

Market Review for December 2025

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MONTHLY REVIEW

In December, Japanese equities moved in a volatile yet mostly range-bound pattern, with the Nikkei 225 rising 0.2% to end the month slightly above 50,000, while the TOPIX gained 0.9%. Gains in financial stocks following the Bank of Japan's rate hike offset weakness in semiconductor and IT-related shares. Market conditions were shaped by rising domestic long-term interest rates and fiscal expansion under the Takaichi administration. By year-end, both the Nikkei 225 and TOPIX indices reached record year-end levels with broadly positive sector performance led by financials and resources.

TABLE 1. MARKET PERFORMANCE (as of the end of December 2025)

	Index	Return	Year to Date
TOPIX	3,408.97	0.90%	22.41%
Nikkei 225	50,339.48	0.17%	26.18%

	Dec-25	Nov-25	End of 2024
USD/JPY*	156.71	156.18	157.20

*Bloomberg's preferred default source of generic FX data

FIGURE 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY

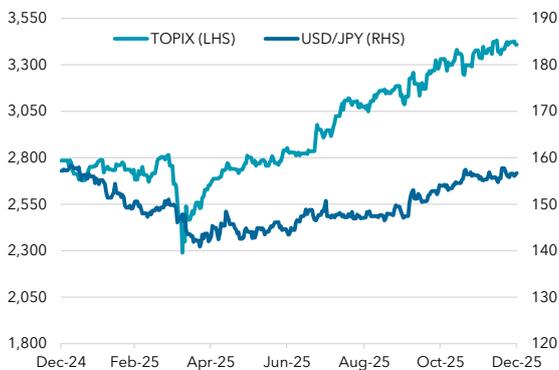


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (as of the end of December 2025, local currency)

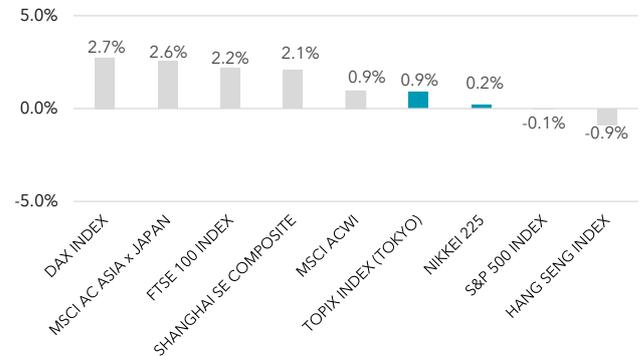


TABLE 2. TOP 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sector	Return
Insurance	6.66%
Securities & Commodity Futures	6.35%
Oil & Coal Products	5.83%
Banks	4.56%
Nonferrous Metals	4.34%

TABLE 3. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING SECTORS

Sector	Return
Other Products	-13.27%
Electric Power & Gas	-4.65%
Mining	-4.03%
Foods	-3.46%
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	-2.34%

TABLE 4. TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
KOKUSAI ELECTRIC	6525 JT Equity	27.91%
SUMITOMO METAL MINING	5713 JT Equity	23.87%
FANUC	6954 JT Equity	21.05%
MERCARI	4385 JT Equity	19.40%
SCREEN	7735 JT Equity	18.55%

TABLE 5. BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING STOCKS*

Name	Ticker	Return
MODEC	6269 JT Equity	-24.13%
NINTENDO	7974 JT Equity	-20.22%
mitsui E&S	7003 JT Equity	-19.03%
M3	2413 JT Equity	-17.97%
TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER	9501 JT Equity	-17.11%

*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion at the beginning of the month

Note. Figures on this sheet are from SuMi TRUST, Bloomberg, NEEDS, MSCI and Nomura (as of December 2025)

FIGURE 3. VALUE-GROWTH SPREAD



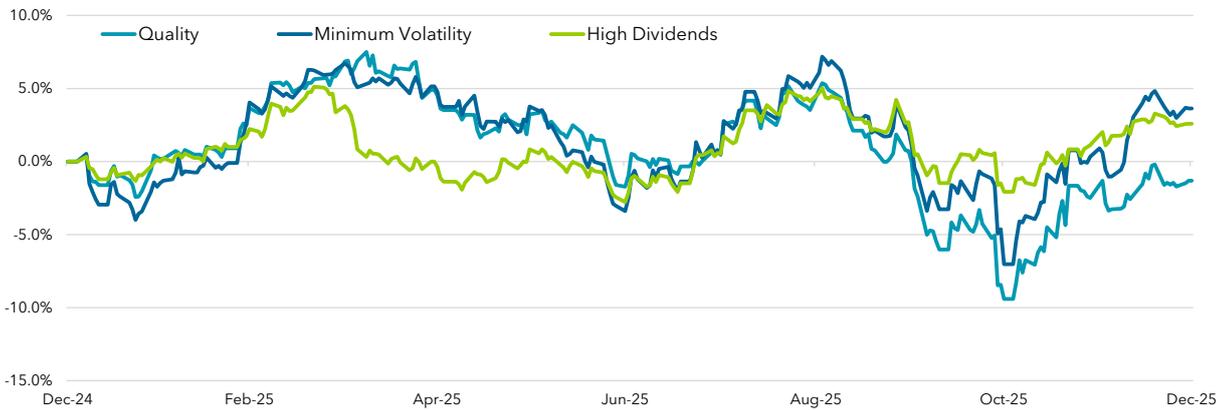
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means Value dominant)

FIGURE 4. LARGE-SMALL CAP SPREAD



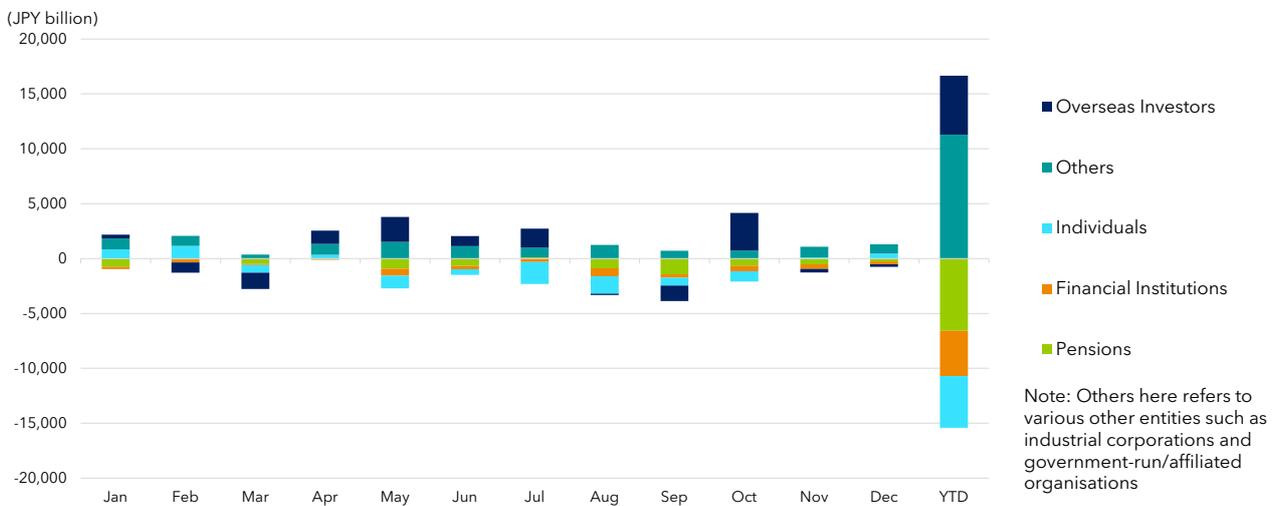
Note: The spread between the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

FIGURE 5. MSCI JAPAN FACTOR INDEXES SPREAD AGAINST MSCI JAPAN*



*The measurement begins from the end of December 2024, starting from 0%.

FIGURE 6. MONTHLY INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES BY INVESTOR TYPE IN THE JAPANESE EQUITY MARKET**



**Latest month figures are until the 3rd week of the month

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