

Japan Value Equity SRI

January 2026

Strategy

SRI Strategy invests in Japanese equities which meet the criteria of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) management and investment value, and aims to achieve above benchmark return in the mid- to long-term. Our equity investment takes a bottom-up approach in which the Japanese equity research team analyzes intrinsic value of individual stocks and compares it with market price in order to identify undervalued stocks. ESG research is conducted by Sompo Risk Management, which is a leading company in domestic ESG research.

Market Review

Expectations for aggressive fiscal policy pushed the market up following reports of a snap general election. The non-ferrous and oil & coal products sectors rose on heightened expectations for earnings improvements following the increase in commodity prices. The services and information & communication sectors fell because of their high percentage of growth stocks when interest rate increases were creating headwinds.

The Japanese equity market rose in the first part of the month because of expectations for expansionary fiscal policy driven by the outlook that the Takaichi administration would call a snap general election. Share prices then fell in the middle of the month despite prospects for an LDP majority as long-term interest rates rose rapidly on alarm over fiscal expansion and oversupply of super-longes as well as tensions between Europe and the US concerning Greenland. The market fell further in the latter part of the month despite brief rises as JPY appreciated against USD on heightened concerns of currency intervention from Japanese and US authorities. Share prices then saw upside resistance through the end of the month as investors held off in the run-up to earnings season for both Japan and the US.

Composite Performance (%) Excess Return*



	Jan	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	7Y	10Y	SI
Composite	2.65	2.65	2.65	28.22	21.13	17.35	12.48	10.68	8.03
Benchmark	4.62	4.62	4.62	31.07	24.76	17.34	15.22	12.15	7.71

Top Ten Holdings	%
MURATA MANUFACTURING CO LTD	4.30
KUBOTA CORP	4.15
NTT INC	3.95
MITSUBISHI ESTATE CO LTD	3.90
SUMITOMO MITSUI TRUST GROUP	3.90
OMRON CORP	3.88
SUMCO CORP	3.69
TAIKISHA LTD	3.68
KIRIN HOLDINGS CO LTD	3.65
MABUCHI MOTOR CO LTD	3.31
Total	38.42

Characteristics	Comparison	
	Portfolio	Benchmark
P/E	15.22x	15.92x
P/B	1.21x	1.65x
ROE	7.94%	10.38%
Dividend Yield	2.80%	2.31%

Market Cap	Comparison	
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Large	49.3%	68.0%
Mid	38.3%	24.9%
Small	11.6%	7.1%
Others	0.0%	-

Composite Summary

Composite Name	Sompo Japan SRI Mother Fund	
Benchmark	TOPIX Total Return**	
Inception Date	January 2005	
Number of Holdings	40	
Bloomberg Code	SNAMSRI	
Assets Under Management	Strategy Total	JPY 2.5B (USD 16M)

* Excess return figures are annualized for three years and longer.

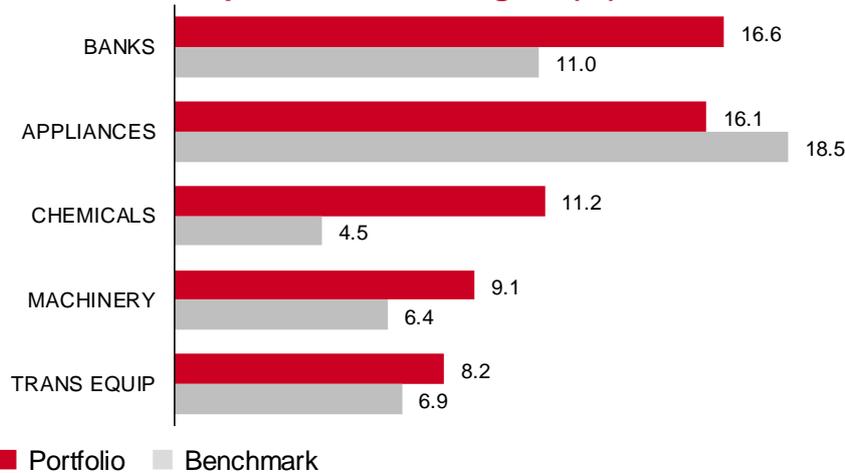
** TOPIX Total Return Index includes the dividends paid by the index constituents.

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Top Five Sector Weights (%)



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Attribution Analysis

Sector allocation contributed to performance while stock selection detracted. In sector allocation, overweighting (OW) of Banks and Machinery and underweighting (UW) of Retail contributed to performance, while UW of Wholesale and Nonferrous and OW of Land Trans detracted. In stock selection, UW of Sony Group and OW of Sumco and Hachijuni Nagano Bank contributed to performance, while OW of Nomura Research Institute and Yamato Holdings and UW of Advantest detracted. Last month we increased holdings of Yokohama Financial Group, Nomura Research Institute, and Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group and decreased holdings of The San-in Godo Bank, Resona Holdings, and Lintec.

Outlook

We expect the market to fluctuate. Corporate earnings forecasts have been rising since Japan and the US came to agreement on trade talks and it looks highly likely that earnings will continue to rise in the coming fiscal year as well. However, we believe caution is needed over the near term as valuations (forward P/E, etc) are already at historical highs, driven by strong corporate earnings, prospects for a stable political situation following the general election, and expectations for increased investment in AI globally. That said, we believe market downside will be limited as there is strong equity demand from a high level of large-scale share buybacks and the BoJ has relatively accommodative monetary policy compared to the US and Europe.

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