

## Market Review for August 2021

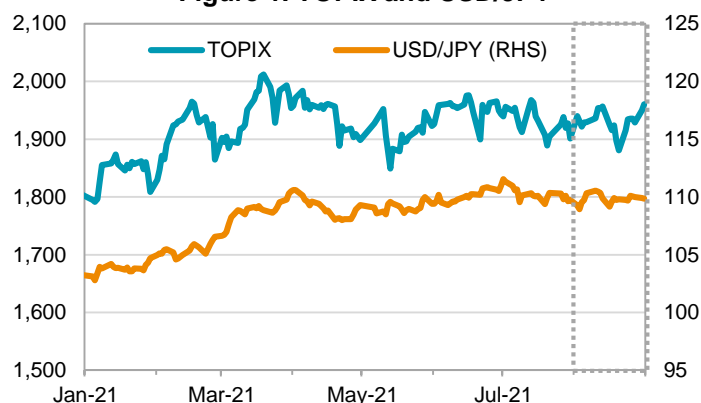
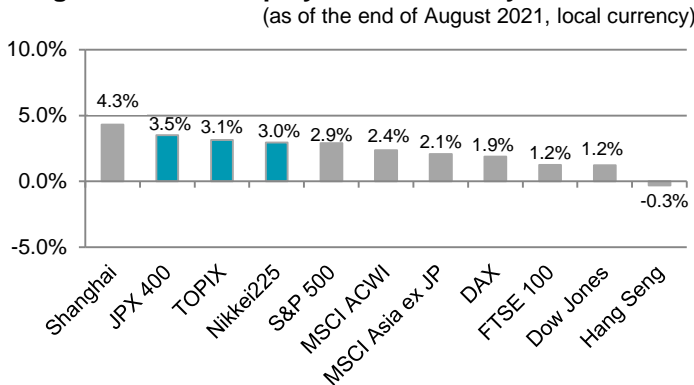
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TOPIX ended up on the previous month-end. Solid Japanese corporate quarterly earnings results suggested Japan is on track to a recovery from the impact of the pandemic and this pushed the market higher. Although the market temporarily declined on the 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**

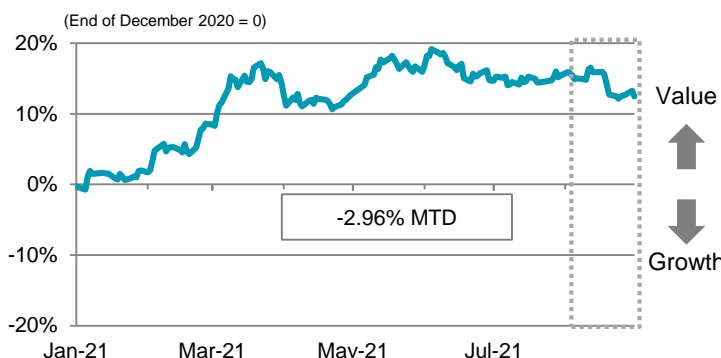
Name	Return
Nippon Yusen KK (9101 JP)	50.85%
Mitsui OSK Lines (9104 JP)	50.44%
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (9107 JP)	48.12%
JEF Holdings (5411 JP)	34.62%
Z Holdings (4689 JP)	31.20%

**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%

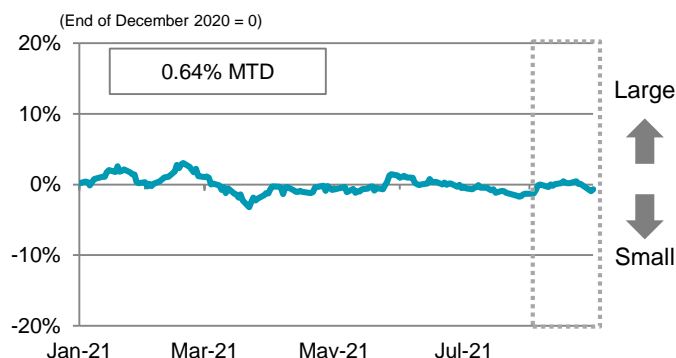
\*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion

**Figure 3. Value-Growth Spread**



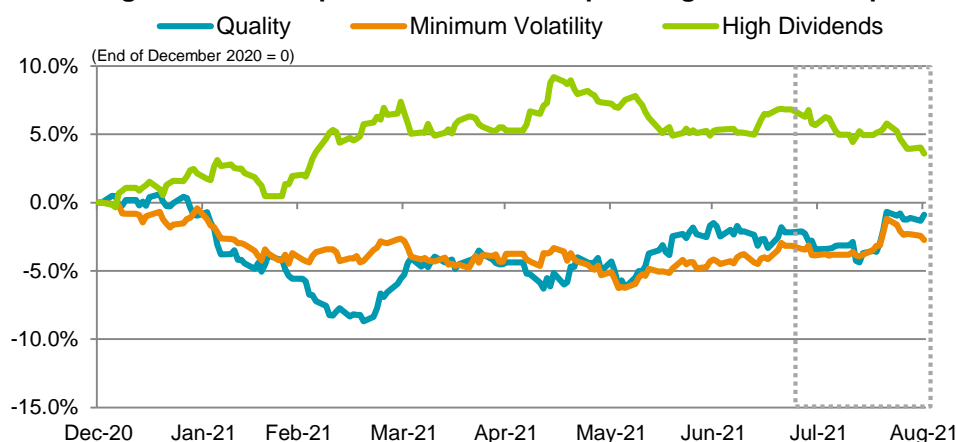
The spread between Russell Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

**Figure 4. Large-Small Cap Spread**



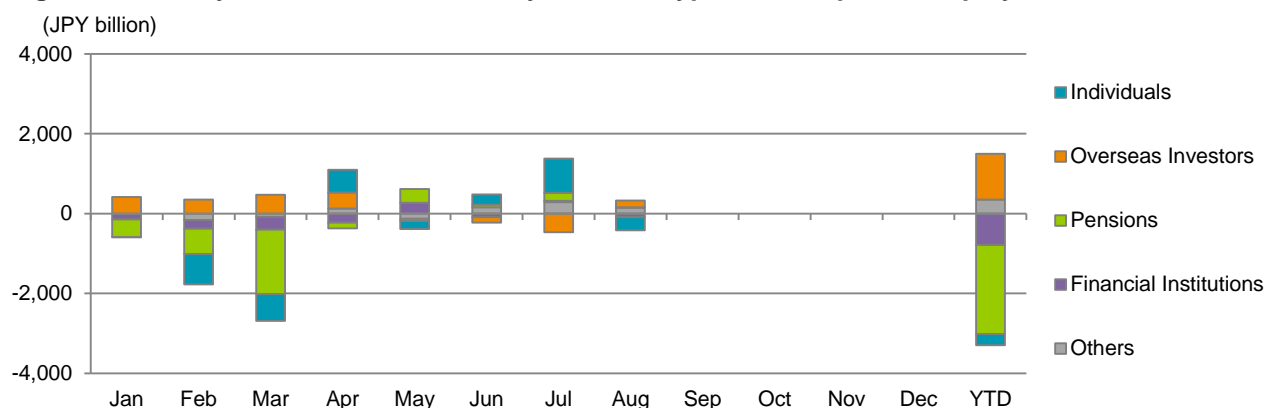
The spread between Russell Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021)

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