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 inhouse analysts and portfolio managers.

Key Facts

Strategy Inception Date 1 October 1996
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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 5,454.43 (as at 31/08/25) **FII 2019/2088 SEDR Rens** The strategy is

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

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

Style Indicator



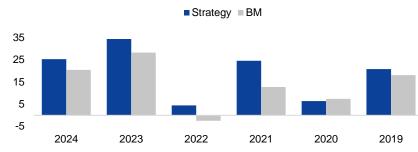
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Performance %

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 TR Index which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.

Composite Performance				
(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	Benchmark %		
1m	7.77	4.52		
3m	15.54	9.94		
12m	28.88	16.23		
3yr p.a.	26.00	19.06		
5yr p.a.	24.59	16.46		
10yr p.a.	13.27	9.71		
Since Inception p.a. (01/10/96)	6.46	4.00		

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 August 2025.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%) Top 10 Holdings (%)

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Consumer Discretionary	22.90	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	4.66
Industrials	21.12	Mizuho Financial Group Inc	4.07
Financials	20.97	Sony Group Corp	4.02
Information Technology	10.27	SoftBank Group Corp	3.84
Telecommunication Services	7.68	Toyota Motor Corp	3.17
Materials	7.24	NEC Corp	2.88
Consumer Staples	4.26	BIPROGY Inc	2.75
Energy	1.84	Fuji Electric Co Ltd	2.69
Utilities	1.68	Suzuki Motor Corp	2.50
Real Estate	1.65	TDK Corp	2.42
Health Care	0.39	Total	33.00
Total	100.00		

Source: SMDAM and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 August 2025 **Risk warning**: The organisations and/or financial instruments mentioned are for reference purposes only. Material content should not be construed as a recommendation

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