

Market Review for January 2025

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MONTHLY REVIEW

In January, the Japanese equity market saw modest movements, with the TOPIX up by 0.1% and the Nikkei 225 down by 0.8% at the month end. Despite falling below the 39,000 yen level in the middle of the month the market recovered. A number of factors including a rate hike by the Bank of Japan, the Fed holding rates in place and setbacks for US AI companies led to some volatility within the month. Despite some yen appreciation, Foreign investors were net buyers of Japanese equities for the first time in three months

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

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| | Index | Return | Year to Date |
| TOPIX | 2,788.66 | 0.13% | 0.13% |
| Nikkei 225 | 39,572.49 | -0.81% | -0.81% |
| | Jan-25 | Dec-24 | End of 2024 |
| USD/JPY* | 155.19 | 157.20 | 157.20 |

^{*}Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

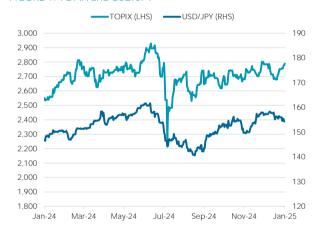


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of January 2025, local currency)

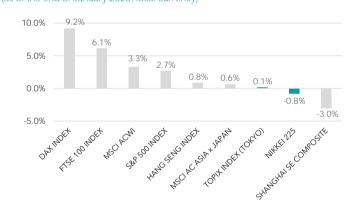


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

| Sector | Return |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Securities & Commodity Futures | 7.91% |
| Other Products | 7.47% |
| Banks | 6.28% |
| Rubber Products | 3.84% |
| Real Estate | 3.66% |

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

| Name | Ticker | Return |
|----------------|----------------|--------|
| FUJI MEDIA | 4676 JT Equity | 26.54% |
| BAYCURRENT | 6532 JT Equity | 24.91% |
| SCREEN | 7735 JT Equity | 15.12% |
| RYOHIN KEIKAKU | 7453 JT Equity | 14.56% |
| RAKUTEN | 4755 JT Equity | 14.40% |

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

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

| Sector | Return |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Marine Transportation | -6.91% |
| Electric Power & Gas | -4.75% |
| Wholesale Trade | -4.66% |
| Mining | -4.63% |
| Insurance | -4.09% |

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

| Name | Ticker | Return |
|----------------------|----------------|---------|
| NEXON | 3659 JT Equity | -14.71% |
| TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER | 9501 JT Equity | -13.87% |
| MITSUBISHI MOTOR | 7211 JT Equity | -13.35% |
| SAPPORO | 2501 JT Equity | -13.30% |
| FUJI ELECTRIC | 6504 JT Equity | -13.12% |

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

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



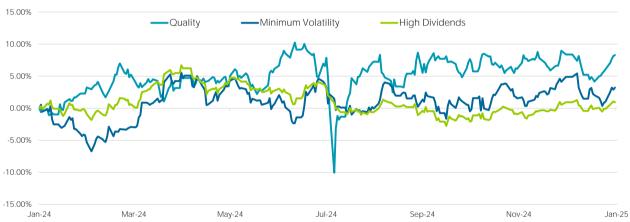
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means Value dominant)

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 January 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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