



# Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

## Investment Objective

This benchmark agnostic small cap product adopts a distinctive value biased active investment style which combines the tenets of growth and value investing whilst taking market trends into consideration. We aim to identify financially stable companies and to invest in small and microcap stocks with sustainable growth potential that are undervalued.

## Key Facts

**Strategy Inception Date** 1 May 2004

**Portfolio Manager** Tatsuro Nigauri, CMA

**Investment Manager** Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

**Base Currency** JPY

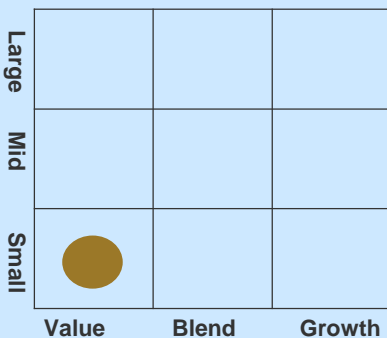
**Reference Benchmark** Russell/Nomura Small Cap (with div) and TOPIX (with dividends)

**Number of Holdings** circa 200

**Strategy Size mil USD** 1,172 (as at 31/10/24)

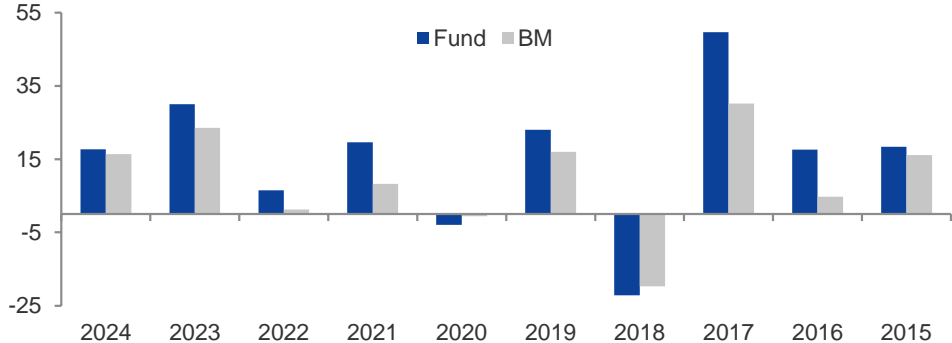
**EU 2019/2088 SFDR Regs:** The strategy is categorised under SFDR as Article 6.

## Style Indicator



## Performance %

Calendar year fund performance vs. benchmark



Source: SMDAM and Bloomberg, data as at 31 December 2024. The chart above shows calendar year performance in JPY against the benchmark Russell/Nomura Japan Small Cap (with dividends) which is shown in JPY and is gross of fees.

Composite Performance		
(Gross of fees)	Fund %	Russell/Nomura Japan Small Cap (with div) %
1m	3.67	3.29
3m	4.06	4.51
12m	17.65	16.36
3yr p.a.	17.64	13.32
5yr p.a.	13.57	9.38
<b>Since Inception p.a. (01/05/04)</b>	<b>12.45</b>	<b>6.55</b>

Source: SMDAM, as at 31 December 2024.

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## Topix-17 Sector Breakdown

IT & Services, Others	21.06
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	12.59
Retail Trade	11.04
Construction & Materials	10.84
Raw Materials & Chemicals	7.77
Auto & Transport Equipment	7.33
Machinery	6.71
Real Estate	6.51
Transportation & Logistics	5.47
Financials (Ex Banks)	5.46
Electric Appl. & Precision Instr.	3.79
Pharmaceutical	0.82
Foods	0.42
Energy Resources	0.15
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	0.03
Electric Power & Gas	0.00
Banks	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Top 10 Holdings

Sanyo Trading Co Ltd	4.28
Nichias Corp	4.10
Nichirin Co Ltd	3.64
Ku Holdings Co Ltd	3.34
Jaccs Co Ltd	3.20
Hamakyorex Co Ltd	2.90
Nippon Dry-Chemical Co Ltd	2.62
Endo Lighting Corp	2.36
Tomoku Co Ltd	2.16
Noda Corp	2.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.69</b>

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