b>ISHIHARA CHEMICAL</b>	(Materials)	4.1%
<b>9</b>	<b>VITAL KSK HOLDINGS</b>	(Healthcare)	4.0%
<b>10</b>	<b>JAPAN SECS FINANCE</b>	(Financials)	3.7%

## Monthly Market Commentary

August was a good month for the portfolio. Of 28 stocks in the portfolio, 24 were up, with only four either flat or slightly negative. Best performer was Japan Securities Finance, up over 5% in the month and 103% since we started buying it. The top ten stocks accounted for roughly 63.1% of NAV, while producing a 3% dividend. If we extend the universe to include the top 20 stocks, those metrics are 91.3% and 2.8%. Notwithstanding, this positive backdrop, the yen has continued to weaken and, other than the intensive continuation of corporate finance work, there have been no further announcements of acquisitions. Consequently, the discount of the share price to NAV has widened somewhat from recent levels.

The Abrdn and Atlantis 'roll-ups' continue toward their General Meeting votes, and we are delighted to announce that both the deal circular and the new prospectus, taking NAVF to the LSE's premium segment, were published following their approval at the Board Meeting on the last day of the month. Both deals remain on track.

Lastly, during the month Bain & Co announced an MBO of T&K Toka at Y1400 per share. The Concert Party of NAVF and its associates now owns over 23% of the company. This story has not yet reached its conclusion...

\*Adjusted Cash / Market Cap = (Cash + Cross Shareholdings - Debt) / Market Cap

\*\*Net Working Capital / Market Cap = (Cross Shareholdings + Total Current Assets - Total Liabilities) / Market Cap

## Important notice

**Nippon Active Value Fund (“NAVF”) is an investment trust, listed on the London Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom, and advised by Rising Sun Management Limited. The value of its shares, and any income from them, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.**

The specific risks associated with the NAVF include:

NAVF invests in overseas securities. Changes in the rates of exchange may also cause the value of your investment (and any income it may pay) to go down or up.

NAVF can borrow money to make further investments (sometimes known as “gearing” or “leverage”). The risk is that when this money is repaid by NAVF, the value of the investments may not be enough to cover the borrowing and interest costs, and NAVF will make a loss. If NAVF’s investments fall in value, any invested borrowings will increase the amount of this loss.

NAVF can buy back its own shares. The risks from borrowing, referred to above, are increased when a trust buys back its own shares.

Market values for securities which have become difficult to trade may not be readily available and there can be no assurance that any value assigned to such securities will accurately reflect the price NAVF might receive upon their sale.

NAVF can make use of derivatives which may impact on its performance.

Investment in smaller companies is generally considered higher

risk as changes in their share prices may be greater and the shares may be harder to sell. Smaller companies may do less well in periods of unfavourable economic conditions.

NAVF’s exposure to a single market and currency may increase risk.

The aim of NAVF is to achieve capital growth. It does not target a specific yield and might not pay a dividend every year.

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