

# MSCI Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (USD)

The **MSCI Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index** aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid cap Japan equity universe. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI Japan Index, its parent index, in USD for the lowest absolute risk (within a given set of constraints). Historically, the index has shown lower beta and volatility characteristics relative to the MSCI Japan Index.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see [Index methodology - MSCI](#).

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (DEC 2009 – DEC 2024)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Japan Min Vol (USD)	MSCI Japan
2024	5.01	8.31
2023	15.59	20.32
2022	-12.14	-16.65
2021	-3.94	1.71
2020	1.01	14.48
2019	12.44	19.61
2018	-5.44	-12.88
2017	20.52	23.99
2016	2.84	2.38
2015	16.60	9.57
2014	1.36	-4.02
2013	20.06	27.16
2012	3.14	8.18
2011	-3.56	-14.33

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (DEC 31, 2024)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since May 31, 2001
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		
MSCI Japan Min Vol (USD)	-2.35	-6.04	5.01	5.01	2.17	0.69	4.75	4.13	
MSCI Japan	-0.34	-3.60	8.31	8.31	2.80	4.81	6.25	3.69	

## FUNDAMENTALS (DEC 31, 2024)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
2.45	15.06	14.73	1.46
2.23	14.77	14.65	1.55

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 2001 – DEC 31, 2024)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup>			Since May 31, 2001	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Japan Min Vol (USD)	0.74	6.48	22.23	13.55	13.54	11.80	-0.06	-0.06	0.30	0.24	39.68	2007-02-27–2009-03-12
MSCI Japan	1.00	0.00	4.47	16.05	15.80	14.08	0.01	0.22	0.37	0.19	53.17	2006-05-08–2009-03-10

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months

<sup>2</sup> Based on monthly net returns data

<sup>3</sup> Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

The MSCI Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index was launched on Feb 18, 2014. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested test (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance – whether actual or back-tested – is no indication or guarantee of future performance.

**INDEX CHARACTERISTICS**

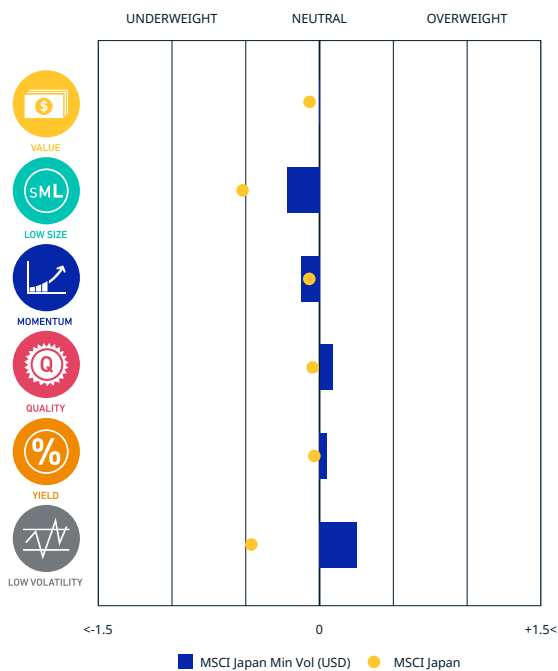
	MSCI Japan Min Vol (USD)	MSCI Japan
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	123	191
	Weight (%)	
<b>Largest</b>	1.73	5.49
<b>Smallest</b>	0.05	0.06
<b>Average</b>	0.81	0.52
<b>Median</b>	0.71	0.28

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
SONY GROUP CORP	1.73	3.58	Cons Discr
NINTENDO CO	1.70	1.64	Comm Svcs
MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP	1.65	1.59	Financials
FAST RETAILING CO	1.63	1.75	Cons Discr
DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY	1.57	0.49	Real Estate
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINL GRP	1.55	2.39	Financials
NTT CORP	1.54	0.80	Comm Svcs
CANON INC	1.54	0.82	Info Tech
SECOM CO	1.54	0.38	Industrials
JAPAN POST BANK CO	1.53	0.37	Financials
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.98</b>	<b>13.80</b>	

**FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN**

**MSCI FACTOR BOX**



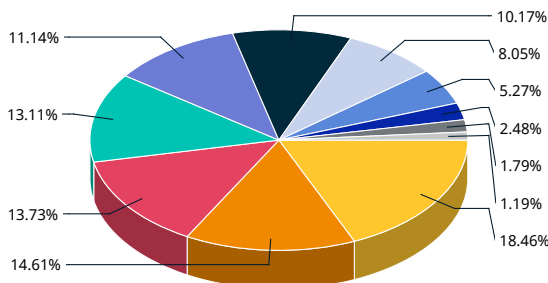
**MSCI FaCS**

- VALUE**  
Relatively Inexpensive Stocks
- LOW SIZE**  
Smaller Companies
- MOMENTUM**  
Rising Stocks
- QUALITY**  
Sound Balance Sheet Stocks
- YIELD**  
Cash Flow Paid Out
- LOW VOLATILITY**  
Lower Risk Stocks

MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

Neutral factor exposure (FaCS = 0) represents MSCI ACWI IMI.

**SECTOR WEIGHTS**



- Industrials 18.46%
- Consumer Discretionary 14.61%
- Information Technology 13.73%
- Financials 13.11%
- Health Care 11.14%
- Consumer Staples 10.17%
- Communication Services 8.05%
- Real Estate 5.27%
- Materials 2.48%
- Utilities 1.79%
- Energy 1.19%

**MSCI FACTOR BOX AND FaCS FRAMEWORK (Please refer to complete description of the MSCI FaCS methodology [here](#))**

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