

STOXX JAPAN 600 MINIMUM VARIANCE UNCONSTRAINED

Index description

The STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained weights the components of the underlying STOXX Japan 600 so that portfolio variance is minimized. STOXX uses Axioma's factor model for the optimization process. The Unconstrained version applies loosely stated constraints to seek an improved risk profile. It targets investors seeking a more optimal portfolio in terms of replicated volatility.

Key facts

» Minimized volatility is suitable for risk-averse investors. At the same time, the return of the index is higher than the benchmark

» Suitable as a liquid underlying for ETFs and structured products. It is easy to replicate as it has fewer components than the underlying Index. It also has predictable rebalancing dates and is optimized to allow tracking (low turnover, transaction costs analysis, etc.).

» Capping constraints are applied in accordance with the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) directive to ensure that funds can easily track the index

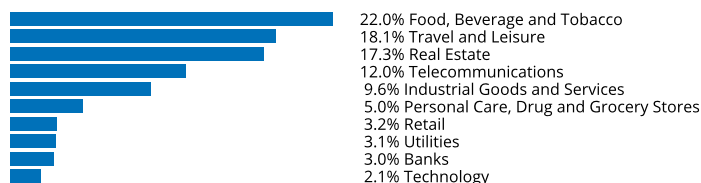
» Two versions - Constrained and Unconstrained - cater to different investor needs

» The Unconstrained version offers a first-of-its-kind index for a true minimum variance mandate

Descriptive statistics

Index	Market cap (JPY bn.)		Components (JPY bn.)				Component weight (%)		Turnover (%)
	Full	Free-float	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest	Largest	Smallest	Last 12 months
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	N/A	16,124.7	108.2	36.8	1241.2	5.4	7.7	0.0	59.9
STOXX Japan 600	782,559.5	664,289.8	1107.1	385.0	31,118.9	94.4	4.7	0.0	2.5

Supersector weighting (top 10)



Country weighting



Risk and return figures¹

Index returns	Return (%)					Annualized return (%)				
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	4.3	16.3	14.7	29.6	24.7	N/A	N/A	14.9	9.1	4.6
STOXX Japan 600	0.3	40.0	21.1	53.6	51.7	N/A	N/A	21.3	15.5	8.8
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%)					Annualized Sharpe ratio				
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	N/A	N/A	8.5	9.9	12.1	N/A	N/A	1.3	0.8	0.4
STOXX Japan 600	N/A	N/A	14.0	15.6	16.9	N/A	N/A	1.2	0.9	0.5
Index to benchmark	Correlation					Tracking error (%)				
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	9.9	9.4	9.9	10.5	10.8
Index to benchmark	Beta					Annualized information ratio				
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	4.4	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5

¹ For information on data calculation, please refer to [STOXX calculation reference guide](#).

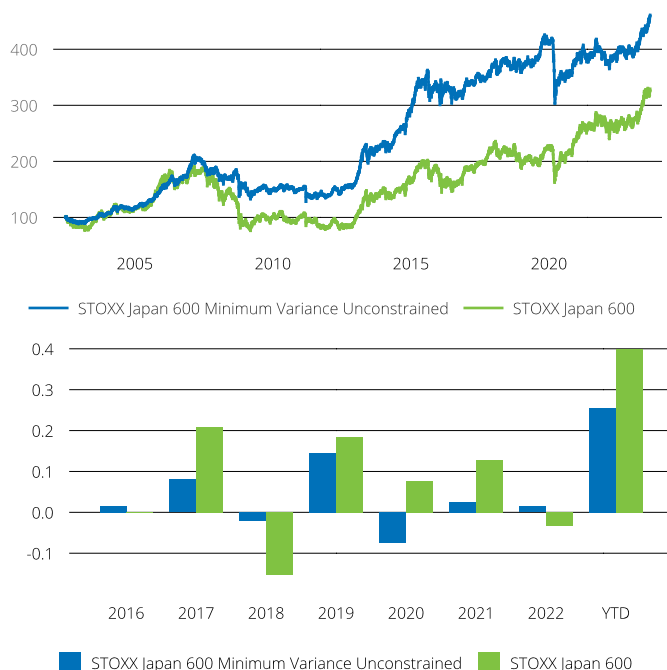
(JPY, gross return), all data as of Aug. 31, 2023

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Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index	Price/earnings incl. negative		Price/earnings excl. negative		Price/ book	Dividend yield (%) ³	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
STOXX Japan 600 Minimum Variance Unconstrained	17.0	17.8	14.8	17.5	1.5	3.1	1.0	12.3
STOXX Japan 600	15.2	14.7	14.4	14.6	1.4	2.7	1.0	15.3

Performance and annual returns⁴

Methodology

On the basis of the underlying index, a covariance matrix is set up by determining the correlation between each component and specific factors. Using Axioma's factor model, the variance-covariance structure of the components is determined, which is then minimized with respect to applicable constraints. The constraints applied cover individual capping, effective number of assets, rebalancing and turnover. The full list of factors including the requirements to be met can be accessed in our Index rulebook: <http://www.stoxx.com/indices/rulebooks.html>

Versions and symbols

Index	ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return JPY	CH0225791885	SA6JUNGF	SA6JUNGF INDEX	.SA6JUNGF
Price EUR	CH0180139070	SA6JUNP	SXA6JUNP INDEX	.SXA6JUNP
Net Return EUR	CH0180139237	SA6JUNR	SXA6JUNR INDEX	.SXA6JUNR
Gross Return EUR	CH0180139393	SA6JUNGR		.XA6JUNGR
Price USD	CH0180139559	SA6JUNL	SA6JUNL INDEX	.SXA6JUNL
Net Return USD	CH0180139716	SA6JUNV	SA6JUNV INDEX	.SXA6JUNV
Gross Return USD	CH0180139872	SA6JUNGV	SA6JUNGV INDEX	.XA6JUNGV
Price JPY	CH0225791869	SA6JUNK		.SA6JUNK
Net Return JPY	CH0225791877	SA6JUNF		.SA6JUNF

Complete list available here: www.stoxx.com/data/vendor_codes.html

Quick facts

Weighting	Optimization
Cap factor	4.5% / 8% / 35%
No. of components	Variable
Review frequency	Monthly

To learn more about the inception date, the currency, the calculation hours and historical values, please see our data vendor code sheet.

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This document contains index performance data based on backtesting, i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed prior to launch if it had existed using the same index methodology and based on historical constituents. Backtested performance information is purely hypothetical and is provided in this document solely for information purposes. Backtested performance does not represent actual performance and should not be interpreted as an indication of actual performance.

CUSTOMIZATION

The index can be used as a basis for the definition of STOXX® Customized Indices, which can be tailored to specific client or mandate needs. STOXX offers a wide range of customization, in terms of component selection, weighting schemes and personalized calculation methodologies.

³ gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return

⁴ STOXX data from Jun. 28, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2023

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Top 10 Components⁵

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)
SOFTBANK	Telecommunications	Japan	7.70
MCDONALD'S HOLDINGS	Travel and Leisure	Japan	7.54
SKYLARK HOLDINGS	Travel and Leisure	Japan	5.67
Meiji Holdings Co. Ltd.	Food, Beverage and Tobacco	Japan	3.72
NH FOODS	Food, Beverage and Tobacco	Japan	3.30
Toshiba Corp.	Industrial Goods and Services	Japan	2.99
Nissin Foods Holdings Co. Ltd.	Food, Beverage and Tobacco	Japan	2.93
NOMURA REIT.MASTER FUND	Real Estate	Japan	2.62
Nippon Yusen K.K.	Industrial Goods and Services	Japan	2.59
NICHIREI	Food, Beverage and Tobacco	Japan	2.54

⁵ Based on the composition as of Aug. 31, 2023