

2017 ABRIDGED  
Financial  
Statements



ORBIS SICAV  
JAPAN EQUITY  
*Fund*

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**APPOINTMENTS** AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

To the Shareholders of  
Orbis SICAV - Japan Equity Fund,  
Luxembourg

We have audited the financial statements (the "full financial statements") of Orbis SICAV and of each of its Funds (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2017 from which the accompanying abridged financial statements were derived, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier". In our report dated 23 January 2018 we expressed an unqualified opinion on the full financial statements. These abridged financial statements on pages 4 - 10 comprise the statement of net assets of Orbis SICAV - Japan Equity Fund as at 31 December 2017, the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, the schedule of investments as at 31 December 2017, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying abridged financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full financial statements from which they were derived.

For a complete understanding of the scope of our audit and of the Company's and of each of its Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended, the abridged financial statements should be read in conjunction with the full financial statements and our audit report thereon.

Supplementary information included in the abridged financial statements has been reviewed in the context of our mandate but has not been subject to specific audit procedures carried out in accordance with the standards described above. Consequently, we express no opinion on such information. However, we have no observation to make concerning such information in the context of the abridged financial statements taken as a whole.

ERNST & YOUNG  
Société anonyme  
Cabinet de révision agréé



Michael Ferguson

Luxembourg  
23 January 2018

## JAPAN EQUITY FUND

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (¥ MILLIONS)

<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>2017</b>
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## Assets

Investments in Transferable Securities at Cost	179,017
Unrealised Appreciation	58,929

Investments in Transferable Securities at Fair Value	237,946
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## Other Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,144
Due from Brokers	499
Accounts Receivable and Accrued Income	223
Net Unrealised Gain on Forward Currency Contracts	347

Total Other Assets	3,213
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>241,159</b>
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## Liabilities

Due to Shareholders	1,345
Due to Brokers	47
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	533

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,925</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>239,234</b>
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## JAPAN EQUITY FUND

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (¥ MILLIONS)

For the Year Ended 31 December	2017
Investment Income	4,604
Dividends and Interest	4,604
Expenses	3,237
Manager's Fees	3,068
Administration, Custody Fees and Other	169
Net Investment Income	1,367
Net Gain from Investments and Currencies	49,901
Realised	30,652
Unrealised	19,249
Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	51,268
Shareholders' Activity During the Year	
Subscriptions	
Orbis Funds	5,533
Other Shareholders	10,327
Switches Between Funds	3,286
Redemptions	
Orbis Funds	(32,953)
Other Shareholders	(21,356)
Switches Between Funds	(350)
Increase in Net Assets	15,755
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	223,479
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>239,234</b>

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## JAPAN EQUITY FUND

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 (¥ MILLIONS)

## Transferable Securities

<b>Security</b> <i>(Ranked by sector)</i>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>% of Net Assets</b>
<b>Cyclicals</b>		<b>50</b>
Daito Trust Construction	18,563	8
Honda Motor	16,194	7
INPEX	15,154	6
Iida Group Holdings	12,252	5
Nissan Motor	11,771	5
NGK Insulators	9,273	4
SEGA SAMMY HOLDINGS	6,934	3
Toyota Motor	6,648	3
Toyo Tire & Rubber	6,538	3
NGK Spark Plug	4,612	2
Japan Petroleum Exploration	3,171	1
Unipres	2,603	1
ASICS	2,419	1
Positions less than 1%	3,063	1
<b>Consumer Non-Durables</b>		<b>30</b>
Mitsubishi	24,139	10
Sumitomo	11,749	5
Ship Healthcare Holdings	8,385	4
Sundrug	8,153	3
TSURUHA Holdings	7,429	3
ABC-MART	5,429	2
Valor Holdings	4,037	2
Positions less than 1%	2,327	1
<b>Financials</b>		<b>11</b>
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	11,481	5
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	11,316	5
Sony Financial Holdings	2,776	1
<b>Information and Communications</b>		<b>9</b>
NEXON	12,363	5
Nippon Television Holdings	9,166	4
	<b>237,946</b>	<b>99</b>

*May not sum due to rounding*

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## General

Orbis SICAV (the “Company”) qualifies as an open-ended investment company with variable capital (Société d’Investissement à Capital Variable (“SICAV”)), with limited liability under Part I of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 (as amended) on undertakings for collective investment.

The Company is structured as an umbrella fund, providing both individual and institutional investors with an opportunity to invest in a variety of funds. The Company currently offers shares in the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, the Global Balanced Fund, the Global Equity Fund, the International Equity Fund and the Japan Equity Fund. Each Fund’s share capital consists of one or more of the following share classes: Base Refundable Reserve Fee, Core Refundable Reserve Fee, Fee Reserve, Fixed Fee, Founding Refundable Reserve Fee, Institutional Investor, Investor, No Fee and Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee. These share classes may differ with respect to their eligibility requirements and the management fees applied.

A separate pool of assets is maintained for each Fund. A Fund is not a separate legal entity. All of these Funds together comprise the Orbis SICAV single legal entity. Under Luxembourg law, the rights of the shareholders and creditors of a Fund which arise in connection with the creation, operation or liquidation of the Fund are limited to the assets of that Fund and the assets of the Fund are exclusively available to satisfy such rights.

This abridged version of the Annual Report of Orbis SICAV - Japan Equity Fund (the “Fund”) does not contain certain Luxembourg legal and regulatory disclosure requirements as included in the complete version of the Annual Report. A complete version of the Annual Report is available upon request and free of charge at the registered office of the Company 15 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company.

## Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements applicable to investment funds.

**Investments.** Investments are recorded as of the trade date and are stated at their fair values. Investments in marketable securities are valued at their closing prices and forward currency contracts at their mid prices. If these prices are unavailable or considered unrepresentative of fair value, a price considered fair by the Manager will be used. The amounts realised may differ from these valuations due to variations in pricing, exchange rates, trading volumes and regulations.

**Foreign Currency Translation.** Assets, liabilities and forward currency contracts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen using exchange rates prevailing at the year-end. Income and expenses in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Translation exchange gains and losses are included in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets. The unrealised gains or losses on forward currency contracts are included in the Statement of Net Assets and the movement in the unrealised gains or losses is included in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

**Income and Expenses.** The accrual basis is used to recognise income and expenses. Dividends are accrued, net of withholding taxes, on the ex-date of the dividend once the ex-date and amount are known with reasonable certainty. Realised gains and losses on investments are based on average cost. All income and expenses which can be allocated directly to individual share classes are charged to those share classes. Income and expenses which do not relate specifically to a particular share class are allocated between the share classes pro rata to their Net Asset Values.

**Accounting Estimates.** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Taxes

Under current law and practice, the Company is not liable to Luxembourg taxes on income or capital gains, nor are dividends paid by the Company liable to any Luxembourg withholding tax. Income and capital gains on the Company's investments, however, may be subject to withholding or capital gains taxes in certain countries.

The Fund is subject to a tax (taxe d'abonnement) in Luxembourg on the net assets attributable to its Investor share classes of 0.05% per annum and to its Fixed Fee, No Fee, Refundable Reserve Fee and Fee Reserve share classes of 0.01% per annum, such tax being payable quarterly and calculated on the net assets of each share class at the end of each calendar quarter.

## Share Capital

At 31 December 2017, the Fund offers Investor shares in Japanese yen and in euro, and Fixed Fee, No Fee, and Base, Core, Founding and Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee shares in Japanese yen. The Fixed Fee shares are offered to collective investment schemes portfolio managed by the Investment Manager, Allan Gray Proprietary Limited or one of their affiliates and eligible investors who invest via Allan Gray Proprietary Limited or one of its affiliates. The No Fee shares are offered to collective investment schemes portfolio-managed by the Investment Manager or one of its affiliates. Fee Reserve shares are issued to the Investment Manager in relation to the performance fee.

At 31 December 2017, the following shares were issued and outstanding:

	Number of Shares	Net Asset Value per Share
		¥
Investor Shares - Yen Class	19,771,559	5,998
Fixed Fee Shares	2,502	6,012
No Fee Shares	3,351,094	9,049
Class B-5 Base Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	284,510	5,956
Class E-9 Core Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	1,510,547	6,071
Class S-11 Founding Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	5,294,971	6,100
Class S-12 Founding Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	243,389	6,099
Class U-2 Founding Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	1,217,007	6,230
Class A-9 Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee Shares	2,946,781	6,336
Fee Reserve Shares	244,303	6,996
		€
Investor Shares - Euro Class	3,379,548	38.75

## Material Contracts - Forward Currency Contracts

At 31 December 2017, the Fund held open forward currency contracts settling on or before 8 June 2018 having net contract and net fair values as set out below. These contracts expose the Fund to credit risk arising from the potential inability of a counterparty to perform under the terms of a contract. To limit its risk to the amount of any net unrealised gain, the Fund has entered into agreements whereby all its currency transactions with the counterparty to that agreement can be netted. The Fund uses the commitment approach to determine its global exposure related to derivative instruments.

Currency	Contract Value	Contract Value ¥	Fair Value ¥	Net Unrealised Gain ¥
EUR	130,345,736	17,283,541,247	17,630,664,554	347,123,307

## **Commitments**

Orbis SICAV - Emerging Markets Equity, Global Balanced, Global Equity, International Equity and Japan Equity Funds along with eight other Orbis funds have entered into an uncommitted multi-currency line of credit which may be drawn upon for the purpose of paying redemptions. The maximum which may be drawn across all Funds is US\$500 million and for each Fund cannot exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value. Drawdowns bear interest at market rates and cannot be outstanding for more than seven business days. The facility expires on 21 November 2018. During 2017 no amounts were drawn upon by the Fund.

## **Administrator, Depositary and Custodian Fees**

Fees due in respect of administration, depositary, custody and other related services for the year amounted to ¥80,355,098 of which ¥14,119,031 was payable at year-end.

## **Transaction Costs**

Transaction costs, which include brokerage and other costs incurred in connection with the purchase and sale of investments, for the year amounted to ¥159,317,943 and are recorded as part of Realised Net Gain (Loss) from Investments and Currencies in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

## **Directors' Fees and Expenses**

There are no existing or proposed service contracts between any of the Directors and the Company. The Shareholders of the Company have approved Director's fees for 2017 to each of Messrs Collis, Kremer, O'Connor and Smith of US\$40,000 before withholding tax. No other Directors have received any remuneration or other direct benefit material to them.

## **Related Party Transactions**

Orbis Investment Management (Luxembourg) S.A. is the Manager, and Orbis Investment Management (B.V.I.) Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Investor shares pay the Manager and the Investment Manager a fee which can vary between 0.5% and 2.5% per annum of weekly net assets, determined by the Investor-Yen class' rate of return versus its performance fee hurdle. The Fixed Fee shares pay the Manager and the Investment Manager a fee of 1.7% per annum of their net assets.

The Manager and Investment Manager are paid a base fee by the Base Refundable Reserve Fee shares of 0.60% per annum of their net assets and, by each of the Core and Founding Refundable Reserve Fee shares, a base fee of between 0.30% and 0.45% per annum of their net assets. The Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee shares do not pay a base fee. The Base, Core and Founding Refundable Reserve Fee shares each pay the Investment Manager a performance related fee of 25%, and for the Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee shares, a fee of 33%, of the share class' rate of return versus its performance fee hurdle since the last Dealing Day. At each Dealing Day, the Investment Manager is issued Fee Reserve shares to the extent of any performance fee accrued. The performance fee is partially refundable in the event of future underperformance, with the refund limited to the value of the Fee Reserve shares related to each investor's Refundable Reserve Fee shares and the fee subject to a high water mark should the available refund be exhausted. The No Fee shares and the Fee Reserve shares bear no fee.

For each investor in the Base, Core and Founding Refundable Reserve Fee share classes, when the value of their related Fee Reserve shares exceeds 3% and 7% of the total Net Asset Value of their Refundable Reserve Fee shares, the Investment Manager is paid in cash at an annualised rate of 1% and 2%, respectively, of the total Net Asset Value of those Refundable Reserve Fee shares. For each investor in the Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee share class, payment is made at an annualised rate of 0.75% of the total Net Asset Value of their Refundable Reserve Fee shares when there is value in their related Fee Reserve shares, and is increased to an annualised rate of 1.75% and 2.75% when the value of the related Fee Reserve shares exceeds 3% and 7% respectively, of the total Net Asset Value of their Refundable Reserve Fee shares.

At 31 December 2017, the value of the Fee Reserve shares in issue with respect to the Base Refundable Reserve Fee share class B-5 was ¥41,025,177, to the Core Refundable Reserve Fee share class E-9 was ¥18,002,351, to the Founding Refundable Reserve Fee share classes was: S-11 – ¥749,878,609, S-12 – ¥31,727,808, and U-2 – ¥276,415,004, and to the Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee share class A-9 was ¥591,629,429.

Performance fees for the year amounted to, for the Base Refundable Reserve Fee share class B-5 – ¥22,266,631, for the Core Refundable Reserve Fee share class E-9 – ¥49,461,039, for the Founding Refundable Reserve Fee share classes: S-11 – ¥189,921,517, S-12 – ¥11,331,392, and U-2 – ¥26,470,048, and for the Zero Base Refundable Reserve Fee share class A-9 – ¥222,492,460. Fees totalling ¥266,206,083 were payable at year-end.

The Manager and Investment Manager have agreed that for the year ended 31 December 2017 the operating expenses, excluding the Manager's fees, brokerage and transaction costs and interest, attributable to the Investor shares will be capped at 0.20% per annum and to each of the Fixed Fee, No Fee, Refundable Reserve Fee and Fee Reserve share classes will be capped at 0.15% per annum.

At the year-end, other Orbis funds held 10,233,107 Investor-Yen and all the No Fee shares in the Fund. Other related parties, which include institutional and other clients managed on a discretionary basis and the Directors and Officers of the Orbis funds and of their Managers and Investment Advisors, held 957,220 Investor-Yen, 2,776 Investor-Euro and all the Fixed Fee shares in the Fund excluding their indirect holdings via other Orbis funds.

The Investment Manager holds all the Fee Reserve shares.

Certain of the Company's Directors also act as executives and directors of related companies, details of which are provided on page 1 of this report.

## NOTICES

**Annual General Meeting.** In accordance with Luxembourg law, notice of the Annual General Meeting of Orbis SICAV - Japan Equity Fund (the “Fund”) will be sent to Shareholders shortly prior to the scheduled date of the meeting on 30 April 2018.

**Notice to Persons in the European Economic Area (EEA).** The Fund, a sub-fund of Orbis SICAV, a UCITS - compliant Luxembourg collective investment scheme, is admitted for public marketing in Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Persons located in any EEA member state will only be permitted to subscribe for shares in the Fund under certain circumstances as determined by, and in compliance with, applicable law.

**Supplemental Disclosure under the Distance Marketing of Financial Services Directive.** Council directive 2002/65/EC concerning the distance marketing of consumer financial services (the “DM Directive”) was implemented in Luxembourg by the Law of 18 December 2006, which was later replaced by the Law of 8 April 2011 implementing a consumer code (the “DM Law”). The DM Law applies, among other things, to financial services supplied at a distance to consumers. The Company has determined that Luxembourg laws and accordingly the DM Law shall apply to the establishment of relations with prospective and current Shareholders who are entitled to the benefit of the DM Directive.

The DM Directive and DM Law require the Company to provide specified information to consumers before the contract to subscribe for its Shares is concluded. The specified information is contained in the Prospectus, Subscription Form and (for investors who elect to view their account online on the website [www.orbis.com](http://www.orbis.com)) the terms for online services. The DM Law confers cancellation rights for certain types of financial services and in specified circumstances. However, the Company’s Shares are not a type of financial service to which cancellation rights apply.

**Other.** This Report does not constitute a financial promotion, a recommendation, an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy shares of the Fund. Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the current Prospectus of the Fund. Certain capitalised terms are defined in the Glossary section of the Fund’s Prospectus, a copy of which is available upon request. Orbis Investment Management Limited is licensed to conduct investment business by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. This Report is approved for issue in the United Kingdom by Orbis Investment Advisory Limited, 28 Dorset Square, London, England NW1 6QG; a firm authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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