

Market Review for August 2023

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MONTHLY REVIEW

The Japanese equity market saw TOPIX increase by 0.4% and the Nikkei 225 slide by 1.7% in August. In the first half of the month, concerns over rising long-term US interest rates and China's economy weighed on Japanese equities. However in the second half of the month Japanese equities rebounded following the positive performance of US semi-conductor stocks like NVIDIA and Governor Powell's speech at Jackson Hole, which was not as hawkish as markets had feared. August saw small-cap stocks outperform large-cap stocks.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE

2023	As of the end of August 2023	Aug-23	Year to Date
TOPIX	2,332.00	0.41%	23.27%
Nikkei 225	32,619.34	-1.67%	25.00%
USD/JPY*	145.53	142.29 (Aug-23)	131.12

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

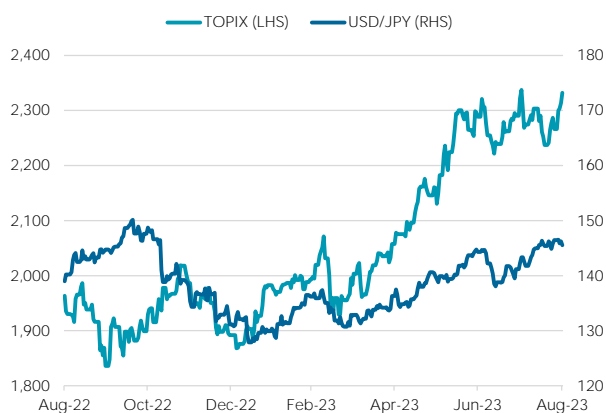


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of August 2023, local currency)

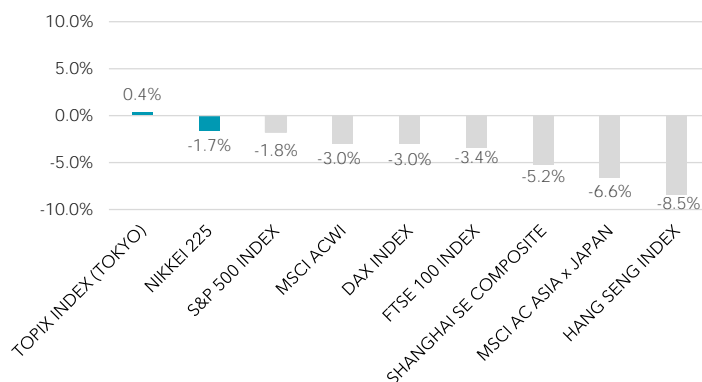


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Marine Transportation	11.79%
Mining	9.68%
Oil & Coal Products	6.76%
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	6.28%
Electric Power & Gas	6.10%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Precision Instruments	-4.75%
Electric Appliance	-3.50%
Air Transportation	-2.98%
Textiles & Apparels	-2.93%
Nonferrous Metals	-2.77%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
YAMAZAKI BAKING	2212 JT Equity	34.48%
ROHTO PHARMACEUTICAL	4527 JT Equity	25.31%
MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRY	7011 JT Equity	22.86%
ITOCHU TECHNO SOLUTIONS	4739 JT Equity	20.07%
SUMITOMO FOREST	1911 JT Equity	19.74%

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
SYSMEX	6869 JT Equity	-19.47%
YAMAHA	7951 JT Equity	-18.20%
NIKON	7731 JT Equity	-16.10%
SQUARE ENIX HOLDINGS	9684 JT Equity	-16.01%
HAKUHODO DY HOLDINGS	2433 JT Equity	-15.28%

*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion

Note. Figures on this sheet are from SuMi TRUST, Bloomberg, NEEDS, MSCI and Nomura (as of August 2023)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



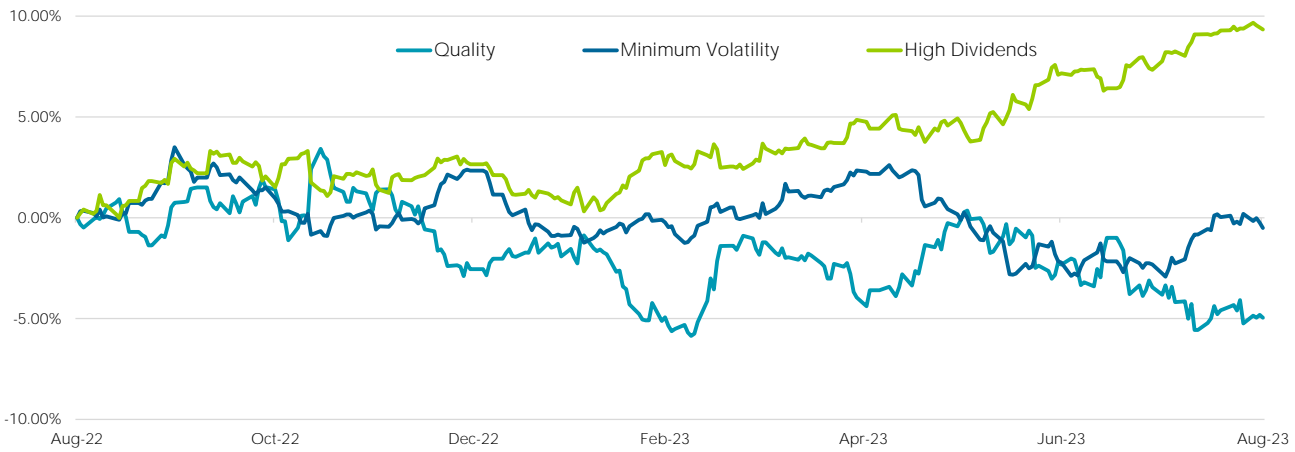
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

FIGURE 4. LARGE-SMALL CAP SPREAD



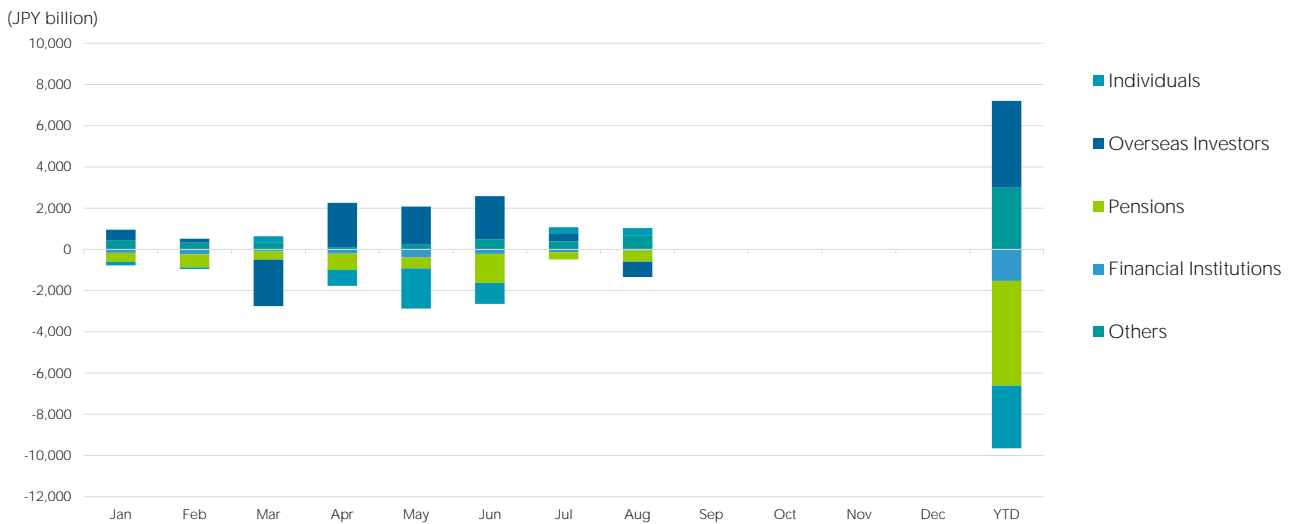
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

FIGURE 5. MSCI JAPAN FACTOR INDEXES SPREAD AGAINST MSCI JAPAN*



*The measurement begins from the end of August 2022, starting from 0%.

FIGURE 6. MONTHLY INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES BY INVESTOR TYPE IN THE JAPANESE EQUITY MARKET**



**Latest month figures are until the 3rd week of the month

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