

# MFS® Japan Value Equity (JPY)

## Goal

Seeks to outperform the TOPIX over a full market cycle while managing risk with the portfolio.

## Investment team

### Portfolio Managers

**Yuko Kikuchi, CFA**  
 ■ 16 years with MFS  
 ■ 25 years in industry  
**Nicholas Spratt, CFA**  
 ■ 7 years with MFS  
 ■ 25 years in industry

### Institutional Portfolio Manager

**Akira Fuse, CMA**  
 ■ 5 years with MFS  
 ■ 36 years in industry

## Assets under management (JPY)

MFS Investment Management® 99,820.0 billion  
 MFS® Japan Value Equity Composite 748.0 million

## Philosophy

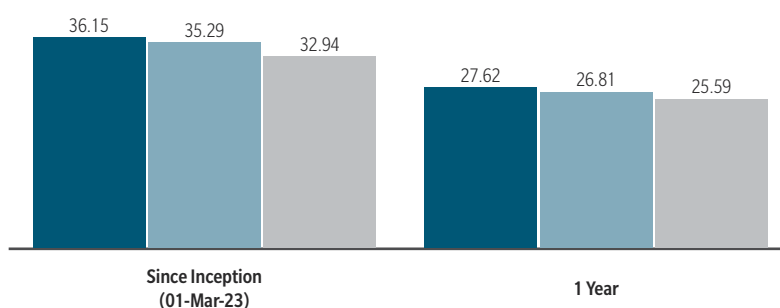
We believe:

- The Japanese stock market is inexpensive relative to its fundamentals, due to historical and structural reasons.
- A global perspective is an advantage in the Japanese market.
- Rigorous bottom-up, fundamental research offers the best opportunity to identify attractive investment opportunities.
- Long-term focus allows us to capitalise on opportunities created by investors with shorter-term investment horizon.

## Performance (%) total return

■ MFS (gross of fees)  
 ■ MFS (net of fees)  
 ■ TOPIX

For periods of less than one-year returns are not annualized.



	Since Inception (01-Mar-23)	1 Year
Gross vs. TOPIX	3.21	2.03
Net vs. TOPIX	2.35	1.22

## Annual performance (%)

	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	19.11
MFS (net of fees)	18.73
TOPIX	20.14

## MIFID II performance standard – 12-month rates of total return (%) as of the period ended

	Life (01-Mar-23)	30-Jun-24
MFS (gross of fees)	36.15	27.62
MFS (net of fees)	35.29	26.81
TOPIX	32.94	25.59

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator for future results. All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of investments may rise and fall so you may get back less than originally invested.** Investors should consider the risks, including lower returns, related to currency movements between their investing currency and the portfolio's base currency, if different.

See the GIPS Composite Report at the end of this presentation for performance methodology and other information.

The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MIFID) is the EU legislation that regulates firms who provide services to clients linked to financial instruments.

Source: Benchmark performance from SPAR, FactSet Research Systems Inc.

It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index performance will differ from our actively managed strategies, which may involve a higher degree of risk.

Total gross of fee returns include both capital appreciation and reinvestment of income but exclude custody fees.

Net-of-fee performance is based on the average fee actually charged on assets managed in the strategy. Separate account fees are negotiated and if the fee you pay is higher than this average your performance would be lower.

CHARACTERISTICS	MFS	TOPIX
<b>Fundamentals - weighted average</b>		
Return on equity (3-year average)	9.9%	12.1%
Return on invested capital	6.7%	8.5%
Long term debt/capital	20.2%	26.0%
Price/book	1.2x	1.4x
Price/earnings (12 months forward ex-negative earnings)	14.1x	14.9x
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (JPY) <sup>1</sup>	2,928.9 bn	8,399.1 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	33%	22%
Number of Issues	44	2,137
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>2</sup>	20%	—
<b>Risk profile (current)</b>		
Active share	89%	—
Barra predicted tracking error <sup>3</sup>	3.72%	—

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)			
Security	Sector	MFS	TOPIX
ITOCHU CORP	Industrials	3.9	1.4
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES CORP	Industrials	3.6	0.3
TOPPAN HOLDINGS INC	Industrials	3.6	0.1
DENSO CORP	Consumer Discretionary	3.5	0.5
MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP	Industrials	3.2	0.7
TOYOTA TSUSHO CORP	Industrials	3.1	0.2
TAISEI CORP	Industrials	3.1	0.1
NEC CORP	Information Technology	3.0	0.4
MITSUI & CO LTD	Industrials	2.9	1.5
TBS HOLDINGS INC	Communication Services	2.8	0.1

### Important risk considerations

Because the portfolio may invest a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or in a limited number of countries, it may be more volatile than a portfolio that is more geographically diversified. ■ Stock markets and investments in individual stocks are volatile and can decline significantly in response to or investor perception of, issuer, market, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions. ■ The portfolio's investments can continue to be undervalued for long periods of time, not realize their expected value, and be more volatile than the stock market in general.

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SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%)†	TOPIX
Industrials	15.2
Materials	0.4
Real Estate	0.4
Information Technology	-0.8
Communication Services	-0.9
Energy	-1.0
Consumer Discretionary	-1.4
Utilities	-1.5
Health Care	-3.0
Consumer Staples	-3.2
Financials	-6.2

<sup>1</sup> Weighted average.

<sup>2</sup> US Turnover Methodology: (Lesser of Purchase or Sales)/Average Month End Market Value

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**Composite:** MFS Japan Value Equity Composite

**Benchmark:** TOPIX

**Creation Date:** 19-Apr-2023

**Inception Date:** 01-Mar-2023

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**Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule**

Asset Breakpoints (JPY)	Fee
For Assets Up To 5000 MM	65 bp
For Assets From 5000 MM To 10000 MM	55 bp
For Assets Over 10000 MM	50 bp

Accounts are eligible for inclusion in the composite if they have assets greater than 1 MM USD (141 MM JPY). Accounts are included as of their first full month of performance.

Period	Composite and Benchmark Return %			Composite Dispersion	Accounts in Composite at End of Period	Annualized 3-Year Standard Deviation		Assets (JPY million)	
	Gross of fees	Net of fees <sup>^</sup>	Benchmark			Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2023**	26.69	26.02	21.67	n/a	<6	^	^	¥628.0	¥81,146,690.0

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Total Gross of fee returns in JPY (includes both capital appreciation and reinvestment of income) are net of transaction costs, withholding taxes and direct expenses, but before management fees, custody and other indirect expenses. Typical separate accounts utilize 4:00 PM (London Time) foreign exchange rates; retail products will use rates deemed most appropriate for daily NAV per share calculations. The possibility exists for performance dispersion between otherwise similarly managed accounts and also with the benchmark.

Net of fee returns presented in this table are gross of fee returns reduced by management fees and performance fees if applicable (actual fees). For certain accounts where the actual fees are unavailable, the maximum applicable annual institutional separate account fees were applied.

Total returns of the benchmark are provided for each period depicted, expressed in JPY. Source of Benchmark Performance: FACTSET®.

TOPIX Gross Return - is a capitalization weighted gross return index of all companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Composite Dispersion is measured by the asset-weighted standard deviation of gross of fees account returns for all accounts in the composite for the full period. For composites containing less than six accounts for the full period, dispersion is deemed not meaningful and is not presented. The three-year annualized ex post standard deviation measures the variability of the gross of fees composite returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

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