

# The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III

## Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF



**Ticker: RAYJ**

**Principal Listing Exchange: NYSE Arca**

**Annual Shareholder Report - September 30, 2024**

This annual shareholder report contains important information about Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF (the "Fund") for the period from April 3, 2024 (commencement of operations) to September 30, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at <https://funds.rayliant.com/rayj>. You can also request this information by contacting us at 866-898-1688.

### What were the Fund costs for the period?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Costs of a \$10,000 investment*</u>	<u>Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment</u>
Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF	\$38	0.72%

\* Costs shown not annualized. If the Fund had been open for the full fiscal year, costs shown would have been higher for the period ended.

### How did the Fund perform in the period?

For the period from the Fund's April 3, 2024 inception through September 30, 2024, the Fund strongly outperformed its benchmark, with its NAV increasing 12.84% versus a 4.99% gain for the Tokyo Stock Exchange TOPIX (TR) (USD), a popular benchmark for Japanese equities. Below, we highlight specific factors accounting for the Fund's performance and describe the Fund's positioning at the end of the reporting period.

#### Factors influencing the Fund's performance

Since the Fund launched in April 2024, conditions for Japanese stocks have continued to be positive, as an unusually weak yen has spurred reflation and a return to growth, helping Japanese households and businesses shake off poor sentiment tied to decades of deflation and economic weakness. Those positive emerging trends have been reinforced by effective policies pushing corporate reform, along with a Bank of Japan perceived as supportive of growth—despite raising interest rates this March for the first time since 2007. These factors account for the Fund's strong positive return since its inception. Outperformance versus the Tokyo Stock Exchange TOPIX (TR) (USD) resulted entirely from strong stock selection among the portfolio's high-conviction picks, particularly within the Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, and Consumer Staples sectors. From a sector allocation perspective, an overweight to Industrials, one of the best-performing sectors over this period, helped to offset the drag of an overweight to Consumer Discretionary, the worst-performing sector in the benchmark.

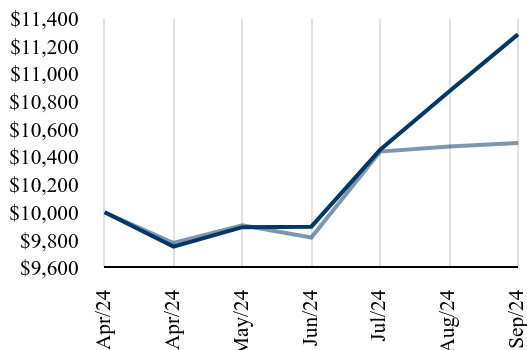
#### Positioning of the Fund

As of September 30, 2024, the Fund invested in a high-conviction portfolio of Japanese shares selected with the objective of capturing mispricings through a focus on, among other things, strong fundamentals and high-quality, sustainable growth. The Fund's largest overweights at the sector level were to Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, and Materials; the largest underweights were to Financials, Health Care, and Communication Services.

### How did the Fund perform since inception?

#### Total Return Based on \$10,000 Investment

— Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF - \$11,284  
 — Tokyo Stock Exchange TOPIX (TR) (USD) - \$10,499



#### Average Annual Total Returns as of September 30, 2024

<u>Fund/Index Name</u>	<u>Cumulative Since Inception</u>
Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF	12.84%
Tokyo Stock Exchange TOPIX (TR) (USD)	4.99%

Since its inception on April 3, 2024, the line graph represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the Fund since inception. Returns shown are total returns, which assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The table and graph presented above do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. **Past performance is not indicative of future performance.** Call 866-898-1688 or visit <https://funds.rayliant.com/rayj> for current month-end performance.

## Key Fund Statistics as of September 30, 2024

<u>Total Net Assets</u>	<u>Number of Holdings</u>	<u>Total Advisory Fees Paid</u>	<u>Portfolio Turnover Rate</u>
\$34,557,371	30	\$0	15%

### What did the Fund invest in?

#### Sector Weightings\*

Consumer Discretionary	<div style="width: 30.3%;"></div>	30.3%
Industrials	<div style="width: 29.4%;"></div>	29.4%
Information Technology	<div style="width: 12.1%;"></div>	12.1%
Financials	<div style="width: 8.4%;"></div>	8.4%
Materials	<div style="width: 6.4%;"></div>	6.4%
Consumer Staples	<div style="width: 5.9%;"></div>	5.9%
Health Care	<div style="width: 3.4%;"></div>	3.4%
Communication Services	<div style="width: 3.3%;"></div>	3.3%

\* Percentages are calculated based on total net assets.

#### Top Ten Holdings

<u>Holding Name</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Net Assets</u>
Fujikura	6.1%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	5.0%
Fast Retailing	4.6%
Asics	4.5%
Sanrio	4.5%
Maruwa	4.3%
NEC	4.0%
Hitachi	3.8%
SIGMAXYZ Holdings	3.8%
Shin-Etsu Chemical	3.5%

### Material Fund Changes

There were no material changes during the reporting period.

### Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants

There were no changes in or disagreements with accountants during the reporting period.

### Additional Information

For additional information about the Fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings, and proxy voting information, call or visit:

- 866-898-1688
- <https://funds.rayliant.com/rayj>

### Householding

Rule 30e-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 permits funds to transmit only one copy of a proxy statement, annual report or semi-annual report to shareholders (who need not be related) with the same residential, commercial or electronic address, provided that the shareholders have consented in writing and the reports are addressed either to each shareholder individually or to the shareholders as a group. This process is known as “householding” and is designed to reduce the duplicate copies of materials that shareholders receive and to lower printing and mailing costs for funds. Once implemented, if you would like to discontinue householding for your accounts, please call toll-free at 866-898-1688 to request individual copies of these documents. Once the Fund receives notice to stop householding, we will begin sending individual copies 30 days after receiving your request.

