

Market Review for February 2025

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MONTHLY REVIEW

In February, the Japanese equity market declined with the TOPIX and Nikkei 225 indices dropping by -3.8% and -6.1% respectively. The Nikkei 225 was particularly affected by a sharp drop in semiconductor-related stocks which represent a larger proportion of the index than the TOPIX. A number of factors including continued concern over President Trump's tariffs on U.S. imports, failed ceasefire negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, and speculation over further Bank of Japan interest rate hikes led to volatility. Large cap stocks in particular were affected, with small and mid caps performing better in relative terms. Other news included the breakdown of merger talks between Honda and Nissan and Berkshire Hathaway increasing its stakes in Japanese trading companies.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE (as of the end of February 2025)

	Index	Return	Year to Date
TOPIX	2,682.09	-3.82%	-3.69%
Nikkei 225	37,155.50	-6.11%	-6.87%

	Feb-25	Jan-25	End of 2024
USD/JPY*	150.63	155.19	157.20

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

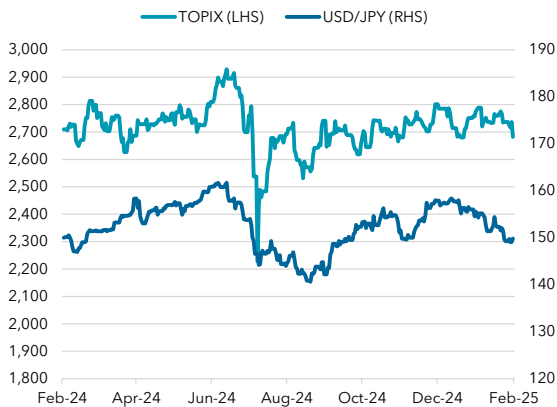


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of February 2025, local currency)

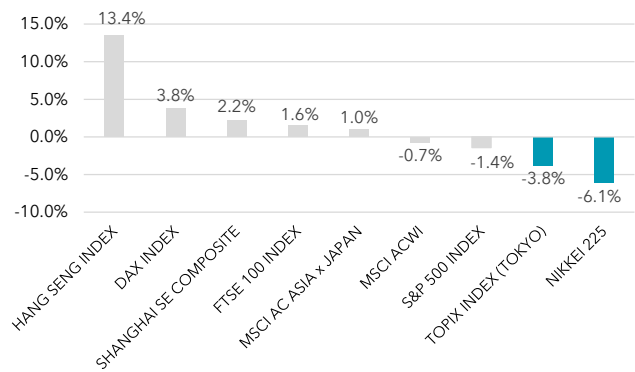


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sector	Return
Marine Transportation	6.66%
Other Products	6.64%
Iron & Steel	3.65%
Mining	2.33%
Electric Power & Gas	2.05%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sector	Return
Precision Instruments	-12.41%
Services	-10.56%
Machinery	-7.86%
Nonferrous Metals	-7.32%
Transportation Equipments	-7.11%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
KIOXIA	285A JT Equity	47.76%
BANDAI NAMCO	7832 JT Equity	29.50%
KONAMI GROUP	9766 JT Equity	27.76%
KOKUSAI ELECTRIC	6525 JT Equity	24.93%
M3	2413 JT Equity	24.08%

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
RECRUIT	6098 JT Equity	-19.49%
DAIICHI SANKYO	4568 JT Equity	-19.41%
HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS	6965 JT Equity	-18.92%
KURARAY	3405 JT Equity	-17.81%
ROHTO PHARMACEUTICAL	4527 JT Equity	-17.78%

*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion at the beginning of the month

Note. Figures on this sheet are from SuMi TRUST, Bloomberg, NEEDS, MSCI and Nomura (as of February 2025)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



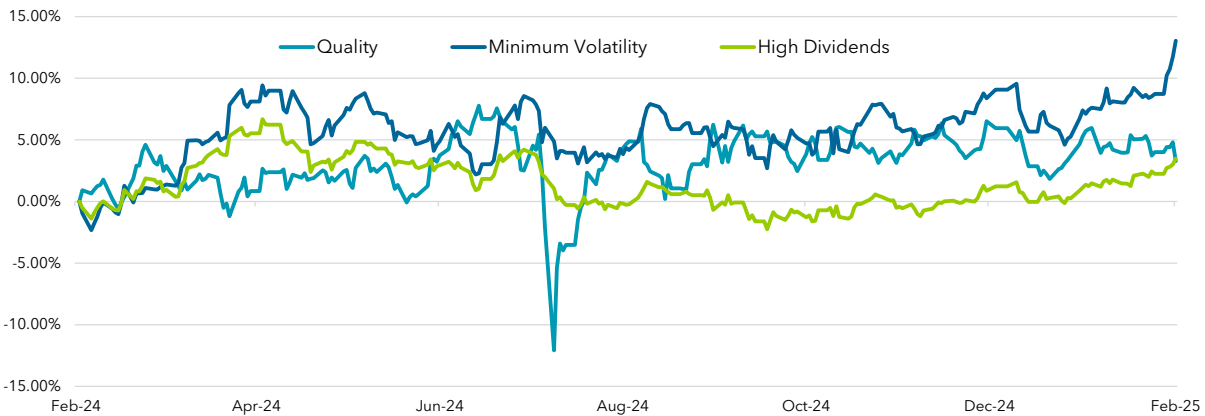
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means Value dominant)

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 February 2024, 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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