

MSCI Japan Equal Weighted Index (JPY)

The MSCI Japan Equal Weighted Index represents an alternative weighting scheme to its market cap weighted parent index, the MSCI Japan Index. The index includes the same constituents as its parent (large and mid cap securities from Japanese markets). However, at each quarterly rebalance date, all index constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of each constituent's current price (high or low). Between rebalances, index constituent weightings will fluctuate due to price performance.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (JPY) (MAR 2006 – MAR 2021)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

| Year | MSCI Japan Equal Weighted | MSCI Japan |
|------|---------------------------|------------|
| 2020 | 2.56 | 9.17 |
| 2019 | 16.86 | 18.94 |
| 2018 | -14.95 | -14.85 |
| 2017 | 21.22 | 20.14 |
| 2016 | 2.10 | -0.40 |
| 2015 | 13.07 | 10.27 |
| 2014 | 13.09 | 9.83 |
| 2013 | 53.47 | 54.80 |
| 2012 | 17.84 | 21.78 |
| 2011 | -14.23 | -18.59 |
| 2010 | 3.06 | 0.71 |
| 2009 | 15.30 | 9.26 |
| 2008 | -38.86 | -42.48 |
| 2007 | -10.66 | -10.13 |

INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (MAR 31, 2021)

| | 1 Mo | 3 Mo | 1 Yr | YTD | ANNUALIZED | | | | Since Jun 30, 1994 |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | Since Jun 30, 1994 | |
| MSCI Japan Equal Weighted | 6.49 | 11.19 | 40.54 | 11.19 | 5.97 | 9.38 | 10.95 | 3.51 | |
| MSCI Japan | 4.95 | 8.85 | 43.48 | 8.85 | 8.07 | 10.48 | 10.65 | 2.31 | |

FUNDAMENTALS (MAR 31, 2021)

| Div Yld (%) | P/E | P/E Fwd | P/BV |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| 1.87 | 28.83 | 17.80 | 1.37 |
| 1.89 | 24.89 | 17.53 | 1.56 |

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (JUN 01, 1994 – MAR 31, 2021)

| | Beta | Tracking Error (%) | Turnover (%) ¹ | ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ² | | | SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3} | | | Since Jun 01, 1994 | MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN | |
|---------------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | | (%) | Period YYYY-MM-DD |
| MSCI Japan Equal Weighted | 0.97 | 6.19 | 27.51 | 18.10 | 15.79 | 16.58 | 0.41 | 0.65 | 0.71 | 0.27 | 58.83 | 2007-02-26–2008-10-27 |
| MSCI Japan | 1.00 | 0.00 | 2.80 | 17.12 | 15.17 | 16.90 | 0.54 | 0.74 | 0.68 | 0.20 | 61.23 | 2007-02-26–2009-03-12 |

¹ Last 12 months

² Based on monthly gross returns data

³ Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

The MSCI Japan Equal Weighted Index was launched on Jan 22, 2008. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested data (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

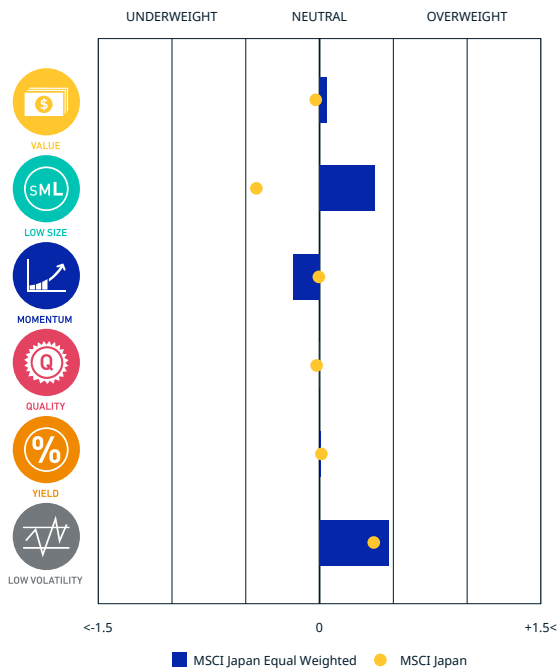
| | MSCI Japan Equal Weighted | MSCI Japan |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Number of Constituents | 301 | 301 |
| | Weight (%) | |
| Largest | 0.44 | 4.09 |
| Smallest | 0.27 | 0.04 |
| Average | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| Median | 0.33 | 0.17 |

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

| | Index Wt. (%) | Parent Index Wt. (%) | Sector |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
| NIPPON YUSEN K.K | 0.44 | 0.13 | Industrials |
| JFE HOLDINGS | 0.41 | 0.15 | Materials |
| NIPPON STEEL CORP | 0.41 | 0.34 | Materials |
| AGC | 0.41 | 0.20 | Industrials |
| SHINSEI BANK | 0.41 | 0.06 | Financials |
| MARUBENI CORP | 0.40 | 0.34 | Industrials |
| RAKUTEN | 0.40 | 0.25 | Cons Discr |
| DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO | 0.39 | 0.13 | Industrials |
| KYUSHU ELECTRIC POWER CO | 0.39 | 0.09 | Utilities |
| RICOH CO | 0.39 | 0.17 | Info Tech |
| Total | 4.05 | 1.86 | |

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



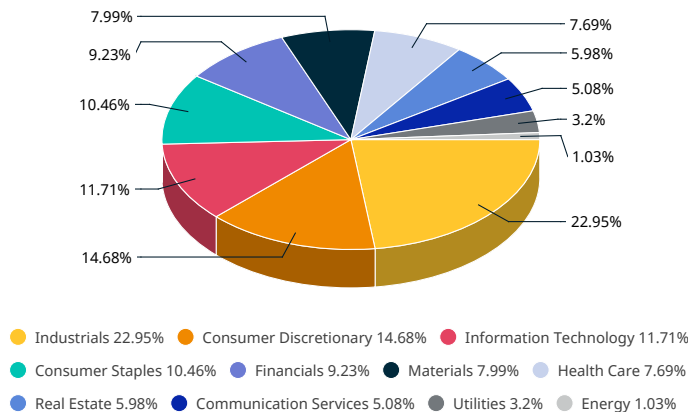
MSCI FaCS

- 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



INDEX METHODOLOGY

Each MSCI Equal Weighted Index includes the same constituents as its market cap weighted parent index and is rebalanced in February, May, August and November, coinciding with the quarterly and semiannual index reviews of its parent. Corporate events are also generally reflected simultaneously in both the equal weighted index and its parent. However, at each quarterly rebalance date, all equal weighted index constituents are weighted equally. This tends to give greater exposure to smaller cap index constituents versus the parent index where larger cap constituents have a more dominant impact on index valuations.

FACTOR BOX AND FaCS METHODOLOGY

MSCI FaCS is a standard method ([MSCI FaCS Methodology](#)) 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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