

Market Review for October 2023

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MONTHLY REVIEW

The Japanese equity market saw TOPIX fall by 3% while the Nikkei 225 slid by 3.1%. In the first half of the month the Japanese equity market was rocked by swings in US bond yields and rising tensions in the Middle East. Speculation over the Bank of Japan (BOJ) potentially amending its monetary policy strategy also weighed on equities. Towards the end of the month US long-term interest rates topped 5%, which was a headwind for Japanese equities. Large cap stocks outperformed in the beginning of the month but small and mid cap stocks dominated towards the end of the month.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE

2023	As of the end of October 2023	Oct-23	Year to Date
TOPIX	2,323.39	-3.00%	19.14%
Nikkei 225	31857.62	-3.14%	18.26%
USD/JPY*	151.68	149.37 (Sep-23)	131.12 (end of 2022)

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

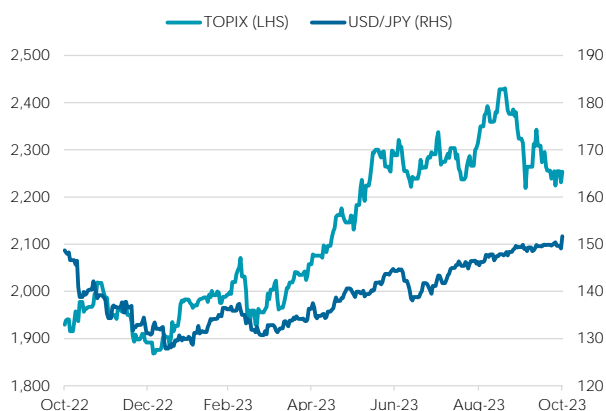


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of October 2023, local currency)

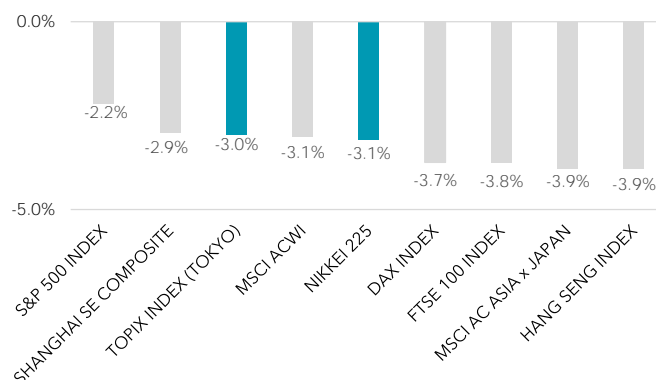


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Foods	1.48%
Pulp & Paper	1.17%
Banks	0.36%
Insurance	0.32%
Retail Trade	-0.13%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Pharmaceutical	-7.34%
Machinery	-6.37%
Iron & Steel	-6.35%
Transportation Equipments	-6.01%
Nonferrous Metals	-5.51%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
ZENSHO HOLDINGS	7550 JT Equity	21.96%
NISSHIN SEIFUN	2002 JT Equity	19.50%
TOYO SUISAN KAISHA	2875 JT Equity	18.67%
YAMAZAKI BAKING	2212 JT Equity	16.63%
OSAKA GAS	9532 JT Equity	15.43%

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
MITSUBISHI MOTOR	7211 JT Equity	-25.91%
MONOTARO	3064 JT Equity	-24.99%
BAYCURRENT CONSULTING	6532 JT Equity	-24.79%
PANASONIC	6752 JT Equity	-22.18%
NIDEC	6594 JT Equity	-21.79%

*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 October 2023)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



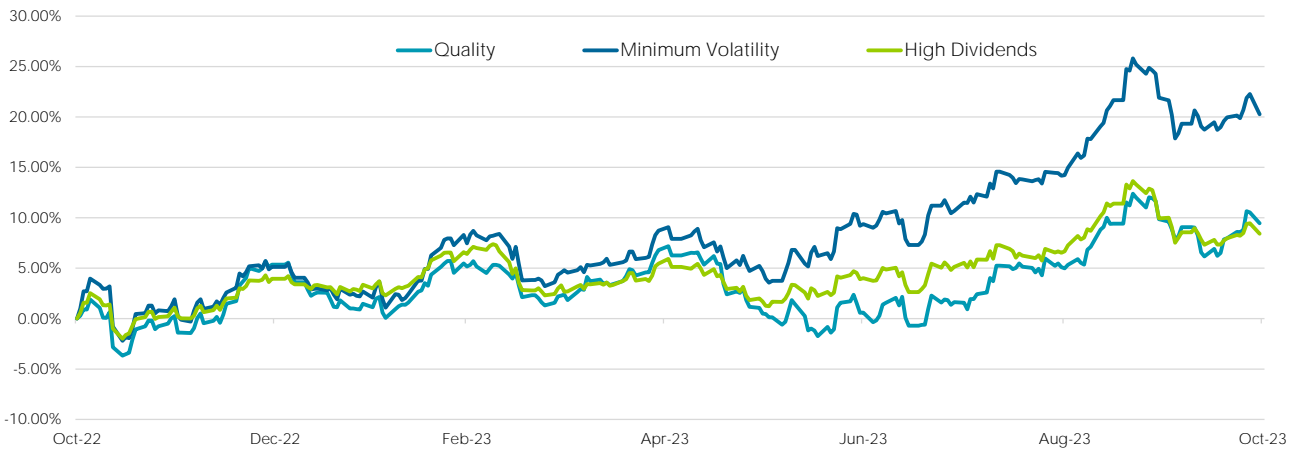
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

FIGURE 4. LARGE-SMALL CAP SPREAD



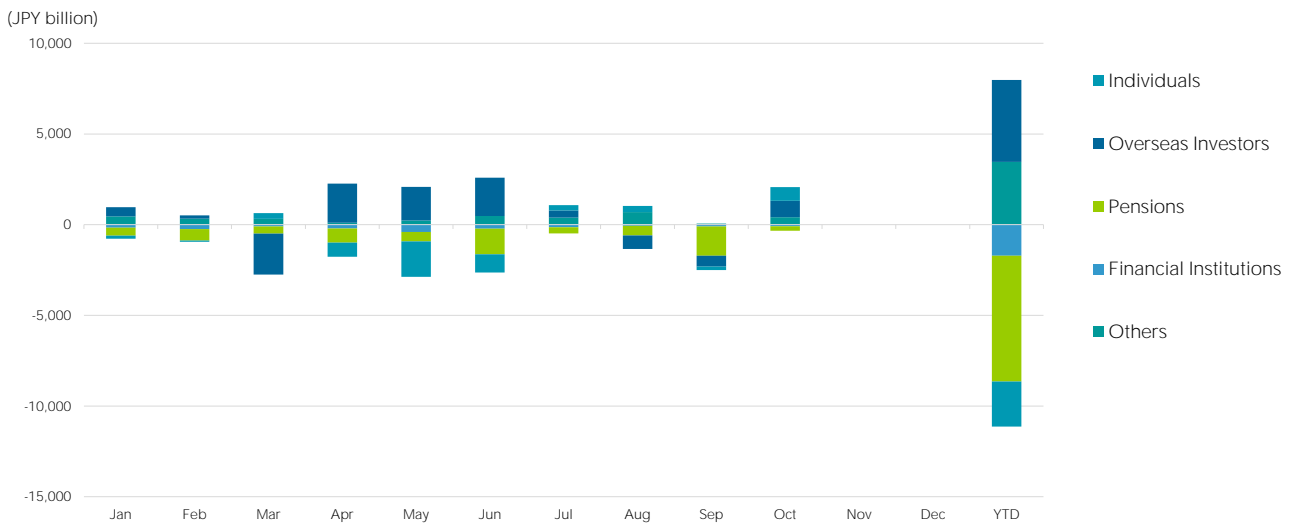
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

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



*The measurement begins from the end of October 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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