

MSCI Japan Dividend Masters Index (USD)

The MSCI Japan Dividend Masters Index captures large and mid-cap representation across the Japanese equity markets. The index is designed to capture the performance of companies in the MSCI Japan Index that have consistently increased dividends every year for at least 10 years. The index is constructed by targeting a minimum of 25 securities and the index constituents are equally weighted. The sector weights are capped at 30% and country weights are capped at 50% to mitigate potential concentration risks.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (FEB 2008 – FEB 2023)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Japan Dividend Masters	MSCI Japan
2022	-15.16	-16.65
2021	-10.39	1.71
2020	13.86	14.48
2019	21.58	19.61
2018	-12.59	-12.88
2017	24.77	23.99
2016	4.49	2.38
2015	12.74	9.57
2014	-2.60	-4.02
2013	19.17	27.16
2012	13.69	8.18
2011	-1.77	-14.33
2010	20.16	15.44
2009	21.71	6.25

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (FEB 28, 2023)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Nov 29, 2002
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 29, 2002	
MSCI Japan Dividend Masters	-5.53	-3.14	-10.55	-3.89	-2.09	-2.65	3.40	6.36	
MSCI Japan	-3.84	2.41	-9.30	2.14	3.42	0.06	5.12	5.15	

FUNDAMENTALS (FEB 28, 2023)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
2.44	18.08	17.44	1.98
2.53	15.56	12.90	1.28

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 29, 2002 – FEB 28, 2023)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3}			Since Nov 29, 2002	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI Japan Dividend Masters	0.83	6.76	34.93	16.90	15.09	13.59	-0.10	-0.19	0.25	0.40	45.49	2006-05-08–2009-03-10
MSCI Japan	1.00	0.00	2.22	17.24	15.69	14.15	0.23	-0.01	0.36	0.31	53.17	2006-05-08–2009-03-10

¹ Last 12 months ² Based on monthly net returns data ³ Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

The MSCI Japan Dividend Masters Index was launched on Jul 17, 2019. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested test (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance – whether actual or back-tested – is no indication or guarantee of future performance.

INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

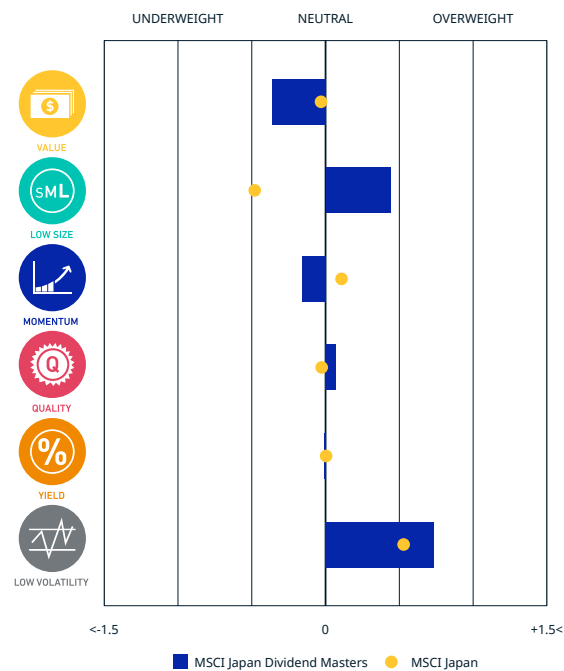
	MSCI Japan Dividend Masters	MSCI Japan
Number of Constituents	23	237
	Weight (%)	
Largest	5.26	4.54
Smallest	2.85	0.05
Average	4.35	0.42
Median	4.37	0.22

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
SBI HOLDINGS	5.26	0.17	Financials
TOKIO MARINE HOLDINGS	4.89	1.22	Financials
PAN PACIFIC INTL HLDGS	4.73	0.22	Cons Discr
KURITA WATER INDUSTRIES	4.65	0.15	Industrials
UNI-CHARM CORP	4.63	0.47	Cons Staples
NITORI HOLDINGS CO	4.53	0.28	Cons Discr
HIKARI TSUSHIN	4.49	0.09	Cons Discr
KOBAYASHI PHARMA CO	4.42	0.10	Cons Staples
MURATA MANUFACTURING CO	4.42	0.97	Info Tech
HULIC CO (NEW)	4.41	0.10	Real Estate
Total	46.43	3.76	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



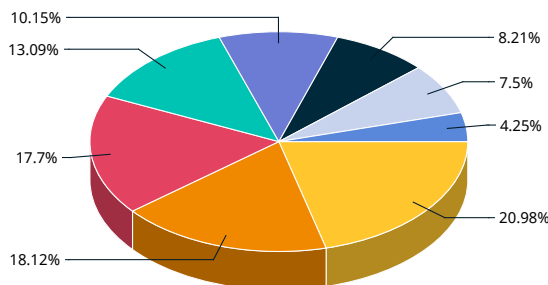
MSCI FaCS

- VALUE**
Relatively Inexpensive Stocks
- LOW SIZE**
Smaller Companies
- MOMENTUM**
Rising Stocks
- QUALITY**
Sound Balance Sheet Stocks
- YIELD**
Cash Flow Paid Out
- LOW VOLATILITY**
Lower Risk Stocks

MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

Neutral factor exposure (FaCS = 0) represents MSCI ACWI IMI.

SECTOR WEIGHTS



- Information Technology 20.98%
- Consumer Discretionary 18.12%
- Consumer Staples 17.7%
- Real Estate 13.09%
- Financials 10.15%
- Health Care 8.21%
- Industrials 7.5%
- Materials 4.25%

INDEX FRAMEWORK

The [MSCI Dividend Masters Indexes](#) are constructed by targeting a minimum number of securities that have consistently increased dividends every year for a specific number of consecutive years. The index constituents are equally weighted and are diversified across GICS® sectors and countries. The sector and country weights are capped at defined thresholds to mitigate concentration risks. The Indexes are reconstituted annually and the constituent weights are reset to equal weights at every quarter.

This summary is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not include all material elements of the index or its methodology. For a complete description of the index methodology, please see [Index methodology - MSCI](#).

MSCI FACTOR BOX AND FaCS FRAMEWORK (Please refer to complete description of the MSCI FaCS methodology [here](#))

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