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Morant Wright Sakura Fund
September 2025 Newsletter

% Returns	Month	Year to date	Since Inception (7th May 2013) (Yen B: 17th April 2018)
Yen (unhedged)	+1.9%	+24.1%	+317.1%
TOPIX Net Total Return	+2.8%	+14.9%	+235.5%
Euro (hedged)	+2.0%	+25.3%	+310.5%
Sterling (hedged)	+2.2%	+26.8%	+337.8%
Swiss Franc (hedged)	+1.8%	+23.4%	+274.6%
US Dollar (hedged)	+2.2%	+27.5%	+377.8%
Yen B shares (unhedged)	+2.0%	+22.6%	+144.8%

Performance given for accumulation shares
Sources: Bloomberg and Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited

TOPIX Net Total Return increased by 2.8% in September in local terms and reached a new high during the month.

Prime Minister Ishiba resigned as LDP leader, taking responsibility for July's election defeat and his weak approval ratings. This paves the way for a leadership election on 4th October and a new prime minister. There are five candidates standing, of which the front-runners appear to be Ms. Sanae Takaichi, who would be Japan's first female leader, and Mr. Shinjiro Koizumi, son of a former prime minister. The main concern identified in opinion polls is inflation, but any new policies would need parliamentary support from opposition parties after the loss of the government's majority.

The Bank of Japan kept monetary policy unchanged at its September meeting as expected. The decision was not unanimous, however, with two board members voting for a rate rise to tackle inflation. August CPI excluding fresh food rose by 2.7% and has exceeded the 2% target level every month since March 2022. Expectations for a rate rise in the future have therefore risen slightly. The BOJ also announced that it would start selling its ETF holdings. Governor Ueda commented that the BOJ expects to take more than 100 years to sell its entire holding, which is currently worth around ¥75trn. The announced pace of selling is estimated to account for less than 0.1% of current trading volume.

The latest data on land prices showed a rise of 1.5% nationwide in the first half of the year and a much larger increase of 4.3% in the three main cities of Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya. Over the same period, foreign investment in real estate totalled $7.8bn according to data from property services company CBRE. The Tokyo office market remains attractive: the vacancy rate was only 2.9% in August and rent per square foot in Tokyo is about 20% cheaper than New York in dollar terms, according to real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle. The continued positive news on real estate has focused investor attention on underused property at Japanese companies, which can often be a source of significant "hidden" value. At portfolio holding Mitsubishi Logistics, for example, the gain on property not recorded on the balance sheet is equivalent to two-thirds of its market cap.

In the portfolio, TV broadcaster Fuji Media announced an updated "Reform Action Plan". The company now aims to achieve ¥250bn in share buybacks by March 2030, equivalent to one-third of its market cap, and announced a partial sale of shares in Toei Animation worth ¥30bn. TBS Holdings, another TV broadcaster held in the fund, announced it was booking a gain of ¥39bn on a sale of shares. Elsewhere, Sony listed its wholly-owned subsidiary Sony Financial while Seven & I Holdings announced the sale of a retail subsidiary to a US private equity firm in order to focus on its core convenience store chain Seven-Eleven.

Our recent meetings have confirmed that our holdings continue to make the necessary changes to slim down balance sheets and raise ROE. Our companies have net cash and investments worth over 40% of their market cap on average (excluding financials) which shows the potential for further dividend increases and share buybacks. Meanwhile, an increasing number of companies are contemplating other ways of unlocking value, such as the sale of real estate and non-core businesses.

Stephen Morant, Ian Wright, Richard Phillips, Tom Mermagen, Andrew Millward, Denis Clough, Nick Sinclair and Karin Ri

Fund	
Fund size	$1,618m
Number of holdings	67

Valuations	
Average PBR	1.03
Median EV/OP* (3/26e)	7.9
Weighted Average P/E (3/26e)	13.5
Net cash as % of market cap*	42%

**Net cash (including investment securities) and EV/OP figures exclude financials*

Top Ten Holdings	% Fund
Sumitomo Electric Industries	3.8
Tokyo Broadcasting System	3.4
Concordia Financial Group Ltd	3.4
Nippon Television Network	3.4
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	3.2
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	3.2
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	3.2
Kinden	3.1
Toyota Industries Corp	3.0
Honda Motor Co. Ltd	2.8

Market Cap Breakdown	% Fund
Large cap (>$5bn)	55.0
Mid cap ($1-5bn)	38.5
Small cap (<$1bn)	2.0
Cash	4.5

NAV at 30th September 2025	
Yen	¥4,171.16
Sterling	£43.78
US Dollar	$47.78
Euro	€41.05
Swiss Franc	CHF37.46
Yen B	¥2,448.47

Dealing

The fund is now closed to new investors but existing investors can deal in the fund by contacting Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited. You can contact them by telephone on **+353 1 400 5300** or by emailing wfs-investordealing@waystone.com

Please refer to the further fund details and important regulatory information on the reverse of this document

Fund Information		Dealing Information	
Fund type	UCITS OEIC, authorised in Ireland	Minimum investment	¥1,000,000 (Japanese Yen shares) US$5,000 (US Dollar shares) £5,000 (Sterling shares) CHF5,000 (Swiss Franc shares) €5,000 (Euro shares)
Fund currency	Japanese Yen Hedged classes available in £, $, €, CHF Unhedged classes available in in ¥, €, £ and $	Dealing frequency	Daily
Launch date	May 2013	Deal cut-off point	11.00am (Irish time)
Geographic exposure	100% Japanese equities	Valuation point	12.00pm (Irish time)
AMC OCF	1.00% (JPY B Class: 0.75%) 1.16% (JPY B Class: 0.91%)	Settlement	T+4 (subscriptions/redemptions)
Share types	Accumulation and Distributing	Fund administrator	Waystone Fund Administrators (IE) Limited 35 Shelbourne Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 A4E0 Ireland wfs-dublinta@waystone.com Tel: +353 1 400 5300 Fax: +353 1 400 5350

Share Identifiers	Bloomberg code	SEDOL	ISIN
Euro Acc Hedged	MWSKEUR	B7ST847	IE00B7ST8472
Euro Dist Unhedged		BYWNV45	IE00BYWNV454
Yen Acc Unhedged	MWSKYEN	B9140F8	IE00B9140F89
Yen B Acc Unhedged	MWSKYBA	BF1FZN6	IE00BF1FZN69
Sterling Acc Hedged	MWSKSTL	B840XH9	IE00B840XH97
Sterling Dist Unhedged		BYWNV34	IE00BYWNV348
Swiss Franc Acc Hedged	MWSKCHF	B93V6N7	IE00B93V6N72
US Dollar Acc Hedged	MWSKUSD	B8JTQR2	IE00B8JTQR23
US Dollar Dist UnHedged	MWSUSDD	BYWNV56	IE00BYWNV561

TOPIX Net Total Return is used for the purpose of performance comparison only as it is a widely used benchmark which includes reinvestment of dividends (net of withholding tax) and which most closely reflects the type of companies in which the fund invests. All performance information is calculated by Morant Wright Management Limited using share price data provided by Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited. Index data are taken from Bloomberg. Performance is given in sterling terms based on the Fund NAV. Data are at 30th September 2025 and accurate as at that date.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of the Fund and any income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of both market and currency fluctuations and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Investors must be willing to accept some risk to their capital. Consequently, the fund may be suitable for investors who are looking to set aside their capital for the longer term (i.e. at least 5 years).

Before making an investment in the Fund you must read the KIID which can be obtained from Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited or ourselves at https://www.morantwright.co.uk/morant-wright-sakura-fund, along with the Fund Prospectus and the latest report and accounts. The Fund Manager, Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Ireland having its registered office at 35 Shelbourne Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 A4E0 Ireland which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland has appointed Morant Wright Management Limited as Investment Manager to this fund.
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