

Investment Strategy

- Bottom up stock picking strategy, based on company interviews/fieldwork and fundamental research/analysis.
- We seek to identify exceptional companies able to sustain consistent earnings growth through economic cycles.
- The strategy seeks to outperform the market by selectively buying and holding stocks over the mid-to-long term, typically three to five years. Consequently, the turnover of our portfolio is low.
- We do not invest in stocks for purposes of managing risk against benchmarks.
- Stable earnings volatility of our holdings allows us to build a concentrated portfolio of 20-30 names.

Strategy Facts

Inception Date: October 1, 2011

Advisor: Clearbrook Investment Consulting

Sub-Advisor: Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation

Net Assets as of 05/31/2023: \$599.6M USD

Management Fee: 0.75%

Benchmark: TOPIX Total Return Index

Portfolio Characteristics

	Japan Focus Growth*	TOPIX Total Return Index
Number of Holdings	30	2,157
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (\$)	30.3B	38.4B
P/E	24.43	18.84
P/B	3.39	2.35
ROE %	12.57	10.77
Dividend Yield %	1.55	2.45

*Based on representative portfolio

All data as of 05/31/2023 unless noted

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Performance (%) USD as of (05/31/2023)

Composite	1 Mon*	3 Mon*	6 Mon*	YTD*	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incept
Focus Growth Gross	2.85	8.74	5.93	7.56	3.51	-0.54	0.39	4.35	8.75	7.66
Focus Growth Net	2.79	8.55	5.54	7.23	2.75	-1.28	-0.36	3.57	7.95	6.86
TOPIX Total Return Index	0.98	5.51	8.74	7.74	5.40	4.13	1.39	5.40	5.42	6.12
Excess Return (Gross-TOPIX)	1.86	3.23	-2.81	-0.18	-1.89	-4.68	-1.00	-1.05	3.33	1.54

*Returns for periods under one year are not annualized.

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Gross returns are presented before management and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses and reflect the investment 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 HighMark. The strategy does not invest in an index. The strategy uses the (TOPIX) Total Return Index as a benchmark only. Performance may be attributable to profits from IPO securities. IPO securities have no trading history and the prices may be volatile. There is no guarantee this level of performance will be repeated. Japanese issuers and underwriters prioritize allocations of IPO securities to domestic investors; therefore, overseas investors (not based in Japan) may have less access to small and mid-cap IPO securities allocations than a domestic investor. The investment return and principal value of an investment will change so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the strategy may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Composite data is calculated in JPY and converted to USD using the WM/Reuters Closing Spot Rates 4pm London close. The TOPIX is also converted from JPY to USD using the same exchange rate source.

Market and Strategy Commentary: Q2 May, USD (Net)

Japan Markets:

- Japanese equities gained in May, with the returning +0.98% USD.
- The market started on a positive note due to continuing yen depreciation reflecting the policy divergence between the Fed and the Bank of Japan, which maintained an easing monetary policy at its meeting in late April.
- In the first half of the month, with earnings season beginning in earnest, the market was led by companies that announced better-than-expected earnings results and aggressive shareholder returns measures. In addition, foreign investors' purchases brought further gains for Japanese markets amid concerns over the government debt ceiling deal and the credit crunch in the U.S.
- Later in the month, the market continued to rise, led by the semiconductor-related stocks as Japanese equities reached a 33-year high. Besides expectations for improving inventory adjustments, a vigorous domestic investment was anticipated as Prime Minister Kishida asked executives of global semiconductor companies to expand their investments in Japan. Strong earnings results and forecasts from NVIDIA with soaring demands for generative AI also lifted semiconductor stocks.

MUFG Japan Focus Growth Strategy:

- The strategy returned +2.79% USD, outperforming the TOPIX Total Return Index by 1.80%.
- The top contributor was Ibiden Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of ceramic, housing materials, printed circuit boards, graphic specialties, and integrated circuit (IC) packages. The share price gained as the company released a new mid-term plan with significant sales and profit increases due to strong growth in cutting-edge IC package substrates.
- Another positive contributor was Tokyo Electron Ltd., a leading global manufacturer of semiconductor and FPD production equipment, which would expect demand recovery in front-end semiconductor manufacturing in 2024 onwards, although the profit in its annual management plan was below market expectation.
- Conversely, the largest detractor was Nissin Foods Holdings., Ltd, one of the world's largest manufacturers of instant noodles and processed food products, due to its weaker-than-expected annual management plan reflecting a conservative forecast for overseas demand in their instant noodle business and increase in capex.
- TechnoPro Holdings, Inc., one of the largest technology-focused staffing and solution services providers in Japan, also contributed negatively. The share price plunged as Q3 FY6/23 earnings results fell short of market expectations reflecting growing recruitment expenses as well as the number of non-utilization employees according to the increased recruitment.

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About the Portfolio (as of 05/31/2023)

Returns Based Statistics vs TOPIX Total Return Index

	One Yr	Three Yr	Five Yr	Ten Yr
Excess Return	-1.89	-4.68	-1.00	3.33
Beta	0.87	1.01	1.01	0.95
Information Ratio	-0.31	-0.51	-0.12	0.39
Sharpe Ratio*	0.21	-0.03	0.02	0.57
Tracking Error %	6.08	9.14	8.41	8.62
Std. Dev. (Portfolio) %	16.99	18.07	17.65	15.39
Std. Dev. (Benchmark) %	18.44	15.43	15.35	13.44

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

Sector Diversification (%)

	Japan Focus Growth*	TOPIX Total Return
Health Care	27.39	8.75
Consumer Staples	18.10	7.30
Industrials	16.30	23.97
Information Technology	14.17	14.21
Consumer Discretionary	12.43	18.06
Materials	6.83	5.59
Real Estate	3.75	1.89
Financials	0.00	10.55
Communication Services	0.00	7.56
Utilities	0.00	1.32
Energy	0.00	0.79
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.03	-

*Based on Representative Portfolio

Our Japan Focus Growth Investment Team



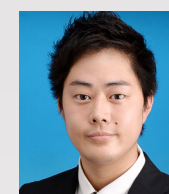
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21 years experience



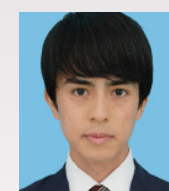
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