

## Key information

as of 29 February 2024

<b>Total Net Assets (m)</b>	£329.74
<b>Total Net Asset Value per Share</b>	174.34p
<b>Share Price</b>	169.00p
<b>Discount</b>	-3.1%
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	NAVF LN

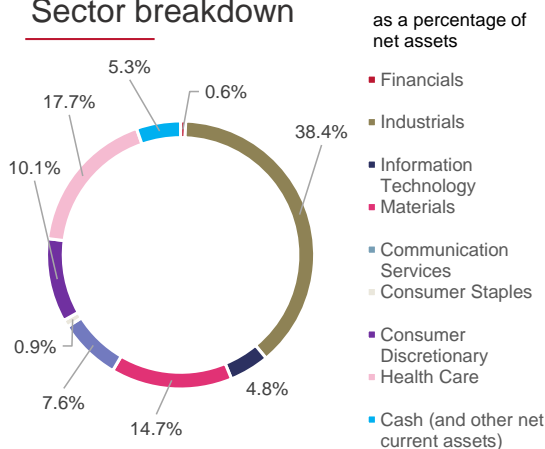
## Performance

Performance	Month	Since Inception
<b>Total Return</b>		
NAVF Share Price	+2.4%	+69.0%
NAVF Net Asset Value	+2.6%	+74.3%

## Portfolio characteristics

<b>Equity Investments</b>	94.7%
<b>Price / Book</b>	115.7%
<b>Price / Earnings</b>	16.9x
<b>EV / EBITDA</b>	5.6x
<b>*Adjusted Cash / Market Cap</b>	39.2%
<b>**Net Working Capital / Market Cap</b>	47.4%

## Sector breakdown



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

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



## About NAVF

Nippon Active Value Fund ("NAVF" or the "Fund") is an Investment Trust admitted on the Premium Segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and to the Premium Listing Segment of the Official List. The Investment Adviser 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 and mid cap Japanese equity investments.

The Investment Adviser targets companies which are perceived by the Investment Adviser to be 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

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<b>1</b>	<b>FUJI MEDIA HOLDINGS INC</b>	(Communication Services)	6.5%
<b>2</b>	<b>BUNKA SHUTTER CO</b>	(Industrials)	6.2%
<b>3</b>	<b>MEISEI INDUSTRIAL</b>	(Industrials)	6.0%
<b>4</b>	<b>EIKEN CHEMICAL CO</b>	(Healthcare)	5.6%
<b>5</b>	<b>RINNAI CORP</b>	(Consumer Discretionary)	5.6%
<b>6</b>	<b>EBARA JITSUGYO CO</b>	(Industrials)	4.3%
<b>7</b>	<b>MURAKAMI CORP</b>	(Consumer Discretionary)	4.3%
<b>8</b>	<b>HOGY MEDICAL CO</b>	(Healthcare)	4.2%
<b>9</b>	<b>NIPPON FINE CHEM</b>	(Materials)	4.2%
<b>10</b>	<b>SEKISUI JUSHI CORP</b>	(Industrials)	4.1%

## Monthly Market Commentary

Bain & Co have been able to announce the success of their tender offer for T&K Toka. Over 91% of shareholders have submitted their stock, so the de-listing is expected to take place in mid-April. Once completed, RSM will conclude negotiations on the size and cost of NAVF's ongoing interest in the private company pending a second liquidity event (for instance, the re-listing or final sale of the business).

Hogy Medical has entered our top ten holdings. A long-term favourite of our co-investor Dalton Investments, the concert party of NAVF, NAVF Select and Dalton has now reached ownership of over 95% of the medical supplies company. Our engagement has so far encouraged a large stock buy-back, improved capital allocation and the stepping down of the CEO (who has become Chairman). Although the company trades slightly above book value, we believe there is much more to come and a new direction is needed. At the end of the month, we sent a letter with a clear suggestion of what we feel should happen next.

In early February, the RSM principals, accompanied by our President and analysts from the Tokyo office, spent a fulfilling week visiting portfolio companies, banks, funders, and several PE firms we know follow our activities. Interactions with other market participants are becoming easier and more constructive over time.

## 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.

NAVF is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is not authorised or regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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