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Summary: Japanese stocks have reclaimed the historic peak reached over 34 years ago as global investors pour money into a country they're betting has finally escaped deflation and is headed on a path of sustainable growth. On Thursday, the Nikkei 225 closed at 39,098.68, finally breaching the previous record. The leap was driven by gains in technology shares and chip-gear producers after Nvidia's blowout sales forecast. The epic come-back — it took even longer than Wall Street's recovery from the crash that sparked the Great Depression — marks a rebirth for Japan's share market. Warren Buffett boosted his holdings in Japan's biggest companies, an endorsement that's further increased the allure of Tokyo stocks. Since the start of 2024, the Nikkei has surged over 16%, beating most other major markets. The outperformance is even more striking over the past 12 months or so.

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