

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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Investment Manager Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

Base Currency JPY

Benchmark Russell/Nomura Small Cap TR Index*

Performance Target Capital appreciation in the mid to long term

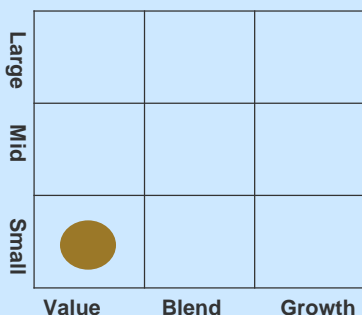
Number of Holdings Circa 300 stocks

Strategy Size (MM) USD 1,219.12 (as at 31/03/26)

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

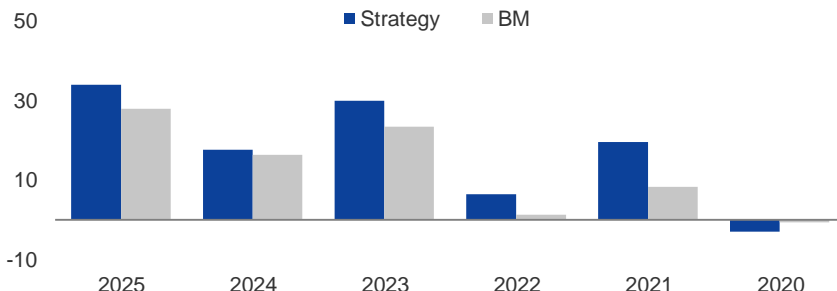
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Style Indicator



Performance %

Calendar year strategy performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 31 March 2026. 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	-10.03	-9.92
3m	1.87	4.56
12m	31.64	35.24
3yr p.a.	23.30	22.10
5yr p.a.	18.78	13.81
10yr p.a.	16.80	11.33
Since Inception p.a. (01/05/04)**	13.30	7.59

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 March 2026. **Composite inception date.

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GICS Sector Breakdown (%)

Industrials	30.19
Consumer Discretionary	17.56
Information Technology	17.43
Materials	7.92
Telecommunication Services	7.89
Financials	6.51
Real Estate	5.91
Health Care	4.21
Consumer Staples	1.81
Energy	0.00
Utilities	0.00
Total	99.43

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Endo Lighting Corp	3.24
KU Holdings Co Ltd	3.21
Nichirin Co Ltd	2.98
JACCs Co Ltd	2.97
Tomoku Co Ltd	2.85
Sansei Landic Co Ltd	2.80
Inabata & Co Ltd	2.65
Northsand Inc	2.52
Parker Corp	2.27
Konoike Transport Co Ltd	2.12
Total	27.61

Source: SMDAM and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 March 2026.

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