

Japan Equity Value + Alpha

Investment Objective

A value style product which aims to generate the majority of its alpha from stock selection with a team-based investment approach founded on rigorous corporate research by experienced in-house analysts and portfolio managers.

Key Facts

Strategy Inception Date 1 October 1996

Portfolio Manager Shinichi SHMONISHINOSONO

Investment Manager Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

Base Currency JPY

Benchmark TOPIX TR Index*

Performance Target Generate excess return against the benchmark over the long run

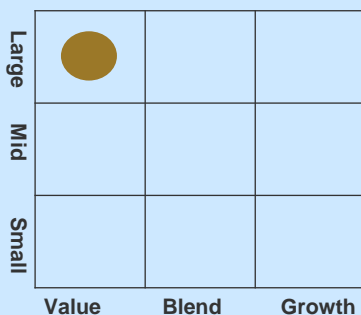
Number of Holdings Max 120 stocks

Strategy Size (MM) USD 11,319.85 (as at 28/02/26)

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

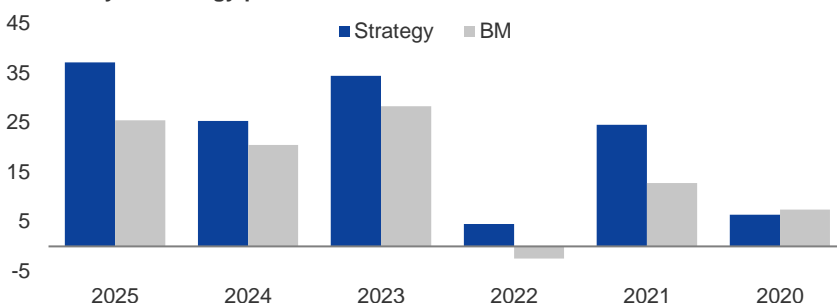
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Style Indicator



Performance %

Calendar year strategy performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 28 February 2026. The chart above shows calendar year performance in JPY against the benchmark TOPIX TR Index which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.

Composite Performance

(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	Benchmark %
1m	12.60	10.47
3m	19.05	16.77
12m	66.79	50.49
3yr p.a.	37.04	28.57
5yr p.a.	27.48	18.97
10yr p.a.	19.17	14.39
Since Inception p.a. (01/10/96)	7.44	4.85

Source: SMDAM, as at 28 February 2026.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

Industrials	25.68
Consumer Discretionary	21.96
Financials	21.48
Information Technology	9.52
Materials	6.99
Telecommunication Services	5.03
Consumer Staples	3.17
Real Estate	2.08
Utilities	1.83
Energy	1.68
Health Care	0.58
Total	100.00

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Mizuho Financial Group	4.75
Sumitomo Electric Industries Ltd	4.32
Toyota Motor Corp	4.00
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	3.84
Fuji Electric Co Ltd	2.77
Sony Group Corp	2.66
Marubeni Corp	2.60
SoftBank Group Corp	2.49
Hitachi Ltd	2.23
Toyota Tsusho Corp	2.16
Total	31.82

Source: SMDAM and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 28 February 2026.

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