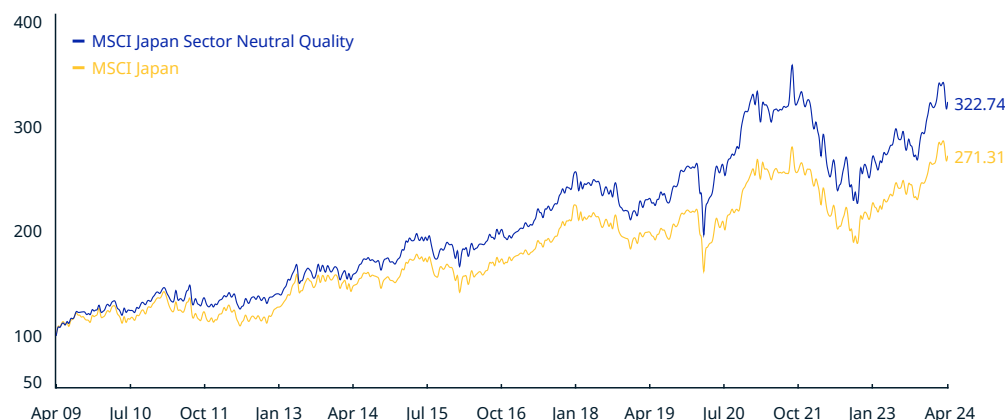


MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality Index (USD)

The **MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across the Japanese equity markets. The index aims to capture the performance of securities that exhibit stronger quality characteristics relative to their peers within the same GICS® sector by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high Return-on-Equity (ROE), low leverage and low earnings variability.

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

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (APR 2009 – APR 2024)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI Japan
2023	23.07	20.32
2022	-20.94	-16.65
2021	-0.29	1.71
2020	22.78	14.48
2019	23.73	19.61
2018	-12.05	-12.88
2017	25.04	23.99
2016	1.96	2.38
2015	11.37	9.57
2014	2.22	-4.02
2013	20.09	27.16
2012	6.34	8.18
2011	-7.58	-14.33
2010	15.51	15.44

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (APR 30, 2024)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED			
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 30, 1998
MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality	-5.37	-0.62	18.49	3.32	1.50	6.88	7.48	4.58
MSCI Japan	-4.86	0.95	19.23	5.61	2.51	6.41	6.43	3.98

FUNDAMENTALS (APR 30, 2024)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.78	18.01	17.18	2.33
1.96	16.68	15.47	1.61

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 1998 – APR 30, 2024)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2, 3}			Since Nov 30, 1998	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality	0.92	4.11	15.55	17.66	17.01	14.44	0.02	0.36	0.47	0.23	59.59	2000-01-03–2003-04-28
MSCI Japan	1.00	0.00	3.45	15.95	15.89	14.08	0.06	0.34	0.41	0.19	60.58	2000-03-31–2003-04-28

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

INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

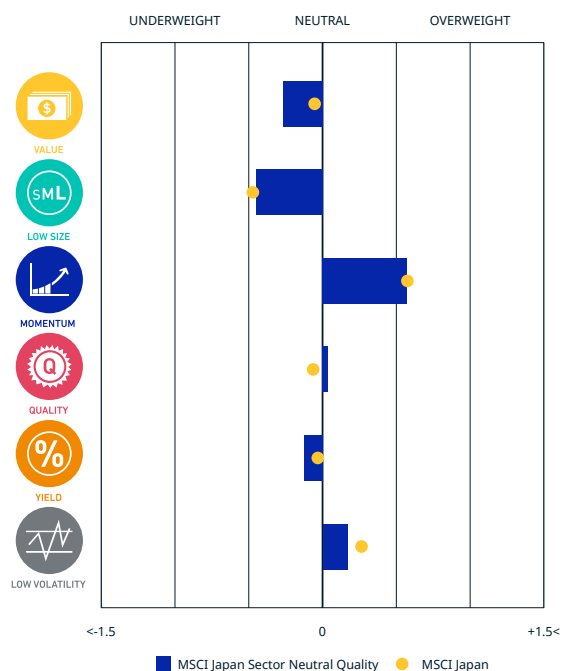
	MSCI Japan Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI Japan
Number of Constituents	121	217
	Weight (%)	
Largest	6.71	6.48
Smallest	0.06	0.04
Average	0.83	0.46
Median	0.37	0.23

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
TOKIO MARINE HOLDINGS	6.71	1.51	Financials
SONY GROUP CORP	5.86	2.77	Cons Discr
TOKYO ELECTRON	5.00	2.78	Info Tech
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO	3.43	1.87	Materials
FAST RETAILING CO	3.40	1.22	Cons Discr
HITACHI	3.17	2.28	Industrials
HOYA CORP	3.09	1.09	Health Care
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO	2.84	1.67	Industrials
KEYENCE CORP	2.78	2.30	Info Tech
NINTENDO CO	2.75	1.35	Comm Svcs
Total	39.04	18.83	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



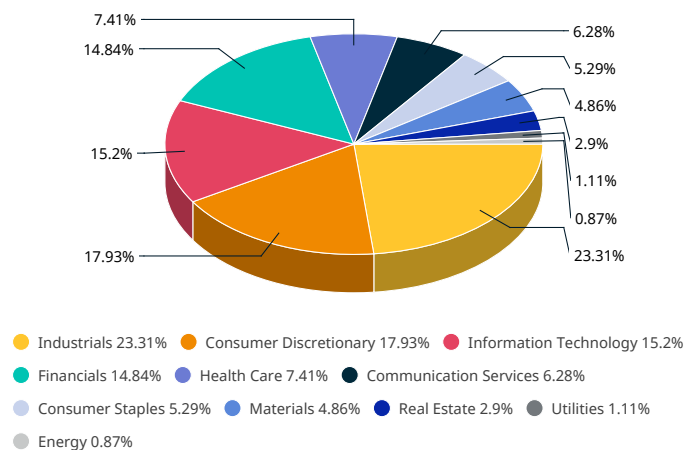
MSCI FaCS

- 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



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

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