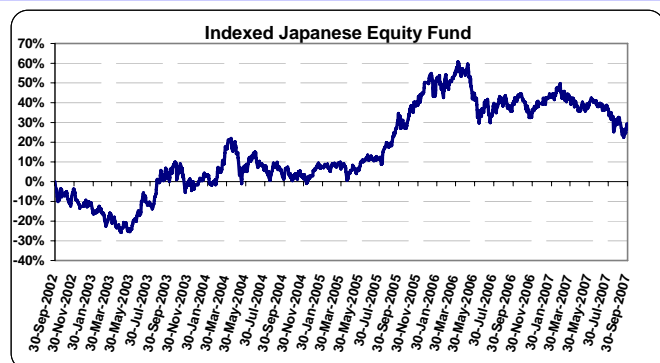


# Indexed Japanese Equity Fund

## How the fund works

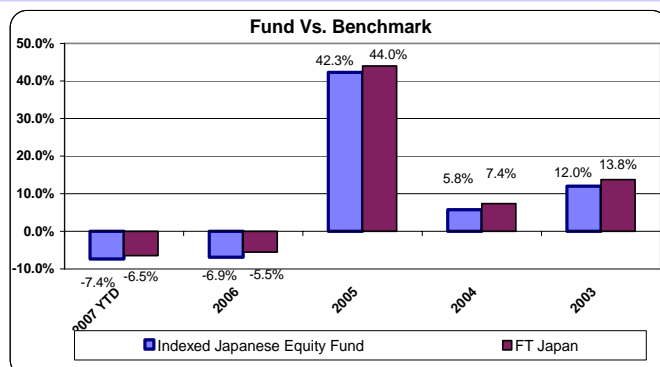
The objective of indexed funds is to consistently perform in line with the agreed benchmark index, in this case the **FTSE Japan index**. This is achieved by either adopting the same asset allocation as that of the index or holding assets that will perform in line with the index, thereby eliminating the risk of poor stock selection. It is suited to those who will accept the volatility of pure equity investments in order to achieve strong long term fund performance.

## Performance



Period	Cumulative Return %	Annualised Return %
YTD	-7.39	n/a
1 Year	-7.56	-7.56
3 Year	26.24	8.08
5 Year	29.46	5.30

## Performance Recent Calendar Years



All performance returns are quoted net of fees of 1.5% per annum.

## Stocks

Largest Stocks	Weight %	Country
TOYOTA MOTOR	5.6	Japan
Mitsubishi	3.3	Japan
CANON	2.5	Japan
SUMITOMO MITSUI	2.1	Japan
NINTENDO	1.9	Japan
MIZUHO	1.7	Japan
SONY	1.7	Japan
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTI	1.6	Japan
MATSUSHITA	1.6	Japan
HONDA	1.6	Japan
<b>Total Of Top Stocks Listed</b>	<b>23.6</b>	

## Monthly News

Even though the Japanese economy shrank in the second quarter, the economic environment remains robust. The leading indicators are pointing to sustained growth in the manufacturing sector despite the uncertainty surrounding the US economy and the recent Yen appreciation. The outlook for personal consumption is also healthy, especially as the labour market remains tight. Export growth increased by 14.5% buoyed by exports to Europe and Asia, and a rebound in exports to the US. Machinery orders increased 17% in July reversing the prior month's weakness.

The Bank of Japan has voted again to leave rates unchanged at 0.5% as it remains concerned about "the large swings in global financial markets". Headline inflation at -0.1% year on year remains lacklustre, while core inflation improved slightly to +0.1%.

## In Stock News

Exporters (**Sharp** gained 3.47%, **Nissan** rose 3.32% & **Honda** was up 1.05%) were strong during the month on the back of the US Fed's rate cut and as automakers boosted output to meet demand.