

# Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

Data as of 31 March 2024

## Product Description

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

Investment Style	Value biased active management
Strategy Inception Date	May 2004
Strategy Benchmark	Reference indices: Russell/Nomura Small Cap (with div) and TOPIX (with div)
Performance Target	No set target, aims for long-term capital appreciation
Tracking Error	No set target
Stock Limits	No set limit, circa 5%
Sector Limits	No constraints
Number of Holdings	Circa 200
Strategy Size	USD 1,223 million
EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs: Article 6	The strategy is categorised under SFDR as Article 6
EU 2020/852 Taxonomy Regs: Article 7	The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities
EU 2020/852 Taxonomy Regs: Article 6	The strategy does not apply a specific index as a reference index to attain environmental and social characteristics

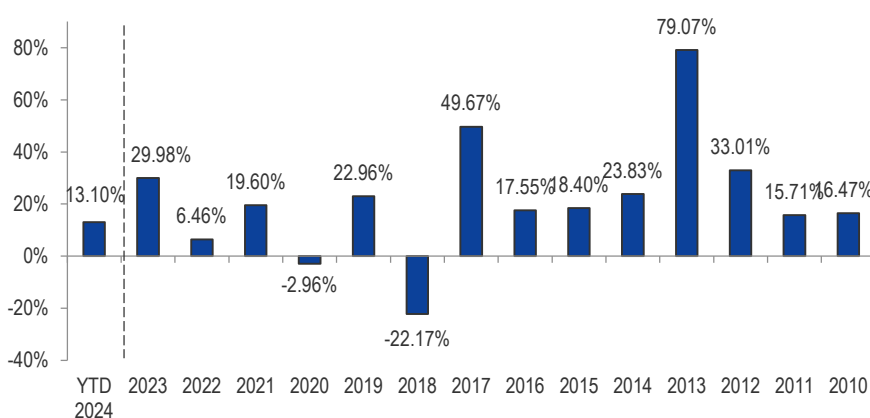
## Composite Performance

JPY basis / Gross of Fees	1 month %	3 month %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since inception† % p.a.
Small Cap AbVal	4.66	13.10	31.97	18.51	16.19	12.72
Ref Bmk: R/N Small	3.99	11.87	30.79	11.11	10.48	6.60
Excess vs R/N Small	0.66	1.23	1.18	7.40	5.71	6.12
Ref Bmk: TOPIX	4.44	18.14	41.34	15.11	14.43	6.47
Excess vs TOPIX	0.22	-5.05	-9.37	3.40	1.76	6.25
JPY basis / Gross of Fees	YTD 2024 %	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %	2020 %	2019 %
Small Cap AbVal	13.10	29.98	6.46	19.60	-2.96	22.96
Ref Bmk: R/N Small	11.87	23.48	1.26	8.28	-0.62	16.99
Excess vs R/N Small	1.23	6.50	5.19	11.33	-2.33	5.96
Ref Bmk: TOPIX	18.14	28.26	-2.45	12.74	7.39	18.12
Excess vs TOPIX	-5.05	1.72	8.91	6.86	-10.35	4.84

Source: SMDAM data as at 31 March 2024. † Inception date: May 2004. Reference benchmark: Russell/Nomura Japan Small Cap index (with div) and TOPIX (with div). Minor discrepancies due to rounding.

## Absolute Performance

The chart reflects the absolute returns of this composite on a calendar year basis and is shown in yen terms and gross of fees.



## Portfolio Manager

Tatsuro NIGAURI, CMA  
33 years industry experience

## Sector Breakdown

Sector	%
IT & Services, Others	18.51
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	14.65
Construction & Materials	12.37
Transportation & Logistics	9.17
Retail Trade	8.92
Raw Materials & Chemicals	7.82
Financials (Ex Banks)	6.91
Machinery	6.06
Automobiles & Transportation Equipment	5.47
Real Estate	4.79
Electric Appliances & Precision Instruments	4.49
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	0.60
Foods	0.24
Energy Resources	0.00
Pharmaceutical	0.00
Electric Power & Gas	0.00
Banks	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Sector breakdown based on the TOPIX-17 Series Indices classification (detailing representative account). Source: SMDAM and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 March 2024.

## Top Ten Holdings

Company	%
JACCS Co Ltd	4.82
Sanyo Trading Co Ltd	4.72
Nichias Corp	4.48
Nichirin Co Ltd	4.26
Noda Corp	3.91
Ku Holdings Co Ltd	3.67
Nissin Corp	2.71
Sansei Landic Co Ltd	2.60
Tomoku Co Ltd	2.60
Endo Lighting Corp	2.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.29</b>

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