



# 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 TR Index\*

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

**Number of Holdings** Circa 30 stocks

**Strategy Size (MM)** USD 524.01 (as at 31/12/25)

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

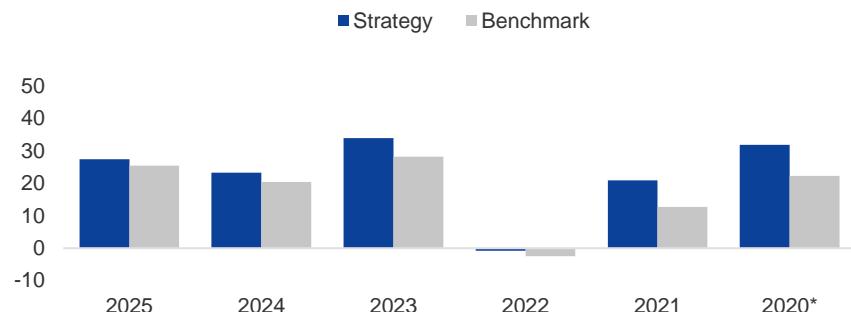
\*For performance comparison purposes and not to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this strategy.

## Style Indicator



## 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 TOPIX TR Index which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.\* **Inception Date** 1 March 2020

## Composite Performance

(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	Benchmark %
<b>1m</b>	0.80	1.03
<b>3m</b>	8.18	8.82
<b>12m</b>	27.40	25.46
<b>3yr p.a.</b>	28.13	24.68
<b>5yr p.a.</b>	20.34	16.34
<b>Since Inception p.a. (01/03/20)</b>	<b>22.89</b>	<b>17.85</b>

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 December 2025.

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## GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

Industrials	28.96
Consumer Discretionary	16.26
Financials	15.96
Information Technology	14.94
Health Care	6.34
Telecommunication Services	4.40
Consumer Staples	4.06
Real Estate	3.65
Materials	2.87
Energy	2.56
Utilities	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Top 10 Holdings (%)

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	7.76
Kajima Corp	6.20
Toyota Motor Corp	5.74
Fujitsu Ltd	5.52
Sony Group Corp	5.40
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd	3.72
Fuji Electric Co Ltd	3.72
Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd	3.64
Sumitomo Corp	3.55
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc	3.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.42</b>

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

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