

Market Review for August 2021

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TOPIX ended up on the previous month-end. Solid Japanese corporate quarterly earnings results suggested Japan is on track to a recovery from the impact of the pandemic and this pushed the market higher. Although the market temporarily declined on the declaration of the fourth state of emergency following a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases, the news of the US bipartisan infrastructure bill passing in the Senate underpinned the market.

Table 1. Market Performance

2021	As of the end of Aug	Aug	Year to Date
TOPIX	1,960.70	3.14%*	8.65%*
Nikkei 225	28,089.54	2.95%	2.35%
USD/JPY**	109.86	109.75 (31 Jul)	103.25 (end of 2020)

*MTD: 3.17%, YTD: 9.90% in total return index, **Reuters London 4pm

Figure 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

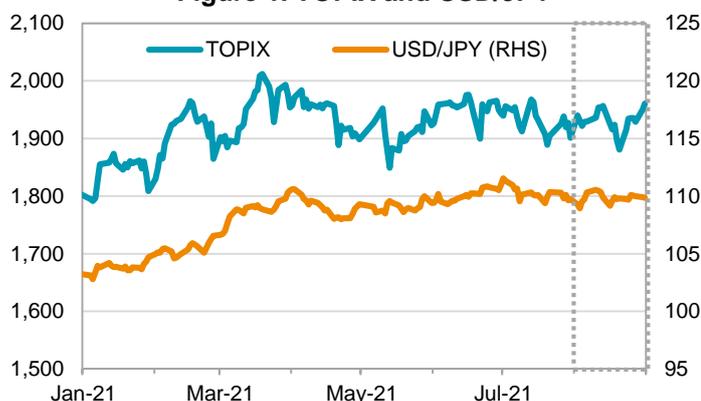


Figure 2. Global Equity Market Monthly Performance

(as of the end of August 2021, local currency)

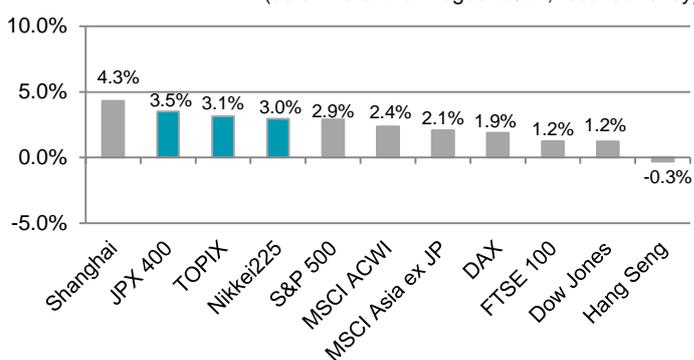


Table 2. Top 5 performing sectors in August 2021

Sector	Return
Marine Transportation	49.75%
Iron & Steel	15.05%
Precision Instruments	10.54%
Services	7.97%
Pharmaceutical	6.79%

Table 3. Bottom 5 performing sectors in August 2021

Sector	Return
Oil & Coal Products	-4.77%
Pulp & Paper	-3.17%
Nonferrous Metals	-1.47%
Transportation Equipment	-1.12%
Other Products	-0.89%

Table 4. Top 5 performing stocks* in August 2021

Name	Return
Nippon Yusen KK (9101 JP)	50.85%
Mitsui OSK Lines (9104 JP)	50.44%
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (9107 JP)	48.12%
JEF Holdings (5411 JP)	34.62%
Z Holdings (4689 JP)	31.20%

Table 5. Bottom 5 performing stocks* in August 2021

Sector	Return
Kose (4922 JP)	-22.90%
PeptiDream (4587 JP)	-13.87%
Sharp (6753 JP)	-13.10%
Yamato Holdings (9064 JP)	-11.11%
Mazda Motor (7261 JP)	-10.91%

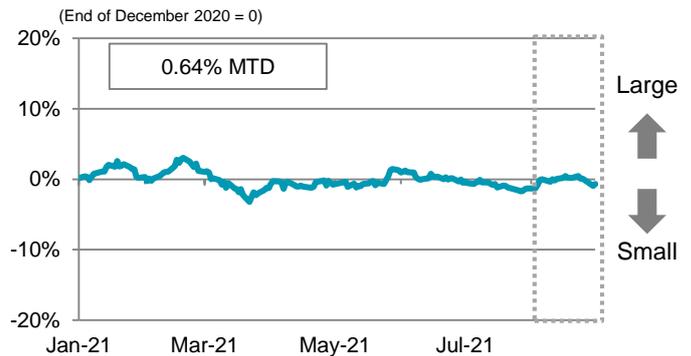
*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion

Figure 3. Value-Growth Spread



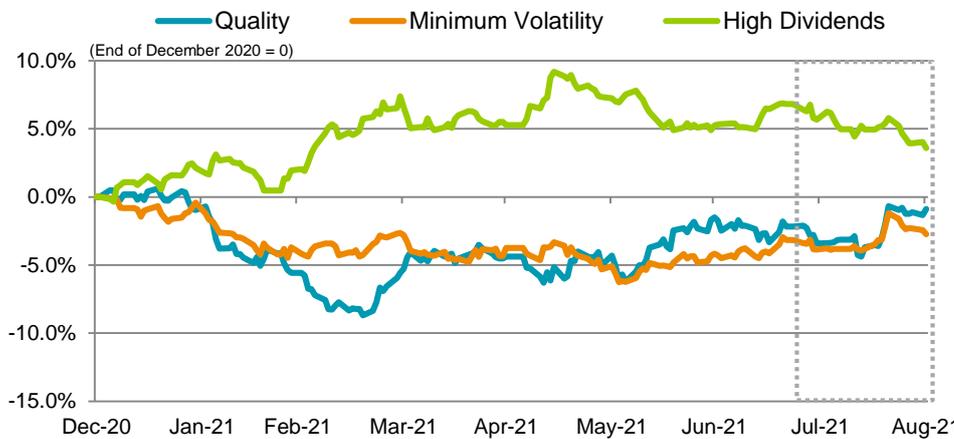
The spread between Russell Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

Figure 4. Large-Small Cap Spread



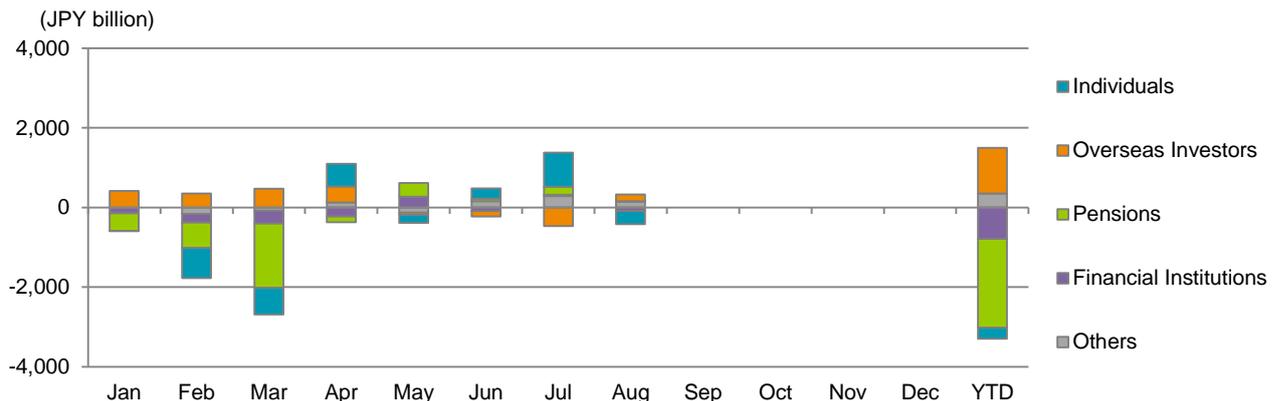
The spread between Russell Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

Figure 5. MSCI Japan Factor Indexes Spread against MSCI Japan



Data: Bloomberg, Nomura Securities, SuMi TRUST (as at the end of August 2021)

Figure 6. Monthly Investment Activities by Investor Type in the Japanese Equity Market



Data: Bloomberg, SuMi TRUST (as of 20th August 2021)

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