

Market Review for July 2024

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MONTHLY REVIEW

In July, the Japanese equity market saw significant fluctuations. At the start of the month the Nikkei 225 and TOPIX indices reached new historic highs riding the wave of the weak yen and strong US markets but ultimately ended the month in negative territory, dropping by 1.2% and 0.5% respectively. In terms of the TOPIX, downward movement was driven by a drop in the TOPIX 100 large cap index while small caps in the TOPIX Small remained flat and mid caps in the TOPIX Mid400 saw gains. Alongside a tumultuous political and economic environment in the US as the election hots up and US stock indices falling back from historic highs earlier in the month there have also been significant movements in the Japanese economic sphere. The 31st of July saw the Bank of Japan raise its policy rate from 0-0.1% to 0.25%. Following this, the yen surged to the 149 yen to the dollar level, a sharp increase from the 38 year low of 161.7 yen/dollar that was seen at the start of the month.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE (as of the end of July 2024)

| | Index | Return | Year to Date |
|------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| TOPIX | 2,794.26 | -0.55% | 18.08% |
| Nikkei 225 | 39,101.82 | -1.22% | 16.85% |

| | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | End of 2023 |
|----------|--------|--------|-------------|
| USD/JPY* | 160.88 | 149.98 | 141.04 |

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

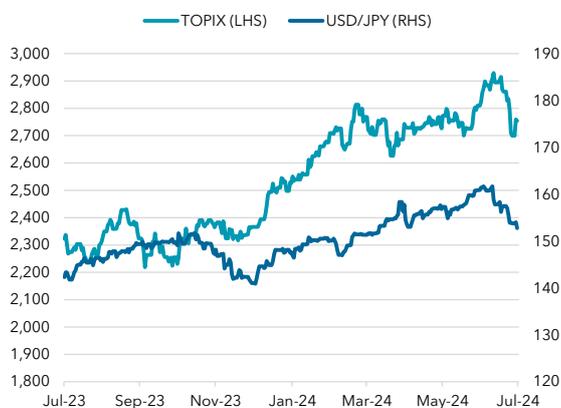


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of July 2024, local currency)

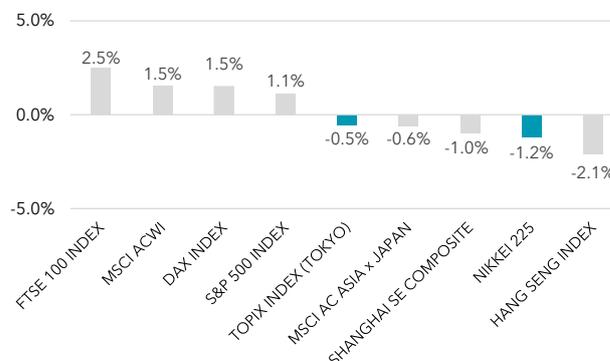


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

| Sector | Return |
|----------------|--------|
| Pharmaceutical | 7.98% |
| Construction | 5.85% |
| Real Estate | 4.93% |
| Foods | 4.70% |
| Metal Products | 3.72% |

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

| Sector | Return |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Transportation Equipments | -7.27% |
| Electric Power & Gas | -4.89% |
| Nonferrous Metals | -4.79% |
| Electric Appliance | -4.03% |
| Machinery | -3.94% |

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

| Name | Ticker | Return |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------|
| BAYCURRENT CONSULTING | 6532 JT Equity | 40.28% |
| SEIBU HOLDINGS | 9024 JT Equity | 27.06% |
| NS SOLUTIONS | 2327 JT Equity | 26.51% |
| SUMITOMO FOREST | 1911 JT Equity | 25.56% |
| KEWPIE | 2809 JT Equity | 20.29% |

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

| Name | Ticker | Return |
|------------------|----------------|---------|
| LASERTEC | 6920 JT Equity | -25.66% |
| SOCIONEXT | 6526 JT Equity | -19.19% |
| DISCO | 6146 JT Equity | -18.97% |
| RENESAS ELECTRON | 6723 JT Equity | -14.32% |
| EBARA | 6361 JT Equity | -13.74% |

*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 July 2024)

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



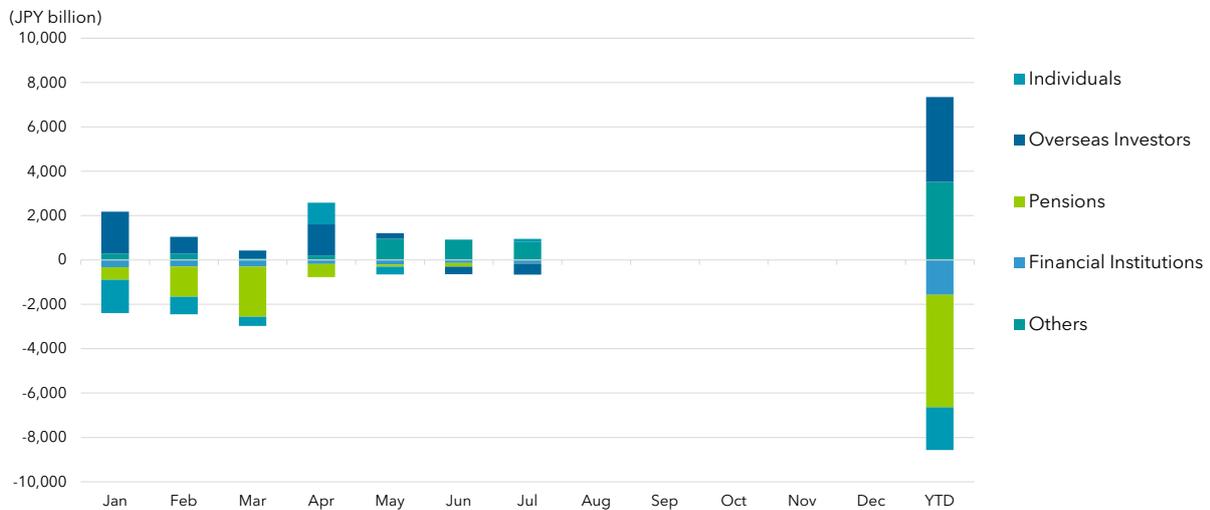
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

FIGURE 5. MSCI JAPAN FACTOR INDEXES SPREAD AGAINST MSCI JAPAN*



*The measurement begins from the end of July 2023, 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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