## An Introduction to the MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy



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### MUFG – Our History

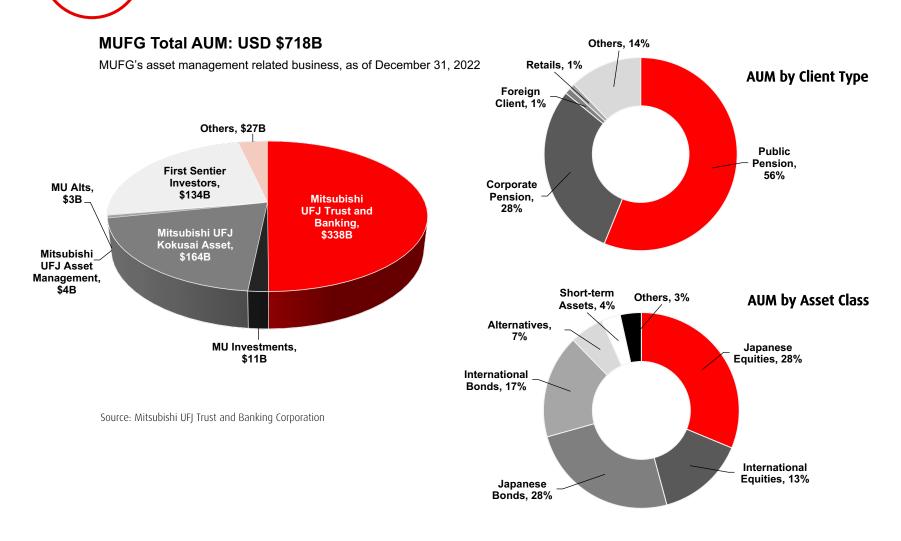
#### Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) is One of the World's Leading Financial Groups

- With roots that trace back over 360 years, MUFG has long been one of the most important companies in Japan.
- Our services include corporate banking, commercial banking, retail banking, wealth management, investment banking, capital markets, personal and corporate trust, and transaction banking.
- Headquartered in Tokyo, MUFG is a global network with 1,100 offices in more than 50 countries, 180,000 colleagues, and approximately 300 companies.
- MUFG's operating companies include MUFG Bank, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation (MUTB), and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Holdings (MUS).
- Through close collaboration among our group members, MUFG aims to be the world's most trusted financial group, responding to all the financial needs of our corporate, commercial and institutional clients with a flexible approach, and providing best in class service and products.

Take Away: MUFG has approx: \$718B in AUM as of (12/31/2022)



## MUFG – Asset Management Related Business



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### MUFG – Our Mission, Vision and Values

# Our Mission, Vision and Values Make Us Unique and Provide the Foundation for Our Business

- Strive to be a foundation of strength, committed to meeting the needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world.
- Working together to achieve our vision of becoming the world's most trusted financial group.

#### Our values reflect who we are and guide how we behave:

#### Integrity and responsibility

 Strive to be fair, transparent, and honest. Always act responsibly in the best interests of customers and society, building long-term stakeholder relationships and giving back to our communities.

#### **Professionalism and teamwork**

 Respect the diversity of our fellow workers and foster a strong spirit of teamwork. Expect the highest levels of professionalism.

#### Challenge ourselves to grow

 Adopt a global perspective to anticipate trends and opportunities for growth. Create and sustain a responsive and dynamic workplace, where everyone can focus on providing outstanding customer service and embrace new challenges.



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### Why MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy – Our Investment Philosophy



We believe that stock prices reflect corporate earnings in the long run. MUTB seeks to consistently outperform the market by investing in exceptional companies able to achieve sustainable earnings growth over the mid- to long- term.

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Our experience teaches us that guality matters. Investing in exceptional companies that can achieve consistent earnings growth will maximize investment return over the mid- to long-term.

#### Engagement is key to enhancing corporate values



We believe that continuous engagement activities will help enhance enterprise values through improvement in capital efficiency (ROE) and multiple expansion of PBR/PER based on expectations for margin improvement.

#### Take Away:

The MUFG Japan Focus Growth team currently manages approximately \$906.0 Million USD\*

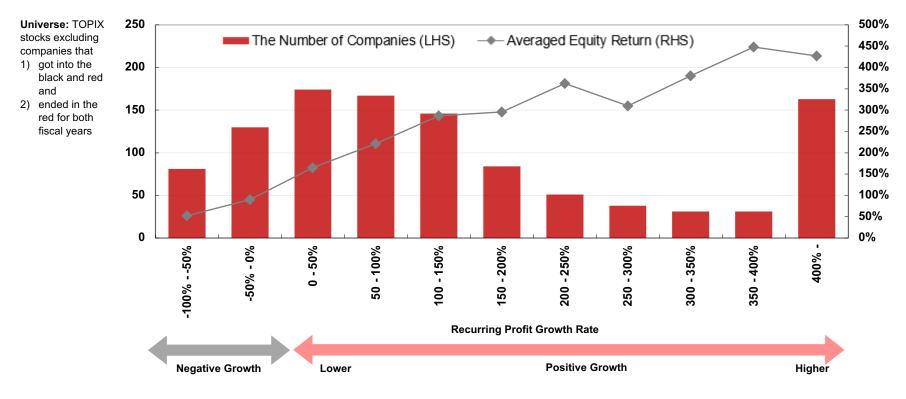
\*Including \$563.8 Million (USD) as of 3/31/2023 in the Japan Focus Growth Strategy Composite that is represented in this presentation. This material is intended as a broad overview of the Portfolio Manager's style and investment process and is subject to change without notice. See additional disclosures at the end of this document, which are an important part of this presentation. No downside protection or upside participation can be guaranteed. All data as of 3/31/2023, unless otherwise noted.



### Earnings Growth and Equity Returns Over the Long-Term

A positive relationship can be seen between earnings growth and equity returns over the long-term

Earnings (Changes in Recurring Profits From FY2008 to 2018) Growth and Equity Return of TOPIX stocks

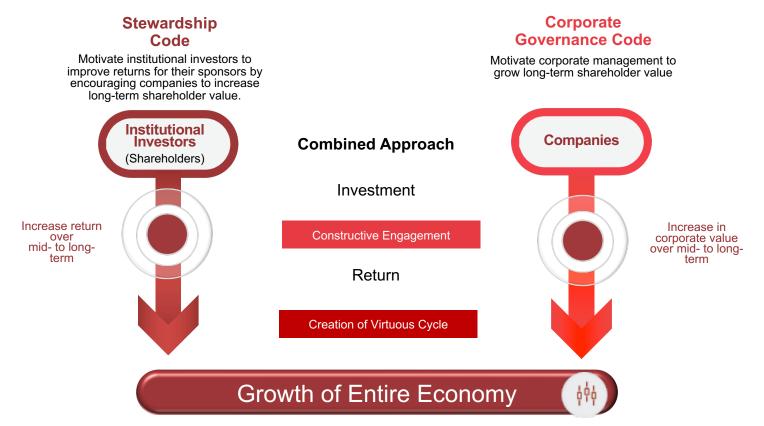


#### Source: FAME, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking



### Investment Philosophy – Regular Dialogue and Engagement in Japan

Since inception, we maintain a regular dialogue with top company management on how to enhance shareholder value.



(Source) Motoyuki Yufui [2015], Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking

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### **Investment Strategy**

The strategy seeks to consistently outperform the market by investing in exceptional companies we believe can achieve consistent earnings growth over economic cycles.

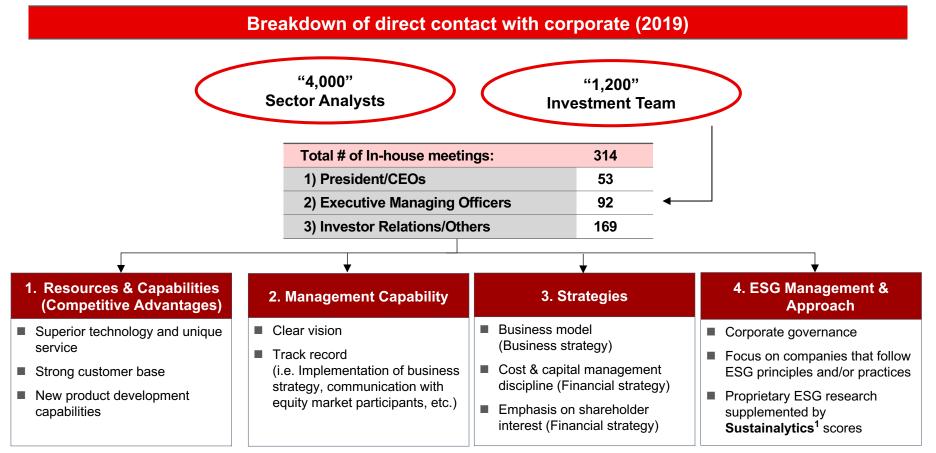


We do not invest in stocks for purposes of managing risk against a benchmark.

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#### Investment Strategy – Deep-dive Research

We regularly interview the top management of investment universe companies to gain real insights and implement effective engagement.



(Note) 1. A global leading independent provider of ESG and corporate governance research

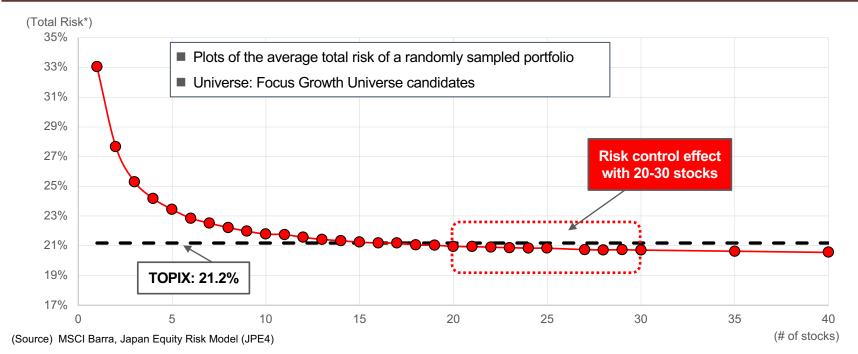
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### Investment Strategy – Concentrated Portfolio

- Concentrated investments can help demonstrate the characteristics of individual companies with a high degree of confidence.
- Stable growth companies tend to have low stock price volatility due to clearer insights into potential future earnings, which can curb portfolio beta and risk.
- An adequate risk-control effect is expected by investing in 20 to 30 stocks.

#### Relationship between number of stocks in the portfolio and total risk

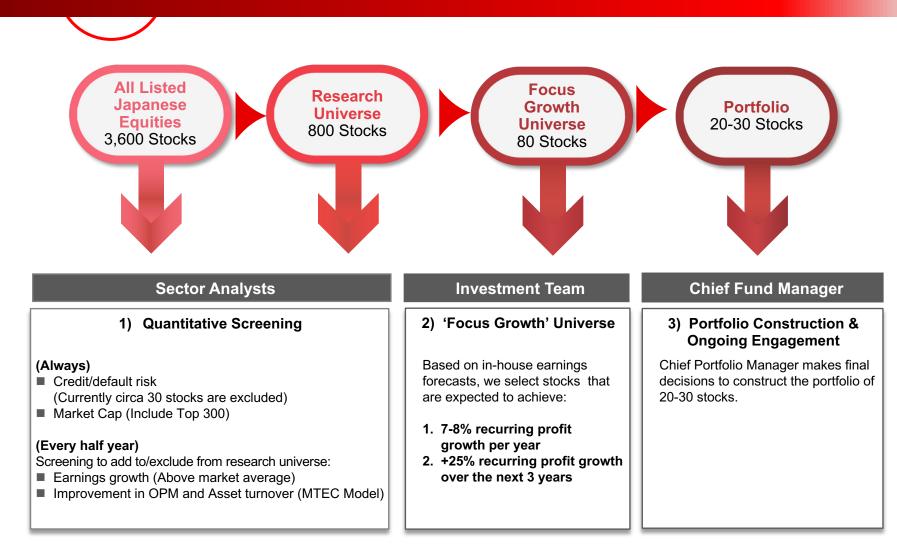


\*"Total Risk" may be expressed as "Estimated Annual Standard Deviation" of a portfolio.

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### Investment Process – Portfolio Construction



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#### Investment Process – ESG Assessment

We selectively pick ESG factors from disclosed information and combine our proprietary assessment with external data provided by Sustainalytics<sup>1</sup>.

#### Examples of ESG Assessment Items



(Source) Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, Sustainalytics, Bloomberg, Toyo Keizai 1. A global leading independent provider of ESG and corporate governance research

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### Investment Process – Ongoing Engagement with Top Management

- We continue "engagement" activity to enhance corporate value and sustain profit growth.
- The chief fund manager confirms conviction on a candidate by sharing corporate challenges with the management and identifying the signs of business changes.

Key points	Criteria for selecting stocks
Mid- to Long-Term Business Strategy	<ul> <li>Reproducibility of past high enforcement power into the future</li> <li>Business selection and consolidation for growth</li> </ul>
Financial Strategy	<ul> <li>Measures to improve capital efficiency</li> <li>Appropriate cash level and effective cash use</li> </ul>
Corporate Governance	- Efforts to strengthen governance
<b>Disclosure Policy</b> - Stance and initiative on information disclosure	

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#### Investment Process – Risk Management / Sell Discipline

New stocks typically enter the portfolio at equal-weight (around 4% for a portfolio of 25 stocks). The weightings are raised/lowered in line with the degree of our long-term conviction.

Conviction	Weight Range	Our Focus
Unchanged	4%-8% (Maximum: 10%)	Adjust allocation based on risk control and theoretical price
Likely to Change Negatively	2%-4%	Closely watch whether the holding will maintain stable earnings growth
Reversed	Reduce to 0%	Exclude the stock that does not meet our strategy concept and criteria

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### Investment Process – Risk Management / Sell Discipline

#### **Risk Management**

- Maximum stock weighting: 10%
- Sector Exposure: At least 5 sectors out of 11 "GICS" sectors.
- Tracking Error target: Up to 10% against reference index TOPIX

#### **Sell Discipline/Valuations**

- The investment team looks at forward multiples (e.g., P/E ratio) based on 3 to 5-year in-house earnings estimates and sets theoretical prices.
- The chief fund manager will maintain holdings over the mid- to long-term as long as their competitive advantages do not change, and their profit margin levels remain consistent.
- The chief fund manager will sell stocks once structural defects are observed in investee companies' businesses/industries, which may prevent the companies from sustaining the current profit margin levels.



#### Historical Performance

#### MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy vs the TOPIX Total Return Index

Return (USD) % as of 3/31/2023	1 Mon*	3 Mon*	6 Mon*	YTD*	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incept +
Japan Focus Growth Gross**	6.62	5.46	12.63	5.46	-8.49	3.62	0.63	5.12	8.43	7.59
Japan Focus Growth Net***	6.55	5.26	12.21	5.26	-9.18	2.85	-0.12	4.34	7.63	6.79
TOPIX Total Return Index	4.09	6.28	20.39	6.28	-3.50	7.55	1.04	5.75	5.51	6.08
Excess Return (Gross – TOPIX)	2.53	-0.83	-7.77	-0.83	-4.99	-3.93	-0.41	-0.63	2.92	1.50

Source: Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, Bloomberg

\*Returns for periods under one year are not annualized. \*\* Gross returns are presented before management and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses, and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other income. \*\*\*Net returns are net of investment management fees in effect for the respective time period and are derived using the maximum highest published rate. Fees charged are at the discretion of Clearbrook, LLC.

+Composite inception date: October 1, 2011

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#### Historical Performance – Japan Focus Growth

#### Annual Total Returns vs TOPIX Total Return Index 50% 38.88% 40% 26.87% 27.03% 30% 25.99% 26.55% 24.34% 21.92% 19.25% 20% 13.74% 13.04% 11.69% 7.54% 10% 6.28% 5.46% 3.43% 3.46% 1.08% 0% -3.99%<sup>-2.48%</sup> -3.33% -4.15% -10% -7.52% -9.44% -13.73% -14.87% -20% -30% -29.06% -40% 2023 \*\*\* 2020 2011\* 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2021 2022 Japan Focus Growth (Gross)\*\* TOPIX Total Return Index

\*2011 represents 10/1/2011 - 12/31/2011.

\*\*Gross returns are presented before management and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses, and reflect the reinvestment

of dividends and other income.

\*\*\* As of March 31, 2023

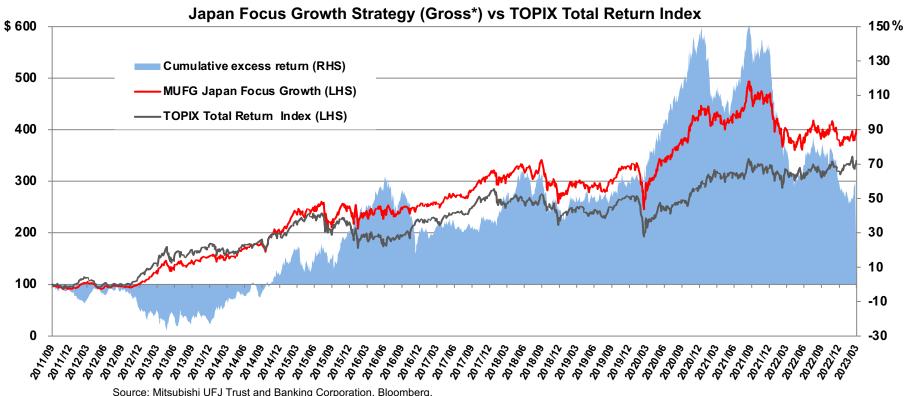
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### Historical Performance – USD

#### **Cumulative Excess Returns**



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#### **Our Investment Team**



Chief Strategy Manager MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy Investment Team Investment Experience: 25 years Coverage: Non-cyclical (Healthcare, Consumer Staples)

Shinichiro Hyogo Chief Strategy Manager

Mr. Hyogo has been dedicated to promoting Japan's Dialogue/Engagement activities and ROE-oriented management

#### **Environmental Reporting Platform Development Pilot Project**

- Project member organized by Ministry of the Environment since 2016.
- Proof of concept project underway in preparation for the full launch of the ESG Dialogue Platform.
   The platform will promote substantial dialogue between companies and investors.

https://www.env-report.env.go.jp/en/outline.html

#### Committee for the Study of Environmental Reporting and Corporate Value

- Committee member organized by Ministry of the Environment since 2017.
- The committee invites renowned experts, professors and investors in the field of ESG investment, to evaluate the association between environmental reporting and corporate value in Japan.

https://www.env-report.env.go.jp/en/outline.html (information available in Japanese only)

Source: MUFG Trust Bank, December 31, 2022





### Our Investment Team

#### Based in Tokyo and supported by our in-house sector analysts

 Fund manager/analysts conduct fundamental research/analysis on our selective investable universe, based on extensive company interviews/fieldwork.



Kosuke Tsuchida Senior Fund Manager, CMA<sup>1</sup>

Theme Coverage: Software, Others

Investment Exp: 21 years



Yusuke Michiwaki Portfolio Manager/Analyst, CMA<sup>1,</sup> CIIA<sup>2</sup>

Theme Coverage: Cyclical (Industrials, Service)

Investment Exp: 11 years



Shinichi Okada Analyst ,CMA<sup>1</sup> Theme Coverage: Cyclical (Industrials, Materials, Technology)

Investment Exp: 36 years



Yuichi Yokoyama Analyst, CMA<sup>1</sup>

Theme Coverage: Non-Cyclical (Retail, E-Commerce)

Investment Exp: 7 years



Satoshi Tanaka Analyst, CMA<sup>1</sup>

Theme Coverage: Non-Cyclical (Foods, Consumer Durable)

Investment Exp: 7 years

Source: MUFG Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, December 31, 2022

HighMark has engaged its affiliate, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, to serve as subadvisor to select equity strategies including the MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy. See disclosures in appendix.

<sup>1</sup> CMA: Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan

<sup>2</sup> CIIA: Certified International Investment Analyst



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#### Japan Focus Growth Strategy Facts

Benchmark	TOPIX Total Return Index (incl. dividends)* for reference			
Tracking Error	8.85% (since inception as of 3/31/2023)			
Target Return	-7% pa absolute return			
Number of Stocks	31 stocks (as of 3/31/2023)			
Portfolio Turnover	51.81% (Last 12M as of 3/31/2023)			
Active Share	85.03% (as of 3/31/2023)			
Advisor	Clearbrook, LLC			
Sub-Advisor	Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Bank Corporation			

\* We use the TOPIX as a comparative index only

Separately Managed Accounts				
Minimum Subscription \$50 Million (Negotiable)				
Management Fee 75 Bps**				

\*\* Management fee charged is at the discretion of HighMark Capital Management, Inc.





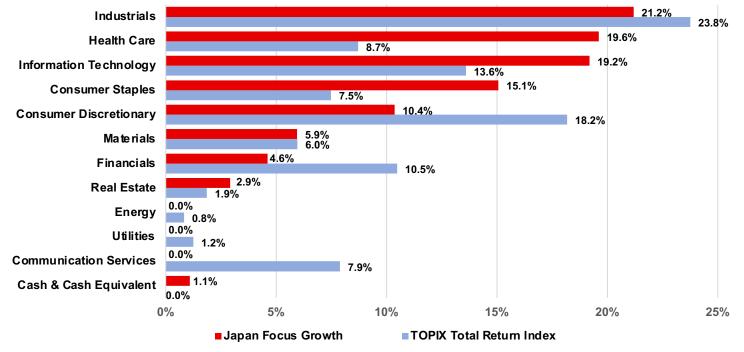




### Sector Diversification

# We seek to invest in at least 5 out of 11 GICS sectors and have a large overweight position in Health Care, as a consequence of bottom-up stock selection

- "Long Healthy Life" is one of the top priority issues, as the country is facing mounting health care expenditures coupled with an aging population.
- There are several sub-themes within the Healthcare sector; each of our holdings has a different earnings driver.



Source: Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, Bloomberg



### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Japan Focus Growth Strategy*	TOPIX Total Return Index
Number of Holdings	30	2,160
Weighted Avg. Market Cap. (\$)	\$31.3B	\$38.0B
P/E	22.89	18.06
P/B	3.22	2.27
ROE %	12.82%	10.53%
Dividend Yield %	1.66%	2.55%

\* Based on representative portfolio.



### Return Based Statistics

#### **MPT Statistics**

#### Japan Focus Growth Strategy vs. TOPIX Total Return Index (Net)

	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	10Yr	Since Incept.
Excess Return %	-5.68%	-4.70%	-1.16%	2.12%	0.71%
Beta	0.94	1.04	1.01	0.94	0.91
Information Ratio	-0.94	-0.51	-0.13	0.24	0.08
Sharpe Ratio*	-0.46	0.15	-0.01	0.49	0.44
Tracking Error %	6.04%	9.20%	8.61%	8.64%	8.85%
Standard Deviation (Portfolio) %	20.08%	18.92%	17.68%	15.64%	15.26%
Standard Deviation (Benchmark) %	20.46%	15.98%	15.35%	13.84%	13.74%

#### **Upside & Downside Capture Ratios**

	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	10Yr	Since Incept
Upside Capture Ratio	78.47	85.54	90.49	95.79	88.68
Downside Capture Ratio	101.25	106.50	97.90	84.91	84.92

\* Sharpe Ratio: the risk-free rate is not used in the calculation. The calculation shown here represents Portfolio Return divided by Portfolio Standard Deviation.

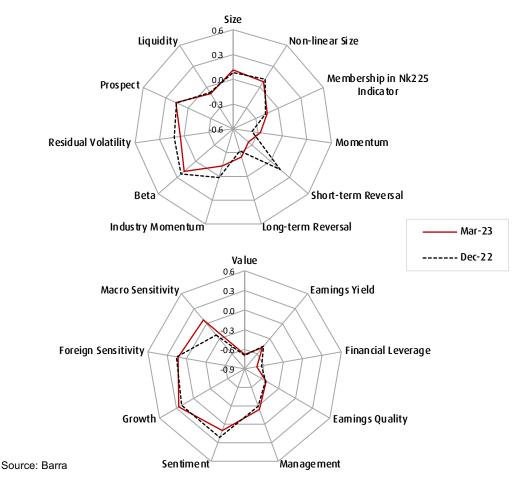




### **Risk Profile**

#### Risk Profile on Barra Model Relative to the TOPIX Total Return Index

Size	0.11
Non-Linear Size	0.08
Membership in Nk225 indicator	-0.15
Momentum	-0.27
Short-Term Reversal	-0.36
Long-Term Reversal	-0.24
Industry Momentum	-0.13
Beta	0.19
Residual Volatility	0.05
Prospect	0.16
Liquidity	-0.09
Value	-0.68
Earnings Yield	-0.48
Financial Leverage	-0.71
Earnings Quality	-0.52
Management	-0.24
Sentiment	0.10
Growth	0.26
Foreign Sensitivity	0.13
Macro Sensitivity	0.08





### Ongoing Engagement Case Study 1 – Shionogi

Mid-sized pharma company strong in antibiotics, who expands its own pipeline and holds domestic sales rights to some blockbusters such as "Crestor."

	Our Proposal / How We Conduct Engagement	Results
	Engagement Topics: Overseas operations since Sep 2011	Feb 2012
	<ul> <li>Their slumping U.S. subsidiary (Shionogi Inc.) and lack of disclosure were our primary concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The company set up a new department to gather and disclose information on its overseas operations.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>We proposed a visible plan with ROE target as well as a reduction of unutilized assets.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shionogi undertook a reform of the local management to improve corporate governance.</li> </ul>
	Engagement Topics: Medium-term business plan Nov 2013	May 2014 & Dec 2014
	<ul> <li>We proposed a visible plan with ROE target as well as a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The new business plan set a financial target to boost ROE and included a clear shareholder return policy (May 2014).</li> </ul>
	reduction of unutilized assets.	<ul> <li>The firm announced a share buyback (Dec 2014).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Shionogi has been conducting share buybacks; the most recent one came in July 2018.</li> </ul>
*The strategy started to invest in the stock in November 2012	600     Shionogi (4507)     TOPIX       500     Jul 2018       400     Jul 2018       300     May 2014       0     E	Dec 20 Jun-21 Jun-22 Dec 22 Dec 22

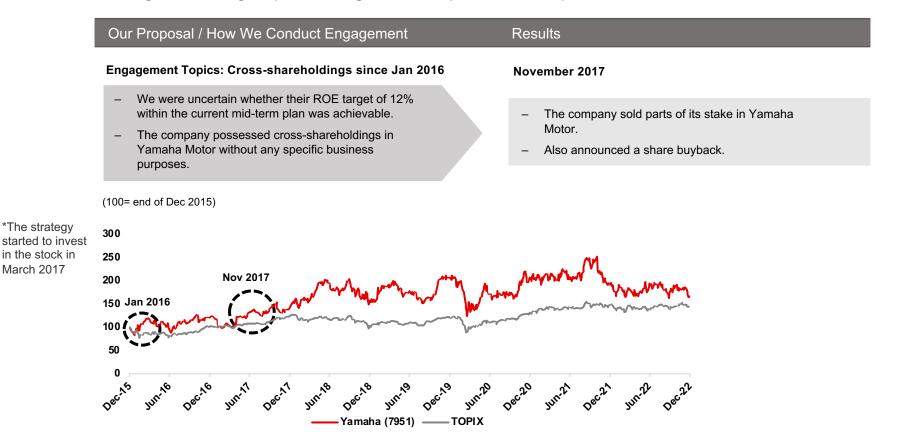
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### Ongoing Engagement Case Study 2 - Yamaha

World's leading manufacturer of musical instruments and audio equipment. Strong sales of digital piano and guitar are expected in Europe and China.



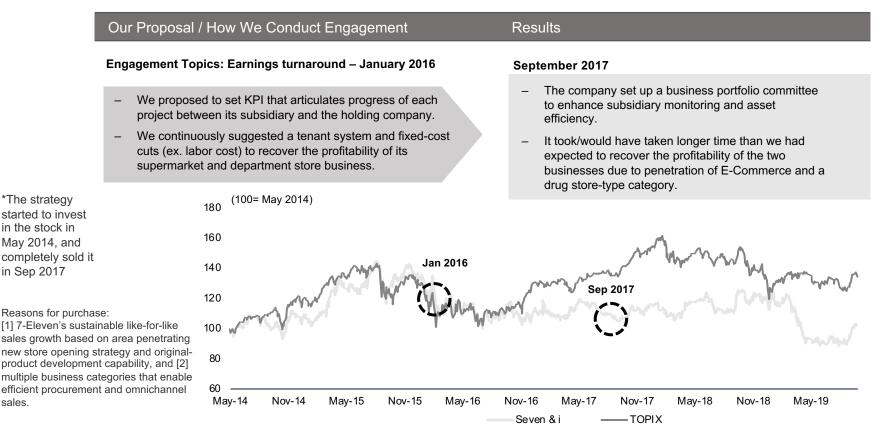
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### Engagement Case Study 3 – Seven & i Holdings - Sold

A holding company that operates multiple businesses such as 7-Eleven (convenience store, main business), Ito-Yokado (GMS), Sogo & Seibu (department store), and Seven Bank.



(Source) Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, Bloomberg, Period: May 2014 - Dec 2019

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#### New Investment Case – Daikin Industries

Global leading air-conditioning equipment maker, and the single manufacturer who develops, produces and distributes both air-conditioners and refrigerants.

High growth potential of the global air conditioner market and Daikin's strong competitiveness to capture market share

- Increasing penetration rate encourages worldwide market expansion, especially in the Asia area.
- We expect profit margin improvement by volume effects as the company continues to penetrate the market and increase sales in Japan, Asia, Europe, and North America.
- Daikin aggressively invests in, develops, and cultivates its own sales channel in each country.

#### FY2018-2020 Strategic Plan: Fusion 20

In June 2018, Daikin announced an aggressive mid-term plan to expand its solution business and enhance its existing business. Sustainable earnings growth is expected despite the current tough environment as the company continues volume increases, price controls, and firm wide cost-cutting.

The strategy started to invest in the stock in June 2019.

Simultaneously solves an "ESG problem" and has "business growth" at a high level

- The company drives CO2 emission reduction by penetrating an energy saving inverter air-conditioner and a self-developed refrigerant with low greenhouse effect ("R32").
- "Human Resource Development Spurs Innovation".
   Daikin globally focuses on human resource development, and actively hires local staff (50% of the overseas affiliates' top management is locally hired).

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(Source)Daikin Industries Website (https://www.daikin.com/)

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