

Market Review for February 2023

2nd March 2023

MONTHLY REVIEW

TOPIX posted a positive return for two consecutive months. The Japanese equity market started with a rise on expectations for an early halt in U.S. interest rate hikes. Additionally U.S. employment data (for January) exceeded market expectations. Subsequently, the U.S. Wholesale Price Index for January was higher than market expectations, which raised caution about U.S. monetary tightening and global stock markets including the Japanese equity market. However, it ended the month on a positive note.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE

	2023	As of the end of Feb 2023	Feb 2023	Year to Date
TOPIX		1993.28	0.91%	5.37%
Nikkei 225		27445.56	0.43%	-4.92%
USD/JPY*		136.17	130.09 (31 Jan)	131.12 (end of 2022)

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

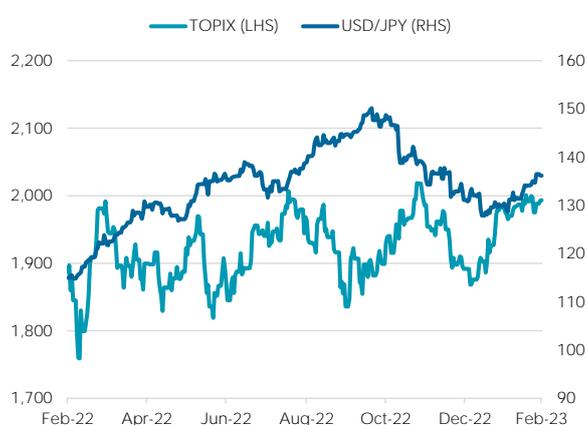


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of Feb 2023, local currency)

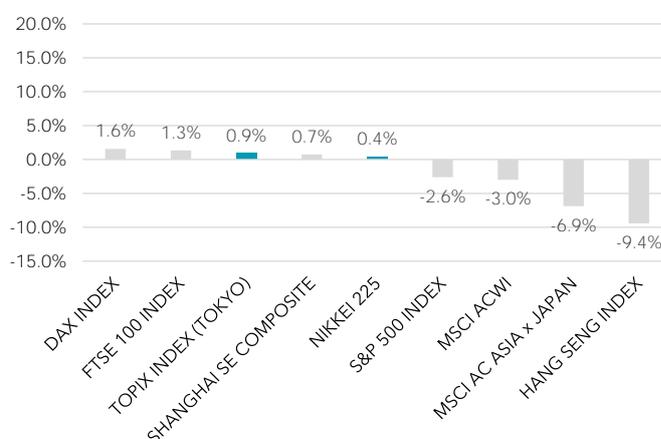


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Marine Transportation	14.37%
Iron & Steel	9.99%
Rubber Products	8.47%
Securities & Commodity Futures	6.77%
Other Financing Business	4.93%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Air Transportation	-5.11%
Precision Instruments	-2.83%
Other Products	-2.48%
Services	-2.36%
Information & Communication	-1.87%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Return
RENESAS ELECTRONICS (6723JP)	32.68%
KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA (9107 JP)	21.20%
GOLDWIN (8111 JP)	19.98%
DAI NIPPON PRINTING (7912 JP)	19.28%
TOPPAN INC (7911 JP)	18.02%

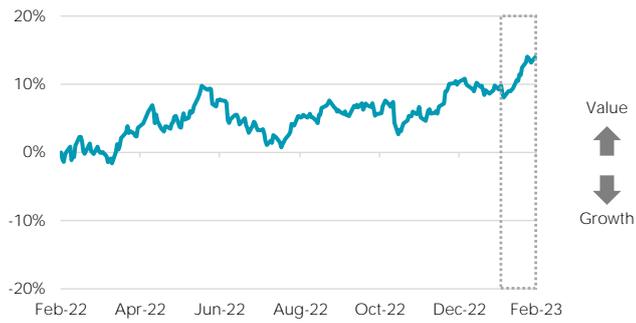
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Name	Return
LASERTEC (6920 JP)	-13.24%
SHARP (6753 JP)	-12.48%
KOBAYASHI PHARMACEUTICAL (4967 JP)	-11.92%
RECRUIT HOLDINGS (6098 JP)	-10.62%
YOKOGAWA ELECTRIC (6841 JP)	-10.40%

*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 February 2023)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD*



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

FIGURE 4. LARGE-SMALL CAP SPREAD*



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*



*End of February 2022=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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