

## Key information

as of 28 February, 2023

<b>Total Net Assets (m)</b>	£166.5
<b>Total Net Asset Value per Share</b>	147.32 p
<b>Share Price</b>	139.00p
<b>Discount</b>	-5.65%
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	NAVF LN

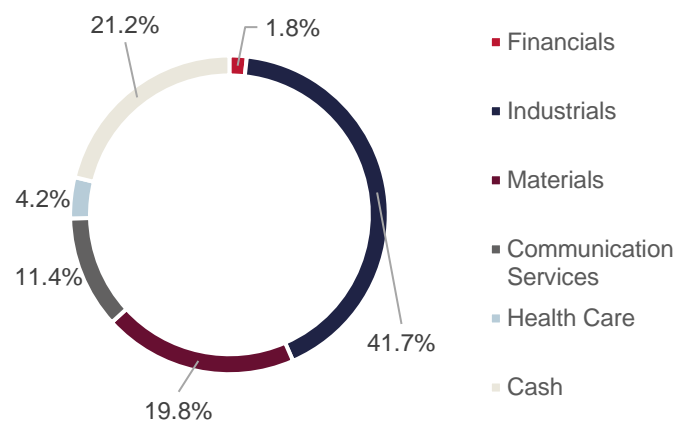
## Performance

Performance	Month	Since Inception
<b>Total Return</b>		
NAVF Share Price	2.21%	39.0%
NAVF Net Asset Value	1.10%	+47.3%

## Portfolio characteristics

<b>Equity Investments</b>	78.81%
<b>Price / Book</b>	140.49%
<b>Price / Earnings</b>	13.3x
<b>EV / EBITDA</b>	5.5x
<b>Net Cash / Market Cap</b>	23.03%
<b>Adjusted Cash / Market Cap</b>	33.38%
<b>Net Working Capital / Market Cap</b>	42.48%

## Sector breakdown



## 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

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<b>1 INTAGE HOLDINGS</b>	(Communication Services)	11.7%
<b>2 MITSUBOSHI BELTING LTD</b>	(Industrials)	11.5%
<b>3 IHARA SCIENCE CORP</b>	(Industrials)	11.1%
<b>4 EBARA JITSUGYO</b>	(Industrials)	8.8%
<b>5 NIPPON FINE CHEM</b>	(Materials)	8.2%
<b>6 VITAL KSK HD</b>	(Health Care)	4.3%
<b>7 MEISEI INDUSTRIAL CO LTD</b>	(Industrials)	4.1%
<b>8 ISHIHARA CHEMICAL</b>	(Materials)	3.6%
<b>9 BUNKA SHUTTER CO</b>	(Industrials)	3.2%
<b>10 KONISHI CO LTD</b>	(Materials)	2.9%

## Monthly Market Commentary

First, the good news. Performance remains strong and the Fund price's discount to NAVF continues to narrow.

Now, the disappointing news. Our TOB for T&K Toka, announced last month and undertaken with Michael 1925 and our 'cousins' at Dalton, failed to attract the minimum level of interest targeted. We regard this setback as an opportunity to renew our dialogue with the company's management. We have already had a new face-to-face meeting with the leadership where our comprehensive plan to improve performance and the share price was presented, and we are now seeking separate meetings with the independent directors. NAVF shareholders can be reassured we are not letting this go - the company's cage will continue to be rattled.

Last, some more good news. Following a presentation by RSM officers to the senior management of Ihara Science last November recommending they pursue an MBO, Chairman Nakano has duly launched one. We will be tendering NAVF's total holding of 1,000,000 shares into the offer, as well as those held by Michael 1925 - together 10% of outstanding. We wish Nakano san good luck with this bold and courageous move.

## 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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