

# MSCI Kokusai Quality Index (JPY)

The **MSCI Kokusai Quality Index** is based on MSCI Kokusai, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks across 22 Developed Market (DM) countries\* excluding Japan. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity (ROE), stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage. The MSCI Quality Indexes complement existing MSCI Factor Indexes and can provide an effective diversification role in a portfolio of factor strategies.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see [Index methodology - MSCI](#).

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (JPY) (MAR 2011 – MAR 2026)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Kokusai Quality	MSCI Kokusai
2025	16.90	21.08
2024	33.04	33.62
2023	46.62	33.19
2022	-11.42	-5.84
2021	40.87	38.34
2020	13.09	10.80
2019	36.63	27.96
2018	-8.50	-10.19
2017	22.06	18.74
2016	1.08	5.38
2015	5.97	-0.88
2014	24.07	21.35
2013	57.49	54.83
2012	30.59	31.88

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (MAR 31, 2026)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Jun 30, 1994
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Jun 30, 1994	
MSCI Kokusai Quality	-5.85	-2.06	23.56	-2.06	25.46	20.46	17.82	14.06	
MSCI Kokusai	-4.14	-2.32	26.59	-2.32	24.56	19.45	16.63	11.45	

## FUNDAMENTALS (MAR 31, 2026)

	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI Kokusai Quality	1.31	24.93	21.53	9.42
MSCI Kokusai	1.66	23.00	18.43	3.97

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (JUN 01, 1994 – MAR 31, 2026)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup>			Since Jun 01, 1994	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Kokusai Quality	0.93	5.04	19.15	14.40	16.17	16.36	1.63	1.22	1.09	0.83	55.87	2007-10-11–2009-03-06
MSCI Kokusai	1.00	0.00	2.26	12.86	14.68	16.17	1.75	1.27	1.03	0.68	65.35	2007-07-13–2009-03-06

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months <sup>2</sup> Based on monthly gross returns data <sup>3</sup> Based on JBA TIBOR 1M from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

\* DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

The MSCI Kokusai Quality Index was launched on Jul 12, 2013. 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**

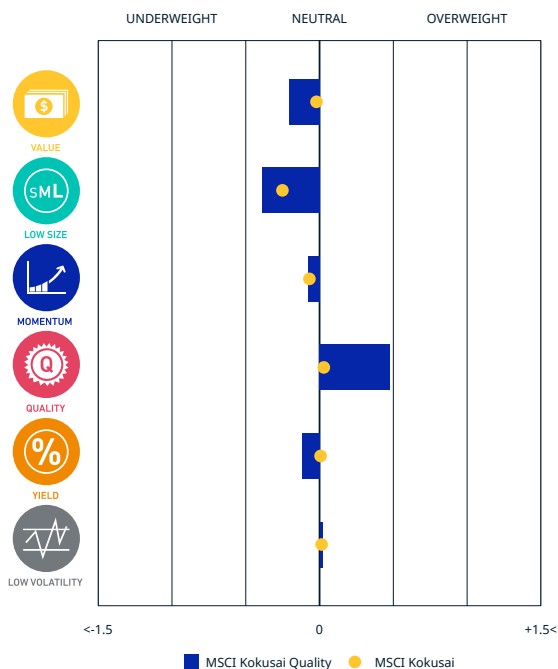
	MSCI Kokusai Quality	MSCI Kokusai
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	174	1,132
	Weight (%)	
<b>Largest</b>	4.83	5.65
<b>Smallest</b>	0.01	0.00
<b>Average</b>	0.57	0.09
<b>Median</b>	0.15	0.03

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
META PLATFORMS A	US	4.83	1.66	Comm Svcs
APPLE	US	4.77	4.97	Info Tech
NVIDIA	US	4.63	5.65	Info Tech
LILLY (ELI) & COMPANY	US	4.35	0.98	Health Care
VISA A	US	3.95	0.68	Financials
MICROSOFT CORP	US	3.72	3.48	Info Tech
ASML HLDG	NL	3.58	0.67	Info Tech
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	US	3.05	0.78	Health Care
ALPHABET A	US	2.80	2.23	Comm Svcs
NETFLIX	US	2.51	0.54	Comm Svcs
<b>Total</b>		<b>38.19</b>	<b>21.64</b>	

**FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN**

**MSCI FACTOR BOX**



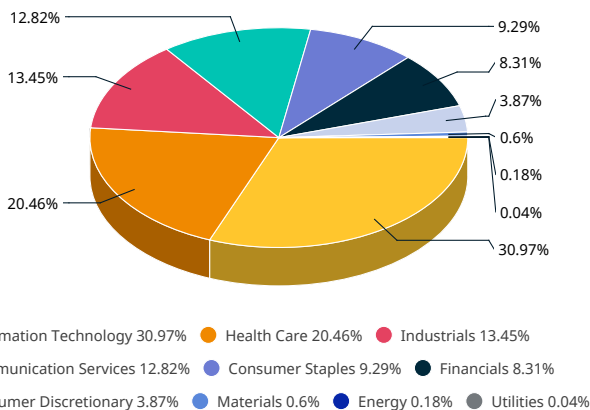
**MSCI FaCS**

- 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

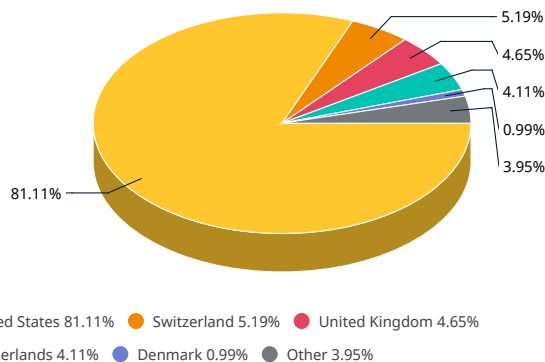
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

**SECTOR WEIGHTS**



**COUNTRY WEIGHTS**



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

MSCI FaCS is a standard method for evaluating and reporting the Factor characteristics of equity portfolios. MSCI FaCS consists of Factor Groups (e.g. Value, Size, Momentum, Quality, Yield, and Volatility) that have been extensively documented in academic literature and validated by MSCI Research as key drivers of risk and return in equity portfolios. These Factor Groups are constructed by aggregating 16 factors (e.g. Book-to-Price, Earnings/Dividend Yields, LT Reversal, Leverage, Earnings Variability/Quality, Beta) from the latest Barra global equity factor risk model, GEMLT, designed to make fund comparisons transparent and intuitive for use. The MSCI Factor Box, which is powered by MSCI FaCS, provides a visualization designed to easily compare absolute exposures of funds/indexes and their benchmarks along 6 Factor Groups that have historically demonstrated excess market returns over the long run.

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