

**SUMMARY PROSPECTUS**

**April 1, 2024**

**The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III**



**RAYLIANT SMDAM JAPAN EQUITY ETF**

Principal Listing Exchange: NYSE Arca, Inc.

Ticker Symbol: RAYJ

**Investment Adviser:**

**Rayliant Investment Research**

doing business as

**Rayliant Asset Management**

**Investment Sub-Adviser:**

**Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Ltd**

doing business as

**SMDAM**

Click here to view the Fund's **statutory prospectus** or **statement of additional information**.

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's complete prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus and other information about the Fund online at <https://funds.rayliant.com>. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 866-898-1688, by sending an e-mail request to [rayliantfunds@seic.com](mailto:rayliantfunds@seic.com), or by asking any financial intermediary that offers shares of the Fund. The Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, both dated April 1, 2024, as they may be amended from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus and may be obtained, free of charge, at the website, phone number or e-mail address noted above.



# Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF

## Investment Objective

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The Rayliant SMDAM Japan Equity ETF (the “Fund”) seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

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This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.**

### ***Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)***

Management Fee	0.65%
Other Expenses <sup>1</sup>	<u>0.68%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.33%
Less Fee Reductions and/or Expense Reimbursements <sup>2</sup>	<u>0.61%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Reductions and/or Expense Reimbursements	0.72%

<sup>1</sup> Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Rayliant Investment Research, doing business as Rayliant Asset Management (the “Adviser” or “Rayliant”) has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or to reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to keep Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding any class-specific expenses (including distribution and service (12b-1) fees), interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and other costs and expenses relating to the securities that are purchased and sold by the Fund, dividend and interest expenses on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses incurred in connection with tax reclaim recovery services, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and non-routine expenses) (collectively, “excluded expenses”)) from exceeding 0.72% of the average daily net assets of the Fund until January 31, 2026 (the “contractual expense limit”).

In addition, the Adviser may receive from the Fund the difference between the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (not including excluded expenses) and the contractual expense limit to recoup all or a portion of its prior fee waivers or expense reimbursements made during the rolling three-year period preceding the date of the recoupment if at any point Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (not including excluded expenses) are below the contractual expense limit (i) at the time of the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement and (ii) at the time of the recoupment. The agreement may be terminated: (i) by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of The Advisors’ Inner Circle Fund III (the “Trust”), for any reason at any time; or (ii) by the

Adviser, upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the Trust, effective as of the close of business on January 31, 2026.

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses (including capped expenses for the period described in the footnote to the fee table) remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$74	\$308

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual Fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. Because the Fund has not commenced investment operations as of the date of this prospectus, it does not have portfolio turnover information to report.

## Principal Investment Strategies

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The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in equity securities of issuers located in Japan. This investment policy may be changed by the Fund upon 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders.

The Fund's sub-adviser, Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Ltd, doing business as SMDAM (the "Sub-Adviser" or "SMDAM"), considers an issuer to be located in Japan if it meets one or more of the following criteria: (i) the issuer is organized under the laws of, or has its principal office in Japan; (ii) the issuer has the primary trading markets for its securities in Japan; (iii) the issuer derives at least 50% of its revenue or profits from goods or services sold or performed, or investments made, in Japan; or (iv) the issuer has at least 50% of its assets in Japan. For clarity, the Sub-Adviser may rely on only one

criterion to determine an issuer's location even if other criteria may indicate a different location.

The equity securities in which the Fund primarily invests are common stock and preferred stock. The Fund's portfolio allocations to common and preferred stocks are determined by the Sub-Adviser based upon current and relative yield and the potential total return of these securities relative to their investable universe. The Fund may invest in securities of companies with any market capitalization with a particular focus on mid- and large-capitalization securities. The Fund's equity investments may also include derivatives, principally futures contracts, which will be used primarily by the Fund for hedging purposes, to equitize cash positions in the Fund's portfolio, or to otherwise gain exposure to an instrument without investing in such instrument directly. The Fund will utilize futures contracts because they not only provide equity exposure to the Fund's cash balance, but also provide increased flexibility in responding to client cash flow needs (e.g., redemptions). Additionally, because it can be less expensive to trade a list of securities as a package or program trade rather than as a group of individual orders, futures provide a means through which transaction costs can be reduced.

The Fund possesses the discretion to allocate investments across various sectors; however, the execution of the Fund's investment strategy may lead to a substantial portion of its net assets being invested in one or more sectors at any particular juncture. The selection of these sectors is contingent upon prevailing market demand. No predetermined sectors exist, as the Fund engages in entirely bottom-up fundamental research, potentially resulting in the Fund focusing on one or more sectors from time to time. For instance, the Fund may allocate a substantial portion of its assets to a particular sector based on the high conviction of its portfolio managers, or as a result of stock selection.

Subject to the Adviser's oversight, the Sub-Adviser makes investment decisions regarding which securities to buy and sell for the Fund. In identifying securities to purchase for the Fund's portfolio, the Sub-Adviser focuses on companies that it believes demonstrate sustainable earnings growth, based on the Sub-Adviser's fundamental analysis of individual companies. In the Sub-Adviser's view, companies that have sustainable earnings growth are companies that (i) establish competitive and advantageous positions in growing markets and segments where demand is rapidly rising; (ii) have distinctive business models that create new markets where the Sub-Adviser determines that competition does not exist and enjoy substantial marginal profits; and (iii) are able to ignite new demand by developing new products and services which

the Sub-Adviser determines did not exist previously. Other fundamental characteristics are also considered when evaluating companies to be included in the Fund's portfolio, including but not limited to (i) size, stability and trajectory of cash flows; (ii) management's experience, capability and depth; (iii) marketing strategies; (iv) current and future products or services; (v) corporate governance; and (vi) financial health. A determination to sell a company is typically triggered by either (i) negative change on company fundamentals; or (ii) stock price volatility.

Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy and sell securities frequently. The Fund is classified as "non-diversified," which means that it may invest a larger percentage of its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund.

## **Principal Risks**

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As with all mutual funds, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. You could lose money by investing in the Fund. **A Fund share is not a bank deposit and it is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency.** The principal risk factors affecting shareholders' investments in the Fund are set forth below.

**Equity Market Risk** — The risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. The value of equity securities will fluctuate in response to factors affecting a particular company, as well as broader market and economic conditions. Broad movements in financial markets may adversely affect the price of the Fund's investments, regardless of how well the companies in which the Fund invests perform. In addition, the impact of any epidemic, pandemic or natural disaster, or widespread fear that such events may occur, could negatively affect the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial performance of individual companies and sectors, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect the prices and liquidity of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests, which in turn could negatively impact the Fund's performance and cause losses on your investment in the Fund. Moreover, in the event of a company's bankruptcy, claims of certain creditors, including bondholders, will have priority over claims of common stock holders such as the Fund.

**Risk of Investing in Japan** — The growth of Japan's economy has historically lagged that of its Asian neighbors and other major developed economies. The Japanese economy is heavily dependent on international trade and has been adversely affected by trade tariffs,

other protectionist measures, competition from emerging economies and the economic conditions of its trading partners. There can be no assurance that overseas demand for the products and services of Japanese companies will not change adversely in the future. China has become an important trading partner with Japan, but the countries' political relationship has been strained at times. Should political tension increase, it could adversely affect the economy, especially the export sector, and destabilize the region as a whole. Japan also remains heavily dependent on oil imports, and higher commodity prices could therefore have a negative impact on the economy. The Japanese yen has fluctuated widely at times and any increase in its value may cause a decline in exports that could weaken the Japanese economy. Japan has, in the past, intervened in the currency markets to attempt to maintain or reduce the value of the yen. Japanese intervention in the currency markets could cause the value of the yen to fluctuate sharply and unpredictably and could cause losses to investors. Japan has an aging workforce and has experienced a significant population decline in recent years. Japan's labor market appears to be undergoing fundamental structural changes, as a labor market traditionally accustomed to lifetime employment adjusts to meet the need for increased labor mobility, which may adversely affect Japan's economic competitiveness. Natural disasters, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, typhoons or tsunamis, could occur in Japan or surrounding areas and could negatively affect the Japanese economy and, in turn, the Fund.

**Foreign Company Risk** — Investing in foreign companies poses additional risks since political and economic events unique to a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers. These risks will not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or similar issuers located in the United States. Securities of foreign companies may not be registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and foreign companies are generally not subject to the same level of regulatory controls imposed on U.S. issuers and, as a consequence, there is generally less publicly available information about foreign securities than is available about domestic securities. Income from foreign securities owned by the Fund may be reduced by a withholding tax at the source, which tax would reduce income received from the securities comprising the Fund's portfolio. Foreign securities may also be more difficult to value than securities of U.S. issuers and foreign markets and securities may be less liquid. In addition, periodic U.S. Government restrictions on investments in issuers from certain foreign countries may require the Fund to sell such investments at inopportune times, which could result in losses to the Fund.

**Foreign Currency Risk** — As a result of the Fund's investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies, the Fund will be subject to currency risk. Currency risk is the risk that foreign currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, in which case the dollar value of an investment in the Fund would be adversely affected.

**Large Capitalization Companies Risk** — The risk that larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and consumer tastes. Larger companies also may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful smaller companies.

**Medium Capitalization Companies Risk** — The risk that medium capitalization companies in which the Fund may invest may have greater price volatility, lower trading volume and be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In addition, medium capitalization companies may have narrow product lines, smaller shares of their product or service markets and fewer financial resources than large capitalization companies.

**Small Capitalization Companies Risk** — The risk that, compared to medium and large capitalization companies, small capitalization companies in which the Fund may invest may be less stable and more susceptible to adverse developments, and their securities may be more volatile and less liquid.

**Geographic Focus Risk** — To the extent that it focuses its investments in a particular country or geographic region, the Fund may be more susceptible to economic, political, regulatory or other events or conditions affecting issuers and countries within that country or geographic region. As a result, the Fund may be subject to greater price volatility and risk of loss than a fund holding more geographically diverse investments.

**Preferred Stock Risk** — Preferred stocks in which the Fund may invest are sensitive to interest rate changes, and are also subject to equity risk, which is the risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time. The rights of preferred stocks on the distribution of a company's assets in the event of a liquidation are generally subordinate to the rights associated with a company's debt securities.

**Active Management Risk** — The Fund is an actively managed portfolio. In managing the Fund's portfolio securities, the Sub-Adviser will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment



decisions for the Fund, but there can be no guarantee that these will produce the desired results.

**Management Risk** — The success of the Fund’s strategy is dependent on the Sub-Adviser’s ability and its stock selection process to correctly identify the Fund’s investments. If the Sub-Adviser’s conclusions about growth rates or securities values are incorrect, the Fund may not perform as anticipated.

**Growth Style Risk** — The Adviser’s or the Sub-Adviser’s growth investment style may increase the risks of investing in the Fund. Because the prices of growth stocks are based largely on the expectation of future earnings, growth stock prices can decline rapidly and significantly when it appears that those expectations will not be met. In addition, a growth investing style may go in and out of favor over time, causing the Fund to sometimes underperform other equity funds that use differing investing styles.

**Liquidity Risk** — The risk that certain securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the Fund would like. The Fund may have to lower the price of the security, sell other securities instead or forego an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on Fund management or performance. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**ETF Risks** — The Fund is an exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) and, as a result of this structure, it is exposed to the following risks:

**Trading Risk** — Shares of the Fund may trade on NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange”) above or below their NAV. The NAV of shares of the Fund will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund’s holdings. The market prices of the Fund’s shares will fluctuate continuously throughout trading hours based on market supply and demand and may deviate significantly from the value of the Fund’s holdings, particularly in times of market stress, with the result that investors may pay more or receive less than the underlying value of the Fund shares bought or sold. In addition, although the Fund’s shares are currently listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for shares will develop or be maintained. Trading in Fund shares may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in shares of the Fund inadvisable. In stressed market conditions, the market for the Fund’s shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund’s underlying portfolio holdings. These factors, among others, may lead to the Fund’s shares trading at a

premium or discount to their NAV and bid-ask spreads may widen. If a shareholder purchases at a time when the market price of the Fund is at a premium to its NAV or sells at time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may sustain losses.

**Cash Transactions Risk** — Like other ETFs, the Fund sells and redeems its shares only in large blocks called Creation Units and only to “Authorized Participants.” Unlike many other ETFs, however, the Fund expects to effect its creations and redemptions at least partially for cash, rather than in-kind securities. Thus, an investment in the Fund may be less tax-efficient than an investment in other ETFs as the Fund may recognize a capital gain that it could have avoided by making redemptions in-kind. As a result, the Fund may pay out higher capital gains distributions than ETFs that redeem in-kind. Further, paying redemption proceeds at least partially in cash rather than through in-kind delivery of portfolio securities may require the Fund to dispose of or sell portfolio investments to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds at an inopportune time.

**Limited Authorized Participants, Market Makers and Liquidity Providers Risk** — Because the Fund is an ETF, only a limited number of institutional investors (known as “Authorized Participants”) are authorized to purchase and redeem shares directly from the Fund. In addition, there may be a limited number of market makers and/or liquidity providers in the marketplace. To the extent either of the following events occur, Fund shares may trade at a material discount to net asset value (“NAV”) and possibly face delisting: (i) Authorized Participants exit the business or otherwise become unable to process creation and/or redemption orders and no other Authorized Participants step forward to perform these services, or (ii) market makers and/or liquidity providers exit the business or significantly reduce their business activities and no other entities step forward to perform their functions.

**Derivatives Risk** — The Fund’s use of futures contracts is subject to leverage risk, correlation risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Leverage risk and liquidity risk are described below. Market risk is the risk that the market value of an investment may move up and down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Each of the above risks could cause the Fund to lose more than the principal amount invested in a derivative instrument. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the Fund’s initial investment. The other parties to certain derivative contracts present the same types of credit risk as issuers of

fixed income securities. The Fund's use of derivatives may also increase the amount of taxes payable by shareholders.

**Leverage Risk** — The Fund's use of derivatives may result in the Fund's total investment exposure substantially exceeding the value of its portfolio securities and the Fund's investment returns depending substantially on the performance of securities that the Fund may not directly own. The use of leverage can amplify the effects of market volatility on the Fund's share price and may also cause the Fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations. The Fund's use of leverage may result in a heightened risk of investment loss.

**Valuation Risk** — The risk that a security may be difficult to value. The Fund may value certain securities at a price higher than the price at which they can be sold, particularly for securities that trade in low value or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology (such as during trading halts). Because foreign exchanges may be open on days when the Fund does not price its shares, the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the Fund's shares.

**Large Purchase and Redemption Risk** — Large purchases or redemptions of the Fund's shares may force the Fund to purchase or sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, and may cause the Fund's portfolio turnover rate and transaction costs to rise, which may negatively affect the Fund's performance and have adverse tax consequences for Fund shareholders.

**Sector Focus Risk** — Because the Fund may, from time to time, be more heavily invested in particular sectors, the value of its shares may be especially sensitive to factors and economic risks that specifically affect those sectors. As a result, the Fund's share price may fluctuate more widely than the value of shares of a fund that invests in a broader range of sectors.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk** — Due to its investment strategy, the Fund may buy and sell securities frequently. This may result in higher transaction costs and additional capital gains tax liabilities, which may affect the Fund's performance.

**Non-Diversification Risk** — The Fund is non-diversified, meaning that it may invest a large percentage of its assets in a single issuer or a relatively small number of issuers. Because the Fund is non-diversified, it may be more susceptible to a single adverse economic or political occurrence affecting one or more of the issuers, and may experience increased

volatility due to its investments in those securities. However, the Fund intends to satisfy the diversification requirements for classification as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

**New Fund Risk** — Because the Fund is new, investors in the Fund bear the risk that the Fund may not be successful in implementing its investment strategy, may not employ a successful investment strategy, or may fail to attract sufficient assets under management to realize economies of scale, any of which could result in the Fund being liquidated at any time without shareholder approval and at a time that may not be favorable for all shareholders. Such liquidation could have negative tax consequences for shareholders and will cause shareholders to incur expenses of liquidation.

## **Performance Information**

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The Fund is new, and therefore has no performance history. Once the Fund has completed a full calendar year of operations, a bar chart and table will be included that will provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the variability of the Fund’s returns and comparing the Fund’s performance to a broad measure of market performance. Of course, the Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Current performance information is available on the Fund’s website at <https://funds.rayliant.com> or by calling toll-free to 866-898-1688.

## **Investment Adviser and Investment Sub-Adviser**

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Rayliant Investment Research, doing business as Rayliant Asset Management, serves as investment adviser to the Fund. Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Ltd, doing business as SMDAM, serves as investment sub-adviser to the Fund.

## **Portfolio Managers**

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### **Rayliant Investment Research, doing business as Rayliant Asset Management**

Jason Hsu, PhD, Chief Investment Officer, has managed the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Mark Schlarbaum, Managing Director, Head of Capital Markets and Trading, has managed the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Phillip Wool, Senior Managing Director, Head of Research, has managed the Fund since its inception in 2024.

**Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company,  
Ltd, doing business as SMDAM**

Tomoko Yokoyama, CMA, Portfolio Manager, has managed the Fund since its inception in 2024.

Takahiro Uemura, CMA, Portfolio Manager, has managed the Fund since its inception in 2024.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

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The Fund issues shares to (or redeems shares from) certain institutional investors known as “Authorized Participants” (typically market makers or other broker-dealers) only in large blocks of shares known as “Creation Units.” Creation Unit transactions are conducted in exchange for the deposit or delivery of a portfolio of in-kind securities designated by the Fund and/or cash.

Individual shares of the Fund may only be purchased and sold on the Exchange, other national securities exchanges, electronic crossing networks and other alternative trading systems through your broker-dealer at market prices. Because Fund shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, Fund shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (premium) or less than NAV (discount). When buying or selling shares in the secondary market, you may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) (the “bid-ask spread”). When available, recent information regarding the Fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spreads will be available at [www.rayliantfunds.com](http://www.rayliantfunds.com).

**Tax Information**

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The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account (“IRA”), in which case your distribution will be taxed when withdrawn from the tax-deferred account.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

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If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related

companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's web site for more information.

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