

Thornbridge Nissay Japan Equity Contrarian Value Fund

February 2024

Fund Description

Investment Objective: To achieve capital appreciation over the medium-to long-term by identifying and acquiring Japanese equities which are believed by the Investment Manager to be significantly undervalued, with a focus on improving the environmental, social or governance credentials of those equities.

Philosophy: Nissay Asset Management (NAM) invests with a long-term investment horizon, focusing on fundamentals and cash flow return on investment (CFROI) to exploit inefficiencies in the Japanese market and avoid value traps. NAM exploits a greater inefficiency in the Small/Mid Cap segment of the Japanese market due to lack of professional sell side analyst coverage, and a move to passive investments by large institutional investors.

Investment Strategy: The Fund invests in 30-40 companies, with a high active share and a focus on the inefficient mid-cap segment. It follows an unconstrained all cap approach availing itself of all the opportunity set across the market. The Fund has a core value investment style and is diversified across all sectors (rather than being biased to traditional value sectors such as financials and energy), allowing investors to hold the Fund throughout the cycle.

Monthly Commentary

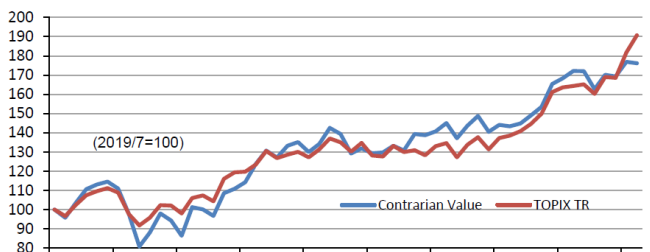
Japanese stocks rallied in February supported by a weakened yen, a steady US equity market and expectations of increasing demand in the semiconductor industry. Net overseas buying continued to be prominent following 60% of company earnings exceeding analyst expectations and an increase in share buybacks.

Foreign-investor flows have mainly been focussed on large cap stocks, as has been the case in previous bull markets, e.g., in 2013, during the Abenomics bull market, large caps performed most strongly for the first 12 months, but ultimately large caps gave this performance back and mid and small caps outperformed. Today the situation is more extreme – with large caps significantly outperforming mid and small caps. Given historic data, Tomimura-san expects this relationship to invert, as it did in the Abenomics era.

IHI was one of the top contributors for the month. The company announced earnings growth of +23% in early February and it is expected that the profit mix will structurally improve as demand for aircraft is expected to recover over the medium term horizon. The introduction of ROIC as a business valuation measure is expected to enhance the profitability of the business, alongside their expanding aero engines long term growth project.

Portfolio advisor	Eizo Tomimura
Strategy inception	August 2019
Fund inception	19 June 2023
Fund AUM	2,109,653,144 JPY
Reference index	TOPIX (Total Return)
Investment style	All Cap Value ESG
SFDR classification	Article 8
Number of holdings	30-40 stocks
Dealing frequency and cut-off	Daily, T-1 noon (Ireland)
Administrator	Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited
Investment advisor	Nissay Asset Management
Investment manager	Thornbridge Investment Management LLP
Management Company	Harrington Cooper Asset Management Limited
Legal structure	Irish UCITS

Strategy performance



*Past performance does not predict future returns

Annualised statistics

Time period	Contrarian Value (%)	TOPIX TR (%)
Month-to-date	-0.43	4.93
Year-to-date	3.99	13.12
One-year	22.80	37.64
Three-year	12.48	15.58
Since inception (August 2019)	13.14	15.12

Gross performance

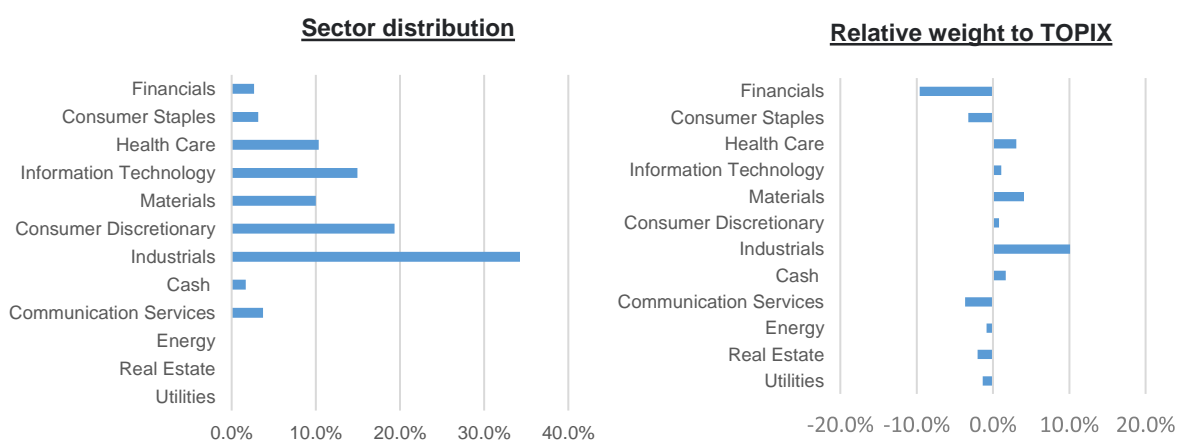
Track Record available in Morningstar under 'Strategy': **Nissay Japan Equity Contrarian Value Mother Fund F00001E8FK**, and the sister strategy: **Nissay Japan Equity Concentrated Core F00001EFTS**

Top 10 Holdings

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| 1. MABUCHI MOTOR CO LTD | 6. SANTEN PHARMACEUTICAL CO LTD |
| 2. JAPANESE YEN | 7. SQUARE ENIX HOLDINGS CO LTD |
| 3. MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP | 8. H I S CO LTD |
| 4. NISSHINBO HOLDINGS INC | 9. SEIKO EPSON CORP |
| 5. IHI CORP | 10. NAGOYA RAILROAD CO LTD |

TOP TEN HOLDINGS TOTAL WEIGHT: 38.35%

GICS Sector Distribution



Key Risks

Key risks – performance risk, risk of capital loss, regional geopolitical risks, foreign currency risk, liquidity risk, volatility risk

Share Class Details

Share Class	Currency	ISIN	Acc/Inc	AMC	Minimum Investment
EUR FOUNDER ACC	EUR	IE000Z33EKO0	Acc	0.40%	EUR Equivalent of USD 150m
GBP FOUNDER INC	GBP	IE000PEITUT9	Inc	0.40%	GBP Equivalent of USD 150m
GBP FOUNDER ACC	GBP	IE0002VVA3V5	Acc	0.40%	GBP Equivalent of USD 150m
JPY FOUNDER ACC	JPY	IE000I3J11I2	Acc	0.40%	JPY Equivalent of USD 150m

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