



Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

Investment Objective

This benchmark agnostic small cap product adopts a distinctive value biased active investment style which combines the tenets of growth and value investing whilst taking market trends into consideration. We aim to identify financially stable companies and to invest in small and microcap stocks with sustainable growth potential that are undervalued.

Key Facts

Strategy Inception Date 30 April 2004

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Base Currency JPY

Benchmark Russell/Nomura Small Cap TR Index*

Performance Target Capital appreciation in the mid to long term

Number of Holdings Circa 300 stocks

Strategy Size (MM) USD 1,282.11 (as at 31/12/25)

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

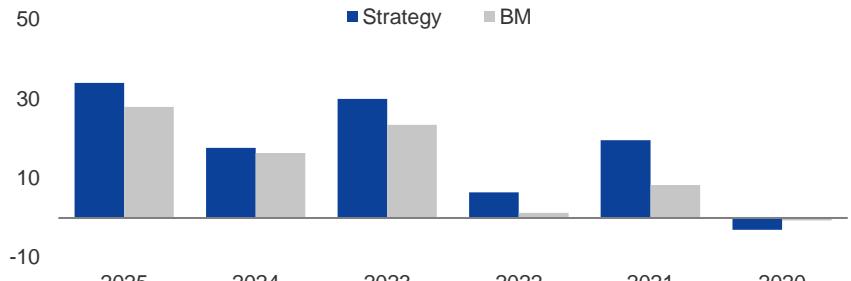
*For performance comparison purposes and not to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this strategy.

Style Indicator



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 Russell/Nomura Japan Small Cap TR Index which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.

Composite Performance

(Gross of fees)	Strategy %	Benchmark %
1m	2.89	1.00
3m	4.55	7.26
12m	34.04	27.97
3yr p.a.	27.03	22.51
5yr p.a.	21.15	15.05
10yr p.a.	15.61	9.88
Since Inception p.a. (01/05/04)**	13.36	7.46

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 December 2025. **Composite inception date.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

Industrials	34.30
Consumer Discretionary	23.36
Information Technology	11.19
Materials	8.95
Financials	6.48
Real Estate	5.55
Telecommunication Services	4.90
Health Care	2.66
Consumer Staples	1.66
Energy	0.00
Utilities	0.00
Total	99.05

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Nichirin Co Ltd	3.49
Endo Lighting Corp	3.38
KU Holdings Co Ltd	3.28
JACCS Co Ltd	3.17
Tomoku Co Ltd	2.94
Raksul Inc	2.87
Fujikura Composites Inc	2.72
Sansei Landic Co Ltd	2.59
Parker Corp	2.56
Inabata & Co Ltd	2.47
Total	29.47

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

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