

Market Review for September 2023

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MONTHLY REVIEW

The Japanese equity market saw TOPIX hit its highest level since March 1990, while the Nikkei 225 slid for the third consecutive month. Expectations for further US rate hikes fell in the first half of the month, providing a boost for Japanese equities. However in the second half of the month the Federal Open Market Committee members raised their policy rate projections amidst strong US economic indicators, causing Japanese equities to slide. Large cap value stocks outperformed in the beginning of the month but small and large cap growth stocks picked up towards the end of the month.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE

2023	As of the end of September 2023	Sep-23	Year to Date
TOPIX	2,323.39	-0.37%	22.82%
Nikkei 225	31857.62	-2.34%	22.09%
USD/JPY*	149.37	145.54 (Aug-23)	131.12 (end of 2022)

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

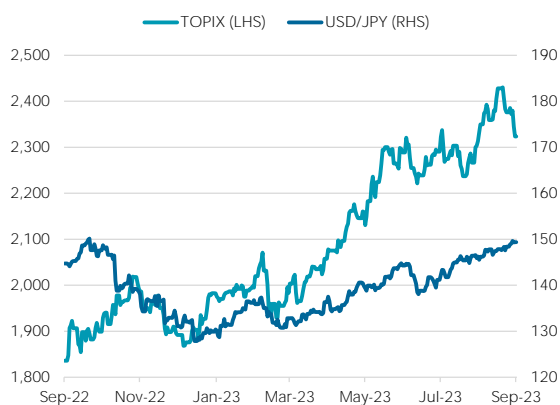


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of September 2023, local currency)

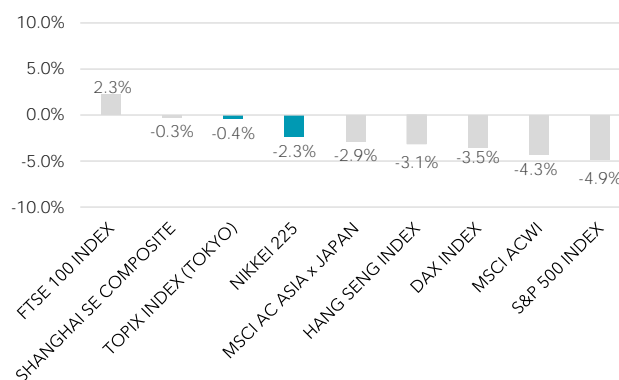


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Mining	21.53%
Oil & Coal Products	14.71%
Marine Transportation	13.35%
Pulp & Paper	9.28%
Transportation Equipments	9.04%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
AISIN	7259 JT Equity	16.09%
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES	6201 JT Equity	14.32%
DAI-ICHI LIFE HOLDINGS	8750 JT Equity	14.22%
MITSUBISHI MOTOR	7211 JT Equity	13.74%
JAPAN POST BANK	7182 JT Equity	11.34%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sectors	Return
Precision Instruments	-9.76%
Air Transportation	-6.87%
Electric Appliance	-6.49%
Services	-4.47%
Nonferrous Metals	-3.55%

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
SOCIONEXT	6526 JT Equity	-18.12%
CAPCOM	9697 JT Equity	-12.34%
RECRUIT HOLDINGS	6098 JT Equity	-11.70%
GMO PAYMENT GATEWAY	3769 JT Equity	-11.39%
SHISEIDO	4911 JT Equity	-11.26%

*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 September 2023)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



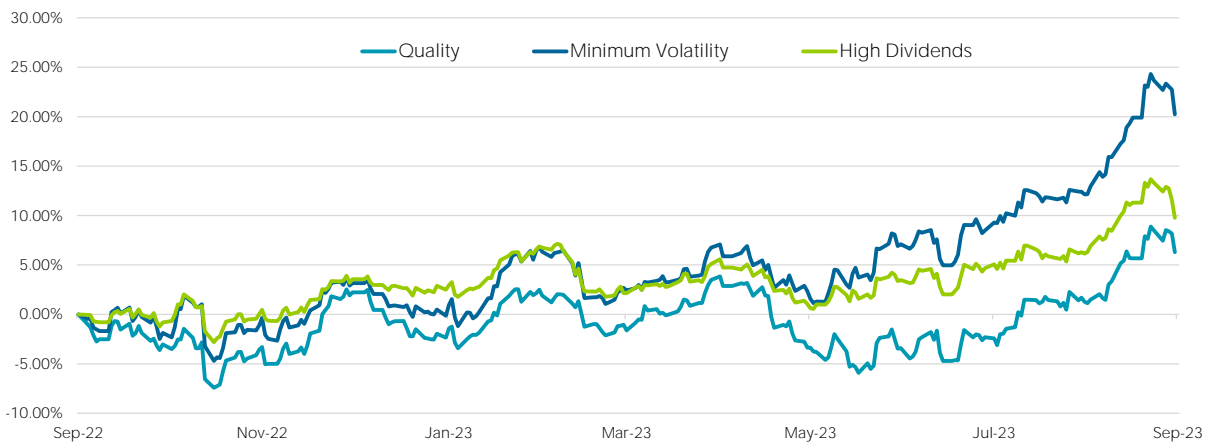
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

FIGURE 4. LARGE-SMALL CAP SPREAD



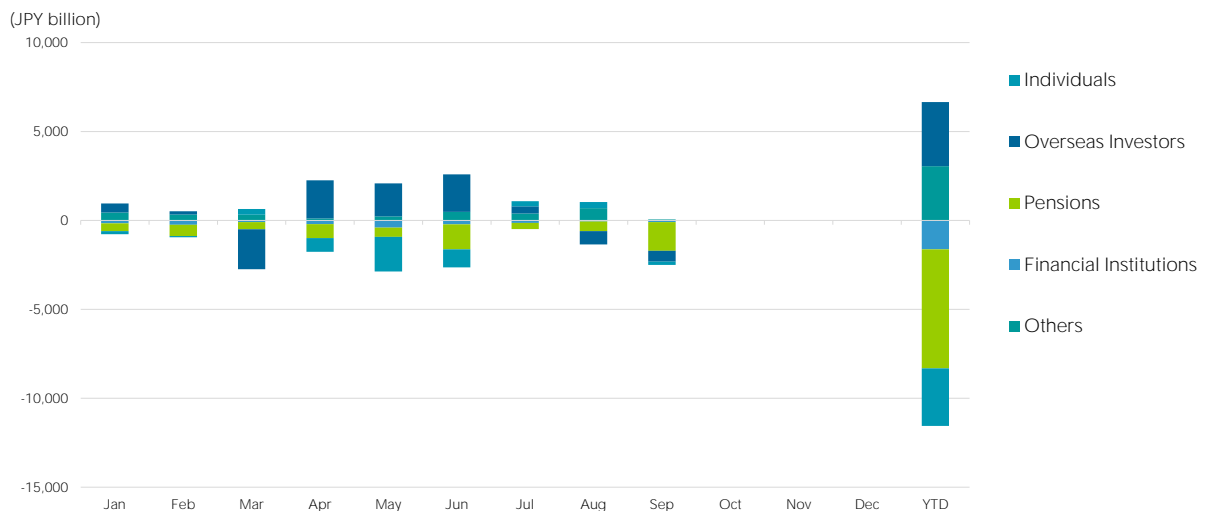
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

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



*The measurement begins from the end of September 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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