SMBC SUMITOMO MITSUI DS ASSET MANAGEMENT

# Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value (S) JPY

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## Investment Objective

Maximise total return over the medium-to-long term by adopting a distinctive value-biased active investment style by looking for investment opportunities in undervalued, small-and-micro-cap companies with sustainable growth potential. The Sub-Fund is managed on an absolute/total return basis and not relative to any benchmarks, hence not looking to be managed on a relative return basis.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed but uses the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index with Dividend as a reference for performance comparison. The investments of the Sub-Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.

The Sub-Fund is suitable for investors who see the Sub-Fund as a suitable means to participate in the capital market performance. The Sub-Fund is therefore suitable for investors who can afford to invest their capital over the long term; i.e. a multiple year time horizon.

## Key Facts

**Sub-Fund Inception Date** 28 February 2017
**Share Class Inception Date** 4 December 2018
**Portfolio Manager** Tatsuro NIGAURI, CMA / CFA
**Investment Manager** Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company (UK) Limited
**ISIN (S JPY)** LU1907539057
**LEI** 2138008IOOVSKCGISQ06
**Domicile** Luxembourg
**Fund & Type Structure** UCITS (Luxembourg SICAV)
**Base Currency** JPY
**Benchmark** Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (with dividends)*
**Number of Holdings** Circa 300 stocks
**Fund AUM (MM)** USD 142.89 / JPY 22,452.92 (as at 30/09/26)
**Strategy Size (MM)** USD 1,373.46 / JPY 219,334.85 (as at 31/08/26)
**Administrator** Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.
**EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs** The Sub-Fund is categorised under SFDR as Article 6.

*For performance comparison purposes and not to attain the SFDR environmental or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund.

## Investment Information

**Investment Management Fee**
Institutional (I) 0.80% p.a.
Institutional (P) 0.80% p.a.
Institutional (S) 0.50% p.a.
Wholesale (A) 1.20% p.a.

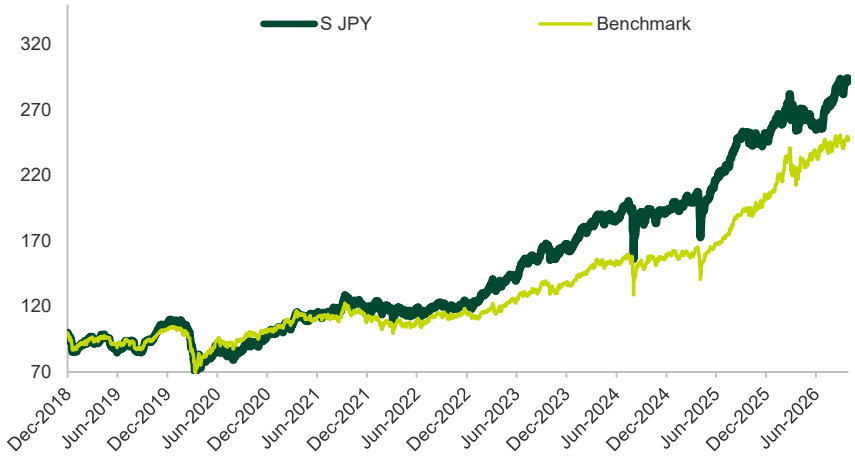
**Total Expense Ratio**
Institutional (I) N/A p.a.
Institutional (P) 1.00% p.a.
Institutional (S) 0.95% p.a.
Wholesale (A) N/A p.a.

**Dealing Frequency** Weekly

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## Performance %

**Daily fund performance vs. benchmark**



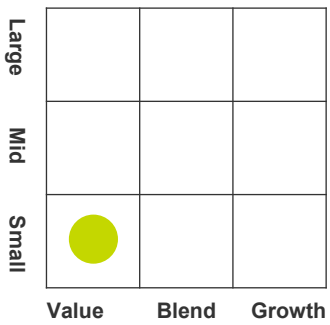

Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 30 September 2026. Rebased to 100 at inception of the share class (4 December 2018). The chart above shows daily performance, in the currency stated for the UCITS Fund (JPY) against the benchmark Russell/Nomura Small Cap (with div) which is shown in JPY. Performance is illustrated net of fees.

| Fund Performance Share Class: (S) JPY | | |
|---|---|---|
| (Net of fees) | Fund % | Benchmark % |
| 1m | 0.52 | 0.03 |
| 3m | 12.46 | 3.02 |
| 12m | 16.82 | 28.79 |
| 3yr p.a. | 21.33 | 22.46 |
| 5yr p.a. | 18.82 | 16.22 |
| Since Inception p.a. (04/12/18) | **14.75** | **12.37** |

Source: SMDAM, as at 30 September 2026.

**Risk warning:** Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and may not be repeated. An investment's value and the income deriving from it may fall, as well as rise, due to market fluctuations. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding. Performance is shown in JPY, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations and is net of fees (after trading expenses).

## Style Indicator

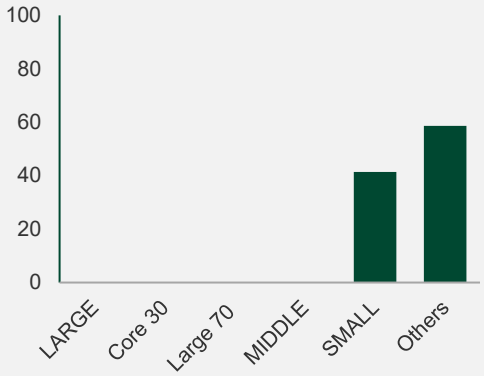



## Performance Disclaimer

Source for all Sub-Fund data is SMDAM and SMDAM (UK). Basis for (S) JPY share class performance data: NAV based, total return (net of fees), in JPY.

Where the Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value UCITS Fund performance is compared to Russell/Nomura Small Cap (with div) indices performance, this is done for reference purposes only as the UCITS Fund is benchmark-agnostic.

## Market Capitalisation (%)




## Portfolio Characteristics

| | |
|---|---|
| PER Actual | 11.55 |
| PER Estimate | 10.22 |
| PBR Actual | 1.45 |
| ROE Actual (%) | 12.51 |
| PCFR Actual | 8.48 |
| PCFR Estimate | 7.89 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 2.77 |
| Active Share (%) | 99.16 |
| No. of Stocks | 276 |

Source: SMDAM, as at 30 September 2026.

Frontier: Proprietary evaluation tool of sector allocation, P/E and P/B.

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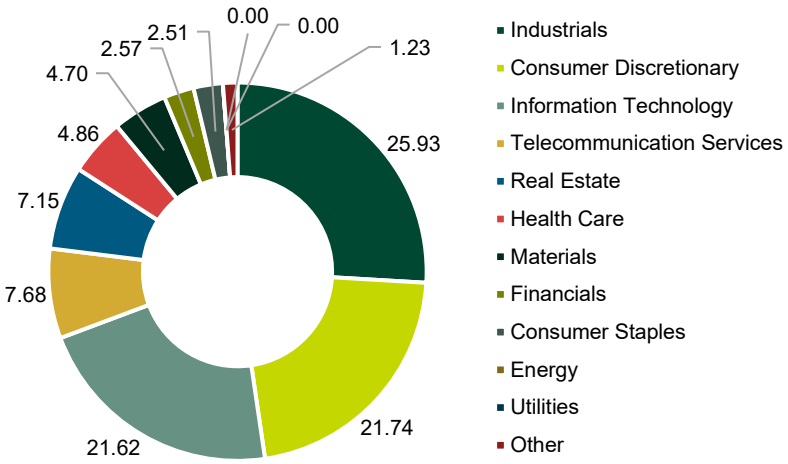
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## Top 10 Holdings (%)

| | Fund Weight |
|---|---|
| Tential Inc | 3.32 |
| Intermestic Inc | 3.11 |
| Northsand Inc | 3.09 |
| Ichiken Co Ltd | 2.82 |
| Mimaki Engineering Co Ltd | 2.64 |
| Konoike Transport Co Ltd | 2.60 |
| NS Group Inc | 2.49 |
| Beauty Garage Inc | 1.94 |
| uSonar Co Ltd | 1.93 |
| Loadstar Capital KK | 1.65 |
| **Total** | **25.59** |

## GICS 11 Sector Classification – Fund (%)




**NB: Futures positions constitute 0.00% of the portfolio as at 30 September 2026.**

## Top 5 Overweights (%)

| | Active Weight |
|---|---|
| Tential Inc | 3.32 |
| Intermestic Inc | 3.09 |
| Northsand Inc | 3.09 |
| Ichiken Co Ltd | 2.82 |
| Mimaki Engineering Co Ltd | 2.62 |

## Top 5 Underweights (%)

| | Active Weight |
|---|---|
| Taiyo Yuden Co Ltd | -0.77 |
| Hokuhoku Financial Group Inc | -0.62 |
| Horiba Ltd | -0.54 |
| Misumi Group Inc | -0.54 |
| Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co Ltd | -0.52 |

Source: SMDAM, as at 30 September 2026.

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