



Japan Equity Mid Small Cap Value

Investment Objective

Active strategy that aims to deliver an attractive return versus the benchmark through investing in undervalued stocks by narrowing down all listed companies based on financial criteria (PBR-ROE approach), and utilising AI* to identify stocks in which we can expect medium-term changes. Also aims to improve corporate value through making proactive recommendations to the portfolio companies and engaging on business issues.

*Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI): see general disclaimer page.

Key Facts

Strategy Inception Date 1 May 2016

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Base Currency JPY

Benchmark Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap TR Index**

Performance Target Benchmark + 3% or more p.a.

Number of Holdings Circa 100 stocks

Strategy Size (MM) USD 570.29 (as at 31/12/25)

EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs The strategy is categorised under SFDR as Article 6.

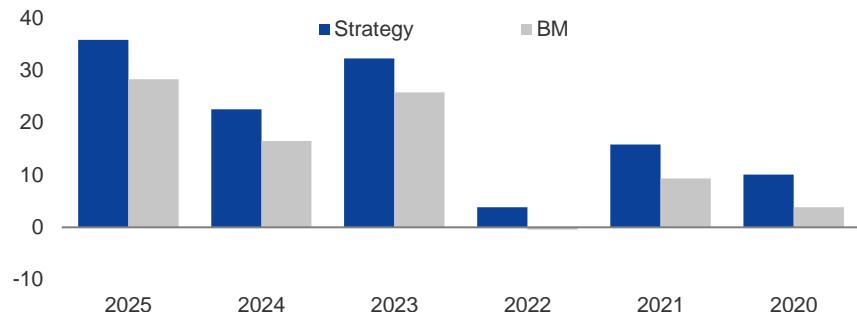
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Style Indicator



Performance %

Calendar year strategy performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 31 December 2025. The chart above shows calendar year performance in JPY against the benchmark Russell/Nomura Mid-Small Cap TR Index which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.

Composite Performance

(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	Benchmark %
1m	0.42	1.06
3m	9.87	8.50
12m	35.77	28.29
3yr p.a.	30.07	23.41
5yr p.a.	21.48	15.39
Since Inception p.a. (01/05/16)	17.21	11.65

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 December 2025.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

	Top 10 Holdings (%)
Industrials	39.31
Consumer Discretionary	18.03
Financials	10.00
Information Technology	9.72
Materials	7.69
Consumer Staples	5.42
Real Estate	3.91
Telecommunication Services	2.23
Energy	1.46
Utilities	1.33
Health Care	0.90
Total	100.00
	Total
	26.75

Source: SMDAM and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 December 2025.

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