

# USONIAN JAPAN VALUE CREATION

## OVERVIEW

Usonian Japan Value Creation Strategy seeks total return and measures its performance against the TOPIX Total Return Index (the "Index") for performance comparison purposes. The Strategy employs a fundamental, value-oriented approach to invest in equities of Japanese companies and companies tied economically to Japan.

In managing the Strategy, the Usonian Japan Equity team follows a disciplined, bottom-up approach using fundamental research to identify equities that we believe are undervalued and profitable with high quality balance sheets. The team spends considerable time developing a high level of knowledge about our companies and focusing on downside risk. Additionally, as long-term investors, we engage collaboratively with corporate management to unlock shareholder value.

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Composite	-6.57	-6.57	7.77	21.78	-13.19	0.84	17.54
Index	-4.33	-4.33	7.37	19.58	-15.22	0.76	13.62

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	19.60	3.40	-	-	7.63
Index	21.29	2.42	-	-	5.54

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	14-Sep-20
Composite Inception	30-Sep-20
Total Assets	\$700mm USD
Index	Tokyo Stock Price Index (TR)

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 30-SEP-20)

Alpha (Jensen's)	2.37
Beta	0.90
R Squared	0.85
Sharpe Ratio	0.34
Standard Deviation	14.36

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
EV/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	8.2x	10.4x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	15.4x	17.7x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.0x	1.3x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	7.7%	11.3%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	2.9%	2.3%
Market Cap - Wtd Avg Bil	1453.0 JPY	6052.5 JPY
Market Cap - Wtd Avg Bil	9.5 USD	39.7 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	34	2117
Active Share	94.4%	N/A
EV/EBITDA - Ex LT Investments Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	7.1x	9.7x
Net Debt/Equity - Wtd Avg	0.1x	0.1x

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	0.0	7.0
Consumer Discretionary	15.4	16.9
Consumer Staples	9.2	6.3
Energy	0.0	0.9
Financials	17.7	13.5
Health Care	4.1	7.7
Industrials	24.8	25.3
Information Technology	16.9	13.5
Materials	7.3	5.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.0
Utilities	0.0	1.4

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** TOPIX (Net of dividend withholding tax) is a free-float adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is calculated based on all the domestic common stocks listed on the TSE First Section.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

## GLOSSARY

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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