



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)

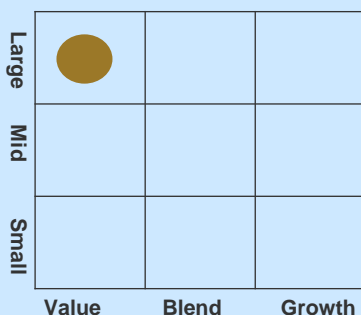
Performance Target Benchmark +5% p.a.

Number of Holdings circa 30

Strategy Size (MM) USD 461 (as at 31/03/25)

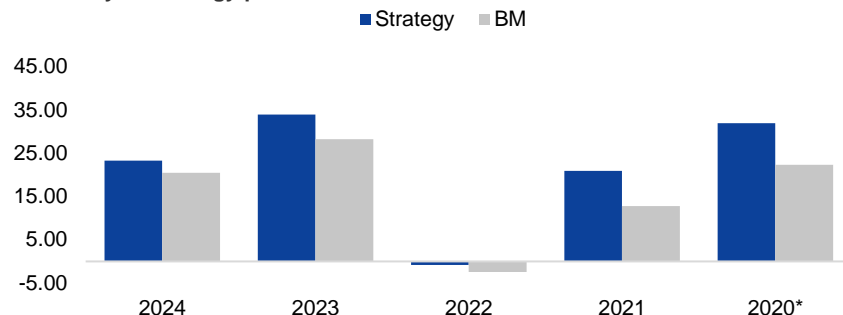
EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs: The strategy is categorised under SFDR as Article 8.

Style Indicator



Performance %

Calendar year strategy performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 31 March 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

(Net of fees)	Strategy %	TOPIX (with div) %
1m	0.99	0.22
3m	-3.62	-3.44
12m	-3.40	-1.55
3yr p.a.	16.92	13.77
5yr p.a.	21.17	16.37
Since Inception p.a. (01/03/20)	19.92	14.68

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 March 2025.

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Topix-17 Sector Breakdown (%)

Electric Appl. & Precision Instr.	25.29
IT & Services, Others	15.10
Banks	10.12
Auto & Transportation Equipment	9.47
Financials (Ex Banks)	6.77
Machinery	6.10
Raw Materials & Chemicals	5.73
Retail Trade	4.65
Pharmaceutical	4.35
Construction & Materials	4.13
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	3.44
Energy Resources	3.02
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	1.83
Foods	0.00
Electric Power & Gas	0.00
Transportation & Logistics	0.00
Real Estate	0.00
Total	100.00

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	8.52
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	6.77
Sony Group Corp	5.89
Toyota Motor Corp	4.91
Hitachi Ltd	4.62
Fujitsu Limited	4.54
Panasonic Holdings Corp	4.31
Kajima Corp	4.13
Softbank Group Corp	3.85
Mitsubishi Corp	3.44
Total	50.98

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

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