

# MSCI Japan Growth Target Index (USD)

The MSCI Japan Growth Target Index is based on the MSCI Japan Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks in the Japanese equity market. The index is designed to represent the performance of a strategy that seeks to capture increased exposure to the Growth factor while exhibiting lower or equal ex-ante total risk to the underlying parent index.

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (AUG 2006 – AUG 2021)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Japan Growth Target	MSCI Japan
2020	20.35	14.48
2019	18.04	19.61
2018	-13.23	-12.88
2017	26.84	23.99
2016	2.08	2.38
2015	11.89	9.57
2014	0.58	-4.02
2013	30.70	27.16
2012	6.73	8.18
2011	-13.27	-14.33
2010	17.36	15.44
2009	3.94	6.25
2008	-27.91	-29.21
2007	-3.12	-4.23

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

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since May 31, 1999	FUNDAMENTALS (AUG 31, 2021)			
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Div Yld (%)		P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV	
MSCI Japan Growth Target	3.30	2.67	26.11	8.39	11.16	11.07	9.83	5.11	2.01	15.64	14.86	1.50	
MSCI Japan	3.07	1.47	19.96	3.07	7.64	9.11	7.88	3.71	2.07	17.03	15.23	1.47	

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 1999 – AUG 31, 2021)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup>			Since May 31, 1999	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI Japan Growth Target	0.99	3.14	39.84	14.81	12.39	13.12	0.70	0.81	0.72	0.27	59.27	2000-03-31–2003-04-28
MSCI Japan	1.00	0.00	3.98	15.27	12.53	13.13	0.47	0.66	0.59	0.19	60.58	2000-03-31–2003-04-28

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months

<sup>2</sup> Based on monthly net returns data

<sup>3</sup> Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

The MSCI Japan Growth Target Index was launched on August 17, 2020. 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**

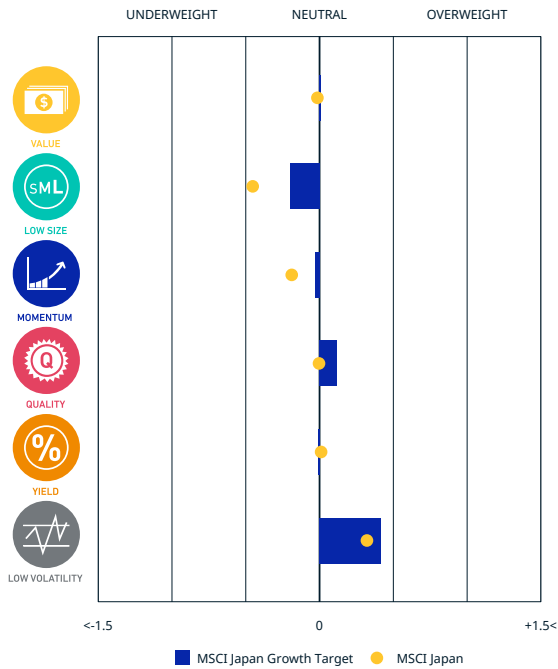
	MSCI Japan Growth Target	MSCI Japan
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	63	272
	<b>Weight (%)</b>	
<b>Largest</b>	3.79	4.63
<b>Smallest</b>	0.13	0.04
<b>Average</b>	1.59	0.37
<b>Median</b>	1.40	0.19

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
HOYA CORP	3.79	1.51	Health Care
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	3.39	4.63	Cons Discr
NIDEC CORP	3.26	1.29	Industrials
FUJI FILM HOLDINGS CO	3.11	0.74	Info Tech
MITSUBISHI CORP	3.05	0.95	Industrials
LASERTEC CORP	3.02	0.41	Info Tech
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL	2.94	1.32	Health Care
NTT CORP	2.78	0.86	Comm Srvc
DENSO CORP	2.77	0.76	Cons Discr
UNI-CHARM CORP	2.60	0.45	Cons Staples
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.71</b>	<b>12.93</b>	

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

**MSCI FACTOR BOX**



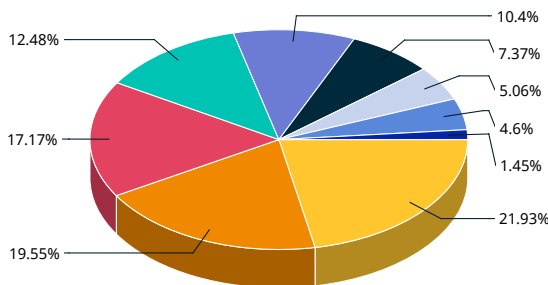
**MSCI FaCS**

- 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**



- Industrials 21.93%
- Information Technology 19.55%
- Consumer Discretionary 17.17%
- Health Care 12.48%
- Consumer Staples 10.4%
- Financials 7.37%
- Materials 5.06%
- Communication Services 4.6%
- Real Estate 1.45%

## INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI Growth Target Indexes are constructed by optimization from an underlying Parent Index using MSCI's Barra Equity Risk Model to maximize the index-level exposure to the Growth factor while constraining other non-target factors and maintaining total risk equal to or less than the ex-ante risk of the Parent Index at the time of rebalancing.

MSCI categorizes the MSCI Growth Target Indexes as part of the family of MSCI Factor Indexes, which are designed to reflect the systematic elements of particular investment styles or strategies. While capitalization weighted indexes represent the broad market beta, investors increasingly recognize that there are additional sources of systematic return associated with particular investment styles and strategies, such as value, momentum, volatility, quality etc. that could be represented through alternatively weighted indexes. The Growth factor is an addition to other systematic factors such as Size, Value and Low Volatility and may provide diversification to a factor portfolio or a standalone single factor strategy.

The Indexes are 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, 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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