

Japan Equity Active Universe

Core

GARP

Engagement

[Definition]

- (1) Invest in companies with stable Free Cash Flow Growth
- (2) Well-established Brand

[Definition of Growth]

- (1) Portfolio primarily consists of stocks that are expected to have an above-average capital appreciation rate relative to the market.
- (2) Generally have lower dividend yields and higher P/E ratios than Core or Growth counterparts.

[Definition of Value]

- (1) Portfolio primarily consists of stocks that may be trading at a price lower than its fundamental or intrinsic value.
- (2) Generally have higher dividend yields and lower P/E ratios than Core or Value counterparts.

[Definition]

- (1) Invest in companies which need impact from outsider to lift value.
- (2) Frequent communication with corporate managers. At least more than one time in every quarter.
- (3) Improve company, mainly focusing on IR and/or financial capital structure.

>>First Sentier Investors(FSSA Japan Equity Strategy)

Asahi Life AM(JE Bottom-up)
Burgundy AM(Burgundy Focus Japan Equity)
Capital Group(Japan Equity (Capital Group))
Lindsell Train(Japanese Equity)
MFS(Japan Concentrated Equity)

(Growth)

>>Comgest Global Investors(Japan Equity)
>>FiveStar AM(MASAMITSU Japan Equity Strategy)
Angel Japan(Angel Japan New Growth Equity Strategy)
Baillie Gifford & Co(Japan Smaller Companies)
Mansartis Gestion(MANSARTIS JAPON)
The L.T. Funds(L.T. FUND Japanese General)
Wealth Growth IM(Institutional-Japanese Equity Segregated)

(Value)

>>Lazard Japan AM K.K.(Japanese Equity)
>>KU and Associates
>>Nippon Value Investors(Japanese Value Equity)
>>Orbis Investments(Orbis Japan Equity)
Arcus Investment(Arcus Japan Value Fund)
Invesco(Japanese Equity Value Discovery)
Pzena Investment Management(Pzena Japan Focused Value)
Simplex AM(Simplex Value Up Master Company)
Resona AM(Resona Japan Equity Value Research Alpha Fund)
Wellington (Japan Value Realization)

>>Aizawa AM(Asuka Value Up)

>>Strategic Capital(Strategic Capital Fund Management)
>>Symphony(The SFP Value Realization Fund)
>>VARECS(VPL-I Trust)
Dalton Investments(Dalton Japan Equity)
GO Investment Partners(The TMAM-GO Japan Engagement Fund)
Effissimo Capital Management(ECM Feeder Fund)
Misaki Capital(Engagement Master Fund)
Neuberger Berman Group(Japan Equity Engagement)
Rising Sun Management(Nippon Active Value Fund)
SPARX(Japan Equity Stewardship Fund)
Taiyo Pacific Partners (Taiyo Fund)
Trivista Capital(TriVista Fund)

(Source) HC Asset Management, based on the information provided on eVestment and homepage of each company (as of September, 2023)

(Screening criteria): Selected from funds with product AUM ¥5 bil. and above, Open to new investment and database available in JPY and etc.

Definitions of equity style emphasis based on both eVestment's and HC's independent guideline.