



Japan Equity High Conviction

Investment Objective

This product is actively managed and seeks to achieve capital growth over the medium-to-long term through investing primarily in equities or equities-related securities issued by Japanese companies. The product contains around 30 holdings and aims to generate excess returns in any market environment by utilising a unique bottom-up, fundamentals based investment approach focussing on “Micro Leading Indicators” that are directly linked to corporates’ near-term earnings. An ESG risk filter is applied to exclude stocks with bottom 20% of Sustainalytics ESG score and High ESG risk industries based on SMDAM’s exclusion criteria.

Key Facts

Strategy Inception Date 1 March 2020

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Investment Manager Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

Base Currency JPY

Benchmark TOPIX (with dividends)*

Performance Target Benchmark + 5% or more p.a.

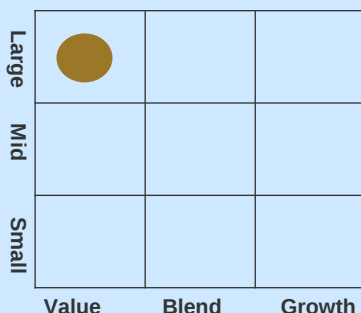
Number of Holdings Circa 30 stocks

Strategy Size (MM) USD 462.10 (as at 31/08/25)

EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs The strategy is categorised under SFDR as Article 8.

*For performance comparison purposes and not to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this strategy.

Style Indicator



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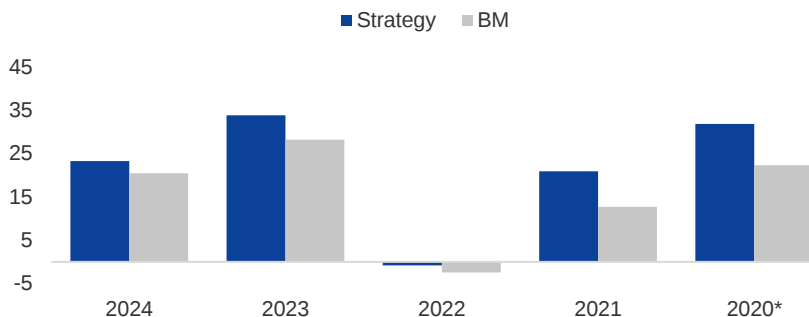
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Performance %

Calendar year strategy performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 31 August 2025. The chart above shows calendar year performance in JPY against the benchmark TOPIX (with dividends) which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.* **Inception Date** 1 March 2020

Composite Performance

(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	TOPIX (with div) %
1m	5.79	4.52
3m	11.69	9.94
12m	16.79	16.23
3yr p.a.	22.20	19.06
5yr p.a.	21.18	16.46
Since Inception p.a. (01/03/20)	21.90	16.59

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 August 2025.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

Industrials	28.34
Consumer Discretionary	16.58
Financials	15.06
Information Technology	13.10
Telecommunication Services	11.09
Health Care	5.02
Energy	3.00
Materials	2.81
Consumer Staples	2.59
Real Estate	2.41
Utilities	0.00
Total	28.34

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	7.77
Sony Group Corp	5.97
Kajima Corp	5.58
SoftBank Group Corp	5.45
Toyota Motor Corp	5.31
Fujitsu Ltd	4.95
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	4.43
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd	4.32
Hitachi Ltd	3.44
Mitsubishi Corp	3.29
Total	50.51

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

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