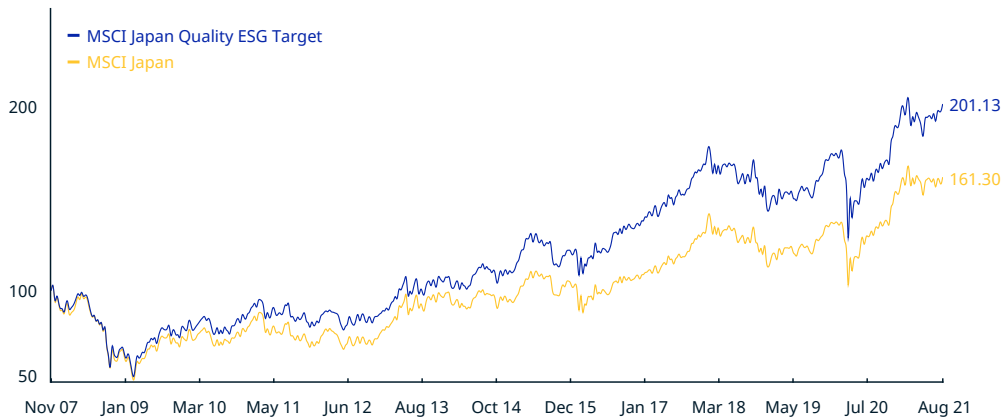


MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index (USD)

The MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index is based on MSCI Japan Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid-cap stocks of the Japanese equity market. The index is designed to represent the performance of a strategy that seeks systematic integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) norms in factor investing, by seeking higher exposure to quality factor along with the improvement in the ESG profile of the index.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (NOV 2007 – AUG 2021)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target	MSCI Japan
2020	12.09	14.48
2019	19.64	19.61
2018	-13.69	-12.88
2017	24.81	23.99
2016	10.26	2.38
2015	11.42	9.57
2014	2.59	-4.02
2013	22.18	27.16
2012	5.75	8.18
2011	-8.93	-14.33
2010	17.31	15.44
2009	11.67	6.25
2008	-28.26	-29.21

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (AUG 31, 2021)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Nov 30, 2007
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 30, 2007	
MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target	4.69	4.12	21.60	3.21	7.11	9.08	8.85	5.21	
MSCI Japan	3.07	1.47	19.96	3.07	7.64	9.11	7.88	3.54	

FUNDAMENTALS (AUG 31, 2021)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.99	19.09	16.81	1.85
2.07	17.03	15.23	1.47

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 2007 – AUG 31, 2021)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3}			Since Nov 30, 2007	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target	0.94	3.32	40.14	15.60	12.81	12.67	0.44	0.64	0.68	0.36	48.22	2007-12-11–2009-03-10
MSCI Japan	1.00	0.00	3.98	15.27	12.53	13.13	0.47	0.66	0.59	0.25	49.89	2007-12-11–2009-03-10

¹ Last 12 months

² Based on monthly net returns data

³ Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

The MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index was launched on Sep 28, 2017. 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

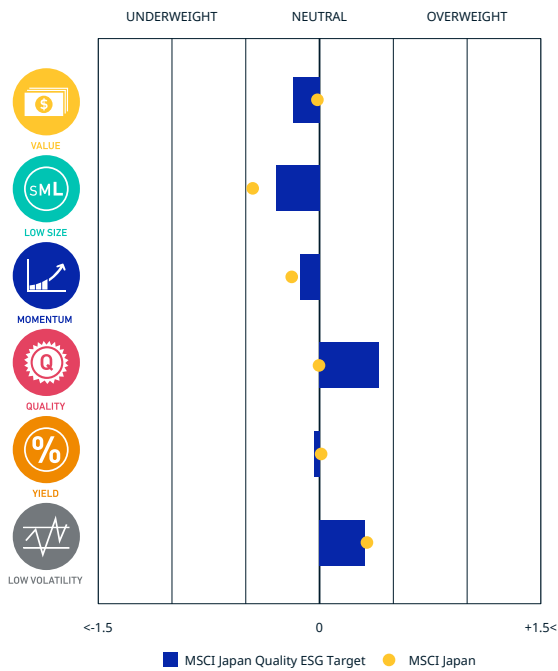
	MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target	MSCI Japan
Number of Constituents	89	272
Weight (%)		
Largest	3.94	4.63
Smallest	0.00	0.04
Average	1.12	0.37
Median	0.79	0.19

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES	3.94	1.56	Industrials
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO	3.78	2.01	Industrials
FUJITSU	3.12	0.91	Info Tech
KDDI	2.98	1.24	Comm Svcs
HOYA CORP	2.97	1.51	Health Care
HITACHI	2.93	1.34	Industrials
OMRON CORP	2.80	0.44	Info Tech
NTT CORP	2.75	0.86	Comm Svcs
NOMURA RESEARCH INST	2.74	0.33	Info Tech
SONY GROUP CORP	2.60	3.26	Cons Discr
Total	30.61	13.46	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



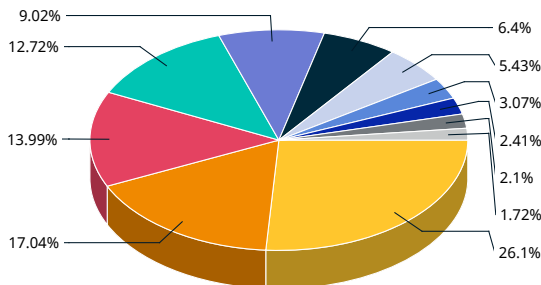
MSCI FaCS

- 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



- Industrials 26.1%
- Information Technology 17.04%
- Consumer Discretionary 13.99%
- Financials 12.72%
- Health Care 9.02%
- Communication Services 6.4%
- Materials 5.43%
- Real Estate 3.07%
- Utilities 2.41%
- Consumer Staples 2.1%
- Energy 1.72%

INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index is optimization-based index that aim to maximize their exposure to a quality factor while improving the ESG profile for the index relative to that of the underlying parent index (MSCI Japan). The index is constructed using individual stock exposures to the quality factor along with specific ESG score criteria. The MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index is constructed based on an optimization process from the underlying Parent Index (MSCI Japan) using a Barra Equity Model to maximize the index-level exposure to the targeted style factors while controlling tracking error relative to the Parent Index (MSCI Japan).

The quality score for each security is calculated by combining in equal proportion the security-level exposures to five factors- Profitability, Investment Quality, Earnings Quality, Leverage and Earnings Variability from GEMTL model. A sector-relative score is derived from the combined score by standardizing the latter within each sector. The eligible universe is the universe of all the securities in the Parent Index (MSCI Japan) that are not involved in very severe ESG controversies ("Red flags") or in controversial weapons. The MSCI Japan Quality ESG Target Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis, usually as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the May and November Semi-Annual Index Reviews (SAIRs) of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

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, GEMTL, 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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