

# **Outlook for FY22–23 corporate earnings**

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## Summary and major assumptions

### **For FY22 we forecast aggregate growth of 16.7% in sales, 6.5% in operating profits, and 8.2% in recurring profits**

Our analysts have revised their FY22–23 earnings forecasts for Russell/Nomura Large Cap constituents. For all sectors (excluding financials), on an aggregate basis, our analysts forecast y-y growth in FY22 of 16.7% for sales, 6.5% for operating profits, and 8.2% for recurring profits. While this represents an upward revision of 0.4ppt versus our aggregate sales growth forecast as of 1 December 2022, it represents downward revisions of 2.9ppt and 3.5ppt, respectively, to our aggregate forecasts for operating and recurring profits.

### **Impact from global economic slowdown, slow recovery in automobile production, and forex assumption revision**

The main factors behind the downward revisions to our FY22 profit growth forecasts are a decline in demand caused by the global economic slowdown, the sluggish recovery in automobile production owing to semiconductor shortages and other supply chain issues, and a revision to our forex assumptions in the direction of a stronger yen versus the dollar. In addition, a number of companies have booked impairment losses and other one-time losses in FY22.

### **For FY23 we forecast a 0.2% decline in sales but 10.8% growth in operating profits and 4.3% growth in recurring profits**

On an all-industry (ex financials) basis, our analysts forecast a 0.2% aggregate decline in sales, 10.8% growth in operating profits, and 4.3% growth in recurring profits in FY23. Compared with our previous aggregate forecasts for FY23, as of 1 December 2022, these new forecasts represent downward revisions of 1.7ppt for sales, 1.4ppt for operating profits, and 0.8ppt for recurring profits. As the revision to our USD/JPY assumption for FY23 in the direction of a stronger yen (from 140.00 to 127.00) is larger than the change in our assumption for FY22 (from 137.04 to 134.15), it has resulted in larger downward revisions to our forecasts, particularly for manufacturers with high export weightings. As we also lower our profit forecasts for FY22, the basis for y-y comparisons, these downward revisions for FY23 are actually even more substantial than they appear at first glance.

### **Number of companies for which our analysts have lowered their forecasts exceeds number for which they have raised their forecasts, for first time in three quarters**

The Revision Index (RI) for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index (ex financials) (which shows the difference between the percentage of companies for which estimates were raised and the percentage for which estimates were lowered) is -27.1% for March 2023, indicating that downward revisions to FY23 forecasts outstripped upward revisions in the period from 2 December 2022 through 1 March 2023. This is the first time in three quarters that downward revisions have outstripped upward revisions. As we have already noted, we revised our USD/JPY rate assumptions in the direction of a stronger yen, and this has resulted in an increase in downward revisions to earnings estimates, mainly for manufacturers.

Fig. 1: Overview of consolidated earnings forecasts for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index

										(%)
Items	Category	No. of cos	New					Old		
			FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	
			Actual	Actual	Actual	E	E	E	E	
Sales (% y-y)	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	-2.5	-7.5	14.1	16.7	-0.2	16.3	1.5	
	Manufacturing	145	-2.7	-8.0	15.2	16.7	1.8	17.4	3.2	
	Basic materials	29	-2.0	-12.1	28.8	23.5	-2.8	23.4	-1.5	
	Processing	74	-4.5	-7.7	13.3	15.6	3.4	17.0	5.0	
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	-2.3	-6.8	12.8	16.7	-2.6	14.9	-0.7	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap (ex financials)	1,085	0.3	-6.1	7.3	10.8	4.5	10.4	4.1	
Operating profits (% y-y)	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	-23.7	-18.9	58.3	6.5	10.8	9.4	12.2	
	Manufacturing	145	-23.2	-3.4	58.2	6.1	4.2	11.3	6.3	
	Basic materials	29	-48.7	13.7	148.5	-0.9	-7.5	4.2	-10.1	
	Processing	74	-20.1	-8.6	52.9	7.6	7.2	12.9	11.7	
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	-24.3	-36.2	58.5	7.4	24.3	5.4	25.2	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap (ex financials)	1,085	-6.0	-12.5	37.8	4.9	19.4	7.3	17.6	
Recurring profits (% y-y)	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	287	-20.5	4.5	34.1	3.9	8.7	9.6	5.8	
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	-22.3	5.6	34.5	8.2	4.3	11.7	5.1	
	Manufacturing	145	-27.2	7.6	56.9	4.7	3.5	10.7	3.9	
	Basic materials	29	-52.0	13.7	164.2	-2.1	-8.0	4.7	-11.7	
	Processing	74	-24.5	8.7	47.8	5.0	6.3	10.6	8.7	
	Nonmanufacturing	142	-14.3	2.0	14.7	2.9	14.7	8.4	7.9	
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	-16.0	3.3	8.8	13.7	5.4	13.3	7.0	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap	1,170	-7.3	-5.9	45.0	2.8	13.8	6.0	11.4	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap (ex financials)	1,085	-9.5	-7.0	50.1	2.2	14.7	5.6	12.1	
After-tax profits (% y-y)	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	287	-31.6	16.3	38.9	2.8	6.7	7.9	4.5	
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	-35.6	18.3	39.5	6.4	3.2	10.8	3.7	
	Manufacturing	145	-40.3	16.4	66.8	-0.3	4.1	6.7	3.2	
	Basic materials	29	-82.6	73.7	308.5	-10.4	-8.4	-3.8	-12.7	
	Processing	74	-37.9	18.9	51.4	-2.0	9.0	6.2	8.7	
	Nonmanufacturing	142	-22.2	16.2	15.1	6.4	9.6	9.2	6.0	
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	-28.8	20.7	7.6	18.0	1.9	17.8	4.6	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap	1,170	-12.0	2.1	72.2	5.6	16.8	9.5	10.1	
	Russell/Nomura Small Cap (ex financials)	1,085	-13.9	1.2	84.9	4.1	19.8	8.2	12.1	

Note: Latest estimates as of 1 March 2023, previous estimates as of 1 December 2022.

Source: Nomura

Fig. 2: Key earnings estimate assumptions

As of 19 Jan 2023							As of 17 Oct 2022				
		Industrial production 2015se year	Policy rate (FY-end)	WTI	Exchange rate (avg)		Industrial production 2015 base year	Policy rate (FY-end)	WTI	Exchange rate (avg)	
		% y-y	%	\$/bbl	USD/JPY	EUR/JPY	% y-y	%	\$/bbl	USD/JPY	EUR/JPY
FY	FY21	5.7	-0.10	77.0	112.34	130.51	5.7	-0.10	77.0	112.34	130.51
	FY22	0.1	-0.10	90.7	134.15	139.67	-1.0	-0.10	92.2	137.04	136.84
	FY23	0.9	-0.10	78.0	127.00	137.00	0.8	-0.10	76.0	140.00	135.00
Half-yearly	FY21 H1	12.2	-0.10	68.3	109.75	130.80	12.2	-0.10	68.3	109.75	130.80
	FY21 H2	0.1	-0.10	85.7	114.93	130.23	0.1	-0.10	85.7	114.93	130.23
	FY22 H1	0.3	-0.10	100.0	134.07	138.68	-1.9	-0.10	100.0	134.07	138.68
	FY22 H2	0.0	-0.10	81.3	134.23	140.66	0.0	-0.10	84.5	140.00	135.00
	FY23 H1	0.0	-0.10	79.5	127.00	137.00	1.1	-0.10	78.0	140.00	135.00
	FY23 H2	1.8	-0.10	76.5	127.00	137.00	0.6	-0.10	74.0	140.00	135.00

Note: WTI is the term-average WTI crude oil futures price. The above assumptions are not Nomura forecasts but the assumptions on which Nomura analysts base their earnings forecasts.

Source: Nomura

# Contributions to recurring profit growth by sector

## Overview of the corporate earnings outlook for FY22

For FY22, our analysts expect recurring profits to increase in 12 of 19 sectors and fall in 7.

Sectors that we expect to make large contributions to overall profit growth include transportation, trading companies, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, and electrical machinery & precision equipment. In the transportation sector, earnings from travel have been recovering as people have started moving around again now that COVID-related restrictions on movement have been eased. At trading companies, energy trading and automobile-related businesses have been seeing strong sales. The expected large contribution to overall profits from the telecommunications sector is mainly due to our forecast of an improvement in gains/losses on investments at SoftBank Group [9984]. In the pharmaceuticals & healthcare sector, profits have been boosted by factors including a weak yen and an increase in COVID-19 drug sales and royalty revenues. In the electrical machinery & precision equipment sector, while we think the decline in consumer equipment-related demand will have an impact, we nevertheless expect profits to grow, mainly on sales of products for automotive and industrial applications.

Sectors that we expect to make large negative contributions to overall profits include financials, utilities, services, and steel & nonferrous metals. In the financials sector, profits have been hit in FY22 by substantial accounting costs arising from the sale of subsidiary company shares. The sector's profits have also been weighed down by an increase in insurance benefit payouts for hospitalizations owing to a resurgence in COVID-19 infections in Japan. At utilities companies, we see an increase in electric power procurement costs stemming from higher JEPX prices, in addition to which losses have arisen because companies have been unable to fully pass on the increase in costs as average fuel prices have exceeded the ceilings in the fuel cost adjustment system. In the services sector we think intense competition will result in a fall in profits on postal and logistics operations. Meanwhile, we think the steel & nonferrous metals sector is likely to be hit by a combination of a deterioration in inventory valuation gains/losses and a fall in sales volumes.

## Overview of the corporate earnings outlook for FY23

For FY23, our analysts expect recurring profits to increase in 14 out of 19 sectors and fall in 5.

Sectors that we expect to make large contributions to overall profit growth in FY23 include financials, utilities, automobiles, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, and services. In the financials sector, we expect the one-time losses noted above, for FY22, to drop out of the picture, and think that earnings from client-facing operations at major banks will start to improve and that steady progress will also be made in controlling costs. At utilities companies, losses related to the fuel cost adjustment system should drop out of the picture, and we also expect profits to be boosted by electricity rate hikes and a fall in fuel costs as a result of the restart of nuclear reactors. In the automobiles sector, we think automakers will be able to increase production substantially as the semiconductor shortage is resolved. We also expect demand to remain high given the pent-up demand in the US, even in the event of a recession. At telecommunications companies, we expect an improvement in gains/losses on investment at SoftBank Group to boost sector profits. In the pharmaceuticals & healthcare sector, we think profits will receive a substantial boost from disappearance of the one-time factors, such as impairment losses, that we expect to be recorded in FY22. In the services sector, we forecast a recovery in demand in the leisure, restaurant, and recruitment industries as the COVID pandemic winds down.

Sectors that we expect to make large negative contributions to overall profits include trading companies, transportation, chemicals, and steel & nonferrous metals. At trading companies, we expect profits to decline mainly in resource fields, as a result of a decline in market prices for resources such as iron ore and crude oil. The shipping subsector accounts for a large proportion of the profit decline we forecast for the transportation sector. Containership spot rates have been falling, and we expect rates to fall at Ocean Network Express (ONE), the equity-method affiliate of the three major Japanese shipping companies. For the chemicals sector, expected profit declines in the petroleum subsector account for much of the forecast decline. In addition to the dropping out of inventory gains booked in FY22, we also assume that crude oil prices will fall through FY23. We also forecast a y-y deterioration in PVC margins in FY23 as a result of a slowdown in housing demand in North America. In steel & nonferrous metals, the disappearance of one-time factors such as forex translation gains is a major factor.

Fig. 3: Contributions to recurring profit growth by sector for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index

FY22E				FY23E			
Increase in profits				Increase in profits			
	Growth	Contribution	Contribution (%)		Growth	Contribution	Contribution (%)
12 sectors			(ex financials)	14 sectors			(ex financials)
Transportation	83.9	84.9	46.6	Financials	48.9	55.7	-
Trading companies	18.5	46.7	25.6	Utilities	SP	36.5	82.4
Telecommunications	29.7	29.9	16.4	Automobiles	13.7	22.6	51.1
Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	22.5	20.8	11.4	Telecommunications	36.4	20.0	45.1
Electrical machinery, precision equipment	5.5	19.7	10.8	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	11.5	5.5	12.4
Retailing	20.7	15.2	8.4	Services	13.7	4.9	11.2
Automobiles	3.7	13.5	7.4	Housing, real estate	4.0	2.2	4.9
Food	18.6	12.7	7.0	Food	6.1	2.1	4.7
Housing, real estate	8.8	10.5	5.8	Media	27.7	1.2	2.7
Machinery	6.9	8.9	4.9	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	0.7	1.1	2.5
Chemicals	1.9	4.6	2.5	Retailing	2.3	0.9	2.0
Construction	11.6	2.2	1.2	Household goods	6.3	0.9	2.0
				Construction	4.1	0.4	0.9
				Machinery	0.3	0.2	0.4
Decrease in profits				Decrease in profits			
	Growth	Contribution	Contribution (%)		Growth	Contribution	Contribution (%)
7 sectors			(ex financials)	5 sectors			(ex financials)
Software	-6.8	-4.3	-2.3	Software	-2.8	-0.7	-1.5
Household goods	-11.2	-4.4	-2.4	Steel, nonferrous metals	-16.2	-5.1	-11.4
Media	-36.3	-5.8	-3.2	Chemicals	-5.5	-5.7	-12.9
Steel, nonferrous metals	-13.7	-11.3	-6.2	Transportation	-19.4	-15.5	-35.1
Services	-13.5	-13.7	-7.5	Trading companies	-21.6	-27.2	-61.3
Utilities	SL	-48.0	-26.3				
Financials	-23.3	-82.2	-				

Note: SP = switch to profits; SL = switch to losses; LS = losses shrinking; LI = losses increasing.

Source: Nomura

# Revisions to recurring profit estimates (versus old estimates)

## Overview of the corporate earnings outlook for FY22

Our analysts have raised their FY22 recurring profit forecasts for 6 out of 19 sectors, lowered them for 12, and left them unchanged for 1.

The upward revisions (in value terms) are particularly large for sectors such as utilities, trading companies, and transportation. The upward revisions to our forecasts for utilities companies are partly due to revisions to earnings forecasts for subsidiaries and the resale of LNG. For the trading companies sector, our upward revisions factor in the recovery in iron ore prices as a result of the easing of COVID restrictions in China, as well as strong performance at LNG trading operations. For the transportation sector, we have raised our earnings forecasts for air transportation and railways, as passenger numbers are recovering.

Sectors for which our analysts have made large downward revisions include financials, telecommunications, automobiles, chemicals, and electrical machinery & precision equipment. In the financials sector, the downward revisions reflect accounting losses on the transfer of subsidiary company shares. In telecommunications, we have lowered our forecasts for investment gains/losses at SoftBank Group. For automobiles, we have factored in the impact of revisions to our forex assumptions towards a stronger yen, as well as a lowering of our production volume forecasts. For chemicals companies, the global economic slowdown has made operating conditions more difficult for petrochemicals businesses, and our revisions also reflect the sale of mining interests by some companies and a slowdown in demand for electronic materials used in smartphones. For electrical machinery & precision equipment, we have lowered our forecasts for products for consumer electric goods such as smartphones and PCs. Our revisions also factor in restructuring costs at some companies and a fall in demand in China.

## Overview of the corporate earnings outlook for FY23

Our analysts have raised their FY23 recurring profit forecasts for 8 out of 19 sectors and lowered them for 11.

The upward revisions (in value terms) were particularly large for sectors such as financials, utilities, steel & nonferrous metals, and trading companies. For financial companies, our revisions reflect our view that asset management earnings will increase because of a rise in interest rates overseas, as well as insurance premium hikes around the world. We expect losses to arise at utilities companies in FY22 because average fuel prices have exceeded the ceilings in the fuel cost adjustment system, but we expect these losses to disappear, in part, in FY23, because we have revised our forex and crude oil price assumptions in the direction of a stronger yen and lower crude oil prices. For steel and nonferrous metals companies, we have raised our forecasts for domestic steel operations owing in part to an expected improvement in spreads. For trading companies, as in the case of our FY22 forecast revisions, we have raised our FY23 assumptions for iron ore and coking coal prices to reflect the easing of COVID restrictions in China.

Sectors for which our analysts have made large downward revisions include automobiles, electrical machinery & precision equipment, transportation, and chemicals. Revisions to our forex assumptions for FY23 in the direction of a stronger yen have had a major impact on our forecasts for external demand-oriented sectors such as automobiles. Our downward revisions for the electrical machinery & precision equipment sector reflect our view that inventory adjustments will continue for electronic parts for consumer goods. In the transportation sector, we have lowered our estimates for containership operations at marine transportation companies. For the chemicals sector, our downward revisions largely reflect the impact of our revised assumptions in the direction of a stronger yen and lower crude oil prices on our earnings forecasts for upstream petroleum companies. Expectations of a slowdown in demand for electronic materials for smartphones, and a slowdown in housing demand in the US, have also led us to lower our forecasts.

Fig. 4: Revisions to recurring profit estimates for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index

FY22E					FY23E				
[Upward revisions] 6 sectors					[Upward revisions] 8 sectors				
	New ¥bn	Old ¥bn	Revision ¥bn	Change %		New ¥bn	Old ¥bn	Revision ¥bn	Change %
Utilities	-709	-1,249	539.5	-	Financials	8,300	7,775	525.2	6.8
Trading companies	6,164	5,933	231.3	3.9	Utilities	1,387	1,221	166.0	13.6
Transportation	3,836	3,722	114.9	3.1	Steel, nonferrous metals	1,278	1,148	130.0	11.3
Steel, nonferrous metals	1,468	1,430	38.0	2.7	Trading companies	4,835	4,708	126.6	2.7
Retailing	1,827	1,812	14.8	0.8	Food	1,800	1,677	123.0	7.3
Services	1,807	1,804	2.6	0.1	Retailing	1,952	1,921	30.8	1.6
					Construction	465	456	8.5	1.9
					Services	2,005	1,998	6.7	0.3
[Downward revisions] 12 sectors					[Downward revisions] 11 sectors				
	New ¥bn	Old ¥bn	Revision ¥bn	Change %		New ¥bn	Old ¥bn	Revision ¥bn	Change %
Food	1,672	1,680	-7.9	-0.5	Media	266	287	-20.8	-7.2
Housing, real estate	2,671	2,688	-17.3	-0.6	Housing, real estate	2,803	2,827	-23.5	-0.8
Household goods	721	758	-36.9	-4.9	Machinery	2,897	2,965	-67.8	-2.3
Media	208	253	-44.8	-17.7	Software	1,164	1,237	-72.4	-5.9
Machinery	2,864	2,952	-88.7	-3.0	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	2,603	2,687	-83.6	-3.1
Software	1,202	1,292	-90.2	-7.0	Household goods	741	925	-183.9	-19.9
Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	2,336	2,487	-151.7	-6.1	Telecommunications	3,666	3,875	-209.0	-5.4
Electrical machinery, precision equipment	7,737	8,067	-329.9	-4.1	Chemicals	4,821	5,092	-271.2	-5.3
Chemicals	5,069	5,559	-489.1	-8.8	Transportation	3,165	3,469	-303.9	-8.8
Automobiles	7,802	8,376	-573.9	-6.9	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	7,773	8,114	-341.5	-4.2
Telecommunications	2,696	3,370	-673.6	-20.0	Automobiles	9,199	10,313	-1,113.9	-10.8
Financials	5,590	7,043	-1,453.1	-20.6					

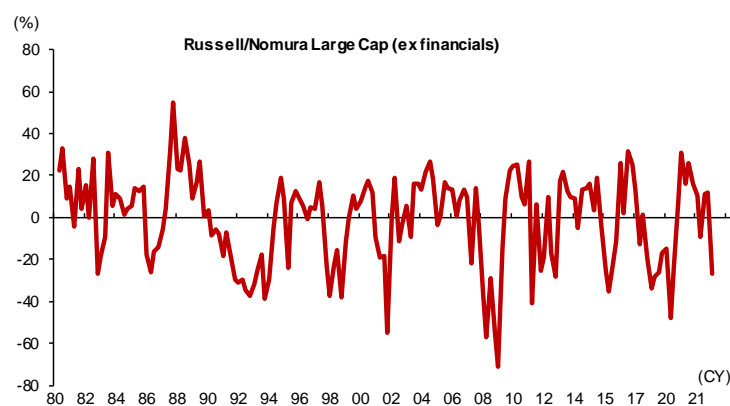
Note: No change to FY22 forecasts for construction sector. Latest estimates as of 1 March 2023, previous estimates as of 1 December 2022.

Source: Nomura



**Fig. 5: Revision index for the Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index**

	(yy/m)	21/6	21/9	21/12	22/3	22/6	22/9	22/12	23/3
Russell/Nomura Large Cap		16.2	25.7	17.1	11.5	-8.7	11.5	9.1	-24.7
Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)		16.1	26.1	16.1	10.2	-9.1	13.2	11.7	-27.1
Manufacturing		18.5	32.4	20.8	6.2	-13.1	22.1	4.1	-43.1
Basic materials		61.1	36.1	47.2	48.3	-17.2	44.8	0.0	-30.0
Processing		27.8	46.8	24.1	2.7	-10.8	10.8	2.7	-50.7
Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)		13.1	18.2	10.2	15.0	-4.2	2.5	20.8	-8.2



Note: (1) Calculated by Nomura based on revisions to recurring profit forecasts. Excludes consolidated subsidiaries. (2) Revision index = (number of upward revisions - number of downward revisions) ÷ number of constituent companies.

Source: Nomura

# Russell/Nomura Large Cap Index: earnings indicators

Fig. 6: Percentage change in sales by sector (% y-y)

		(%)								
		No. of cos	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E Old	FY22E New	FY23E Old	FY23E New
Industrial groups	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	6.5	-2.5	-7.5	14.1	16.3	16.7	1.5	-0.2
	Manufacturing	145	3.0	-2.7	-8.0	15.2	17.4	16.7	3.2	1.8
	Basic materials	29	7.0	-2.0	-12.1	28.8	23.4	23.5	-1.5	-2.8
	Processing	74	1.7	-4.5	-7.7	13.3	17.0	15.6	5.0	3.4
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	11.5	-2.3	-6.8	12.8	14.9	16.7	-0.7	-2.6
Broad sectors	Materials	29	7.0	-2.0	-12.1	28.8	23.4	23.5	-1.5	-2.8
	Machinery, autos	38	2.2	-4.4	-10.4	13.9	21.2	19.1	7.4	5.9
	Electronics	36	0.8	-4.8	-3.0	12.5	10.5	10.3	0.6	-1.0
	Consumer, distribution	84	15.5	-0.6	-4.4	15.6	12.6	14.8	-4.0	-5.4
	Information	27	3.7	-7.4	-0.6	6.0	6.5	6.8	3.6	3.0
	Utilities, infrastructure	51	3.8	0.2	-12.2	6.0	21.3	22.6	5.7	2.9
Sectors	Chemicals	25	8.0	-1.2	-12.4	27.8	25.3	25.8	-2.8	-4.5
	Steel, nonferrous metals	4	4.7	-3.9	-11.3	31.5	18.0	17.1	2.3	2.3
	Machinery	23	3.0	-3.6	-5.5	17.8	15.1	17.3	1.5	1.0
	Autos	15	2.0	-4.6	-11.8	12.8	23.2	19.7	9.1	7.4
	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	36	0.8	-4.8	-3.0	12.5	10.5	10.3	0.6	-1.0
	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	16	3.5	9.7	-2.1	7.4	10.3	11.2	2.0	-0.1
	Food products	13	2.5	0.7	-3.9	2.0	10.5	12.4	3.4	3.9
	Household goods	13	3.5	-0.8	-7.4	9.2	8.9	10.0	4.6	2.8
	Trading companies	8	45.0	-5.0	-5.8	30.3	15.9	20.1	-13.0	-13.8
	Retailing	15	3.1	2.5	-3.4	13.7	14.6	14.8	4.5	1.1
	Services	19	1.9	-2.5	-4.0	3.1	4.3	5.0	0.9	0.5
	Software	13	9.5	7.5	9.2	3.8	4.0	2.8	0.4	-0.9
	Media	3	6.4	0.8	-12.9	19.7	9.5	10.5	7.1	2.9
	Telecommunications	11	2.7	-10.7	-0.6	5.4	6.7	7.3	3.9	3.7
	Construction, engineering	5	8.0	5.1	-9.8	5.8	13.3	13.6	3.5	4.0
	Housing, real estate	18	5.4	2.3	-4.3	8.4	8.1	7.7	3.9	4.0
	Transportation	20	-1.1	-2.2	-28.2	15.5	22.5	23.0	4.3	3.7
	Utilities	8	6.6	-0.9	-3.1	-4.1	38.9	43.6	9.3	0.9

Note: (1) Figures exclude listed consolidated subsidiaries. (2) Latest estimates as of 1 March 2023; previous estimates as of 1 December 2022.

Source: Nomura

Fig. 7: Percentage change in recurring profits by sector (% y-y)

		(%)								
		No. of cos	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E Old	FY22E New	FY23E Old	FY23E New
Industrial groups	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	287	1.1	-20.5	4.5	34.1	9.6	3.9	5.8	8.7
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	3.1	-22.3	5.6	34.5	11.7	8.2	5.1	4.3
	Manufacturing	145	-1.5	-27.2	7.6	56.9	10.7	4.7	3.9	3.5
	Basic materials	29	2.1	-52.0	13.7	164.2	4.7	-2.1	-11.7	-8.0
	Processing	74	-2.6	-24.5	8.7	47.8	10.6	5.0	8.7	6.3
	Nonmanufacturing	142	3.7	-14.3	2.0	14.7	8.4	2.9	7.9	14.7
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	9.7	-16.0	3.3	8.8	13.3	13.7	7.0	5.4
Broad sectors	Materials	29	2.1	-52.0	13.7	164.2	4.7	-2.1	-11.7	-8.0
	Machinery, autos	38	-8.9	-23.9	-7.0	57.8	11.0	4.5	13.7	10.2
	Electronics	36	9.3	-25.3	34.8	36.0	10.0	5.5	1.3	0.7
	Consumer, distribution	84	2.8	-9.5	-12.0	56.6	12.4	12.3	-4.0	-4.3
	Information	27	33.1	-35.2	157.0	-60.0	33.0	11.1	10.1	24.5
	Utilities, infrastructure	51	-2.5	-2.6	-68.8	137.7	7.4	19.6	30.9	17.3
	Financials	22	-10.5	-9.1	-1.4	31.9	-3.3	-23.3	10.7	48.9
Sectors	Chemicals	25	4.5	-34.2	-11.6	119.1	11.7	1.9	-8.8	-5.5
	Steel, nonferrous metals	4	-7.3	SL	SP	555.9	-15.9	-13.7	-22.8	-16.2
	Machinery	23	9.6	-30.0	-5.0	61.7	10.2	6.9	-0.4	0.3
	Autos	15	-14.6	-21.5	-7.7	56.5	11.3	3.7	18.6	13.7
	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	36	9.3	-25.3	34.8	36.0	10.0	5.5	1.3	0.7
	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	16	-3.5	8.0	11.8	6.5	30.4	22.5	8.0	11.5
	Food products	13	-3.7	-15.6	0.6	10.0	19.1	18.6	-1.8	6.1
	Household goods	13	6.9	-7.5	-23.6	30.0	0.0	-11.2	26.0	6.3
	Trading companies	8	10.4	-27.9	-26.8	208.6	14.0	18.5	-20.6	-21.6
	Retailing	15	3.3	4.1	-17.7	20.0	19.7	20.7	1.8	2.3
	Services	19	0.0	1.7	-14.3	36.1	-13.6	-13.5	14.2	13.7
	Software	13	16.7	20.1	39.6	14.4	0.2	-6.8	-4.0	-2.8
	Media	3	4.1	-57.5	SL	SP	-22.7	-36.3	13.3	27.7
	Telecommunications	11	38.5	-41.4	207.6	-74.9	62.1	29.7	15.3	36.4
	Construction, engineering	5	-1.1	0.6	-13.4	-22.8	11.6	11.6	2.2	4.1
	Housing, real estate	18	-2.7	5.4	-10.8	24.1	9.5	8.8	4.2	4.0
	Transportation	20	2.2	-17.4	SL	SP	78.4	83.9	-9.7	-19.4
	Utilities	8	-12.8	17.7	-15.3	-61.2	SL	SL	SP	SP
	Financials	22	-10.5	-9.1	-1.4	31.9	-3.3	-23.3	10.7	48.9

Note: (1) SP = switch to profits, SL = switch to losses. LS = losses shrinking. (2) Figures exclude listed consolidated subsidiaries. (3) Latest estimates as of 1 March 2023; previous estimates as of 1 December 2022.

Source: Nomura

Fig. 8: Recurring profits by sector (Unit: ¥1bn)

		No. of cos	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E Old	FY22E New	FY23E Old	FY23E New
Industrial groups	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	287	48,162	38,542	40,173	53,958	58,424	55,409	62,694	61,119
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	265	41,796	32,757	34,590	46,630	51,381	49,818	54,919	52,819
	Manufacturing	145	23,510	17,180	18,613	29,038	31,309	29,669	32,921	31,112
	Basic materials	29	4,963	2,453	2,721	7,020	6,989	6,537	6,240	6,099
	Processing	74	14,552	10,942	12,114	17,723	19,395	18,403	21,391	19,868
	Nonmanufacturing	142	24,652	21,362	21,560	24,920	27,115	25,739	29,773	30,007
	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	120	18,286	15,578	15,977	17,592	20,072	20,149	21,998	21,707
Broad sectors	Materials	29	4,963	2,453	2,721	7,020	6,989	6,537	6,240	6,099
	Machinery, autos	38	8,911	6,745	6,492	10,244	11,328	10,665	13,277	12,096
	Electronics	36	5,641	4,197	5,622	7,479	8,067	7,737	8,114	7,773
	Consumer, distribution	84	10,312	9,397	8,260	13,236	14,475	14,527	13,916	13,935
	Information	27	5,753	3,728	9,589	3,820	4,915	4,107	5,398	5,096
	Utilities, infrastructure	51	6,216	6,236	1,906	4,831	5,607	6,244	7,973	7,820
	Financials	22	6,366	5,785	5,583	7,328	7,043	5,590	7,775	8,300
Sectors	Chemicals	25	4,036	2,758	2,425	5,218	5,559	5,069	5,092	4,821
	Steel, nonferrous metals	4	927	-305	296	1,802	1,430	1,468	1,148	1,278
	Machinery	23	2,539	1,781	1,670	2,637	2,952	2,864	2,965	2,897
	Autos	15	6,372	4,964	4,822	7,608	8,376	7,802	10,313	9,199
	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	36	5,641	4,197	5,622	7,479	8,067	7,737	8,114	7,773
	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	16	1,540	1,632	1,810	1,983	2,487	2,336	2,687	2,603
	Food products	13	1,625	1,387	1,373	1,533	1,680	1,672	1,677	1,800
	Household goods	13	830	765	596	778	758	721	925	741
	Trading companies	8	3,148	2,271	1,663	5,203	5,933	6,164	4,708	4,835
	Retailing	15	1,497	1,612	1,310	1,651	1,812	1,827	1,921	1,952
	Services	19	1,672	1,731	1,509	2,086	1,804	1,807	1,998	2,005
	Software	13	620	813	1,172	1,381	1,292	1,202	1,237	1,164
	Media	3	364	154	-2	327	253	208	287	266
	Telecommunications	11	4,769	2,761	8,419	2,112	3,370	2,696	3,875	3,666
	Construction, engineering	5	696	734	636	501	446	446	456	465
	Housing, real estate	18	2,055	2,165	1,878	2,509	2,688	2,671	2,827	2,803
	Transportation	20	2,474	2,170	-1,573	1,446	3,722	3,836	3,469	3,165
	Utilities	8	992	1,167	965	375	-1,249	-709	1,221	1,387
	Financials	22	6,366	5,785	5,583	7,328	7,043	5,590	7,775	8,300

Note: Figures exclude listed consolidated subsidiaries. Index composition for period through FY21 differs from index composition from FY22 onwards. Accordingly, prior-year comparison base for y-y changes has altered, thereby resulting in different y-y figures than before. Latest estimates as of 1 March 2023; previous estimates as of 1 December 2022.

Source: Nomura

Fig. 9: Percentage change in quarterly sales and profits (FY21 Q4–FY22 Q3)

		%y-y															
		Sales				Operating profits				Recurring profits				Net profits			
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Industrial groups	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-14.5	-17.6	30.8	-12.3	-21.6	-26.1	35.0	-22.7
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	11.4	17.2	23.7	17.1	23.0	5.9	3.6	3.3	-15.8	-16.9	44.2	-12.6	-21.8	-24.2	51.9	-23.8
	Manufacturing	10.4	14.3	23.9	18.8	18.1	2.5	11.3	2.5	10.1	7.9	15.6	-8.1	3.7	4.3	5.2	-9.4
	Basic materials	26.0	35.5	32.8	21.9	57.5	50.3	4.4	-39.5	58.9	57.0	8.2	-51.2	74.7	60.4	-12.2	-63.9
	Processing	6.3	8.9	23.1	18.8	9.5	-14.6	19.8	14.3	-0.2	-7.6	23.6	1.6	-7.9	-12.4	14.8	0.9
	Nonmanufacturing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-42.3	-42.4	46.7	-16.4	-55.6	-55.6	68.1	-35.2
Broad sectors	Nonmanufacturing (ex financials)	12.7	21.0	23.5	14.9	36.4	13.7	-11.3	4.7	-52.3	-50.3	87.9	-18.7	-65.9	-64.0	129.0	-42.5
	Basic materials	26.0	35.5	32.8	21.9	57.5	50.3	4.4	-39.5	58.9	57.0	8.2	-51.2	74.7	60.4	-12.2	-63.9
	Machinery, autos	6.2	9.7	26.9	24.0	-7.0	-24.0	18.4	27.5	-12.5	-10.7	25.1	7.5	-24.3	-17.3	12.7	11.6
	Electronics	6.4	7.7	17.4	11.2	32.6	0.6	21.4	0.1	19.8	-2.0	21.9	-6.1	18.2	-3.8	17.1	-10.9
	Consumption, distribution	15.3	19.7	21.6	12.9	11.2	2.3	-1.4	16.7	55.6	23.9	5.6	13.4	81.6	30.0	8.1	12.7
	Information	5.3	6.0	8.3	7.1	7.1	-8.0	-18.6	-6.3	SL	SL	362.9	-68.5	SL	SL	837.3	SL
Sectors	Utilities, infrastructure	7.9	24.7	29.9	22.8	144.0	68.0	-17.5	14.6	363.8	101.4	10.0	-12.0	SP	118.3	23.9	-53.1
	Financials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.4	-21.8	-43.9	-10.0	-20.0	-36.5	-56.1	-16.7
	Chemicals	25.2	38.5	36.5	23.6	59.6	56.8	5.0	-42.5	62.8	65.8	9.8	-58.1	100.4	68.3	-9.7	-75.2
	Steel, nonferrous metals	28.2	26.9	21.9	16.8	51.1	33.4	2.4	-32.1	46.8	33.4	2.2	-33.6	30.8	41.7	-19.3	-40.1
	Machinery	13.7	13.3	25.3	19.6	17.0	-2.5	36.5	11.6	0.5	12.5	45.9	-2.3	5.0	9.3	49.7	-9.1
	Automobiles	4.1	8.6	27.4	25.4	-15.7	-31.2	11.5	33.6	-17.1	-17.4	18.4	10.8	-32.6	-24.6	0.7	19.2
	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	6.4	7.7	17.4	11.2	32.6	0.6	21.4	0.1	19.8	-2.0	21.9	-6.1	18.2	-3.8	17.1	-10.9
	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	10.9	5.5	10.5	16.7	-12.8	-24.2	2.8	37.1	-26.1	-15.4	5.4	40.0	-41.5	-13.7	6.6	48.5
	Food products	-0.6	12.8	17.2	12.3	-9.0	31.6	11.0	27.1	-10.2	27.3	18.1	21.0	-3.5	34.5	2.8	15.7
	Household goods	7.4	10.3	15.5	11.3	48.5	12.7	-37.6	10.9	46.6	23.2	-34.5	-3.1	118.3	31.7	-29.5	6.9
	Trading companies	26.0	32.4	32.4	12.7	31.7	43.9	42.8	7.7	267.2	58.4	18.8	10.7	286.1	61.1	19.1	13.3
	Retailing	18.7	18.0	22.0	14.1	23.0	12.1	16.9	11.9	20.8	29.2	31.5	5.6	47.8	42.4	20.6	-4.4
	Services	0.8	4.3	4.1	9.7	17.2	-17.4	-28.6	2.5	19.7	-12.3	-27.2	3.2	284.7	-2.6	-0.9	-8.9
	Software	3.9	1.2	11.4	2.2	16.2	-12.1	3.3	-13.9	22.6	14.2	18.3	-29.2	10.7	8.4	22.7	-29.5
	Media	21.0	15.2	9.4	13.7	27.1	-33.7	-70.6	-7.8	47.8	-13.1	-70.2	-32.5	154.1	-21.4	-59.8	-23.8
	Telecommunications	4.3	6.3	7.6	7.8	-1.3	-4.0	-15.4	-2.2	SL	SL	608.9	-88.4	SL	SL	2,469.6	SL
	Construction, engineering	8.1	7.5	18.8	14.1	-25.5	-27.3	48.8	-12.6	-20.1	-9.5	47.1	-13.3	-22.0	-7.9	34.3	-18.0
	Housing, real estate	10.9	12.1	8.4	5.1	24.8	19.6	-3.2	-3.0	34.2	26.0	-0.1	-6.6	30.9	25.0	7.6	-5.4
	Transportation	14.8	30.2	33.3	18.7	LS	SP	SP	58.2	SP	909.5	228.1	-4.6	SP	528.3	203.6	-15.8
	Utilities	0.4	43.6	57.5	52.6	SL	SL	SL	LI	LS	SL	SL	LI	LS	SL	SL	LI
	Financials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.4	-21.8	-43.9	-10.0	-20.0	-36.5	-56.1	-16.7

Note: (1) Q1 = Feb–Apr, Mar–May, or Apr–Jun; Q2 = May–Jul, Jun–Aug, or Jul–Sep; Q3 = Aug–Oct, Sep–Nov, or Oct–Dec; Q4 = Nov–Jan, Dec–Feb, or Jan–Mar. (2) Figures are for companies that had announced results (either full-year, Q1, Q2, or Q3) by 1 March 2023. (3) Excludes listed consolidated subsidiaries. (4) SP = switch to profits; SL = switch to losses; LS = losses shrinking; LI = losses increasing.

Source: Nomura

Fig. 10: Valuation indicators

		P/E			P/CF			P/B		Dividend yield			ROE		
		FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY21	FY22E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	%	%	%	%	%	%
Industrial groups	Russell/Nomura Large Cap	14.8	13.6	13.1	-	-	-	1.39	1.33	2.66	2.63	2.74	9.2	9.4	9.5
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex loss-making cos)	13.5	13.2	12.7	-	-	-	1.43	1.35	2.70	2.71	2.82	10.2	9.5	9.5
	Russell/Nomura Large Cap (ex financials)	15.0	14.3	13.7	8.5	8.1	7.9	1.52	1.44	2.56	2.49	2.56	9.9	9.8	9.7
	Manufacturing	15.6	14.7	14.1	9.0	8.7	8.4	1.58	1.50	2.61	2.54	2.61	9.9	9.9	10.0
	Basic materials	9.3	10.1	9.3	5.0	5.1	4.8	1.03	0.95	3.42	3.47	3.59	10.7	9.1	9.4
	Processing	16.0	14.3	14.0	9.4	8.7	8.5	1.56	1.48	2.58	2.40	2.52	9.5	10.0	9.9
	Nonmanufacturing	14.0	12.5	12.0	-	-	-	1.20	1.16	2.71	2.75	2.89	8.5	9.0	9.0
		14.2	13.6	13.0	7.7	7.4	7.2	1.43	1.36	2.47	2.41	2.49	9.8	9.6	9.4
Broad sectors	Basic materials	9.3	10.1	9.3	5.0	5.1	4.8	1.03	0.95	3.42	3.47	3.59	10.7	9.1	9.4
	Machinery, autos	13.9	11.8	11.0	8.3	7.4	7.0	1.24	1.17	2.95	3.13	3.51	8.6	9.6	9.7
	Electronics	18.7	18.0	19.0	10.8	10.4	10.8	2.09	1.99	2.22	1.68	1.52	10.9	10.7	10.2
	Consumption, distribution	15.4	17.0	16.6	9.9	10.5	10.3	1.85	1.73	2.25	2.27	2.27	11.7	9.8	9.8
	Information	31.1	19.5	17.4	10.6	8.6	8.2	1.87	1.88	2.27	2.36	2.46	6.0	9.3	9.9
	Utilities, infrastructure	10.1	9.3	9.0	5.3	5.1	4.9	0.99	0.93	3.19	2.92	3.06	9.5	9.7	9.4
	Financials	13.1	9.7	9.5	-	-	-	0.77	0.78	3.55	3.94	4.30	5.9	7.8	8.1
Sectors	Chemicals	10.4	10.7	9.9	5.5	5.5	5.1	1.12	1.04	3.14	3.29	3.39	10.4	9.4	9.7
	Steel, nonferrous metals	6.3	8.1	7.7	3.5	4.0	3.9	0.79	0.69	4.67	4.26	4.42	11.7	8.4	8.3
	Machinery	19.2	18.6	16.9	11.7	11.4	10.6	1.83	1.72	3.09	2.93	3.39	9.2	8.9	9.2
	Automobiles	11.9	9.7	9.1	7.1	6.1	5.8	1.03	0.98	2.86	3.26	3.59	8.5	9.8	9.9
	Electrical machinery, precision equipment	18.7	18.0	19.0	10.8	10.4	10.8	2.09	1.99	2.22	1.68	1.52	10.9	10.7	10.2
	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare	20.4	21.6	18.9	12.6	13.5	12.5	2.20	2.22	2.12	2.20	2.28	11.2	10.1	10.9
	Food products	18.1	16.6	15.5	10.7	10.3	9.8	1.87	1.75	3.12	3.44	3.64	10.3	10.4	10.8
	Household goods	30.6	28.7	43.1	17.7	16.9	27.4	3.23	2.95	1.70	1.62	0.86	10.0	9.9	11.6
	Trading companies	6.5	8.3	8.5	4.7	5.5	5.6	1.20	1.04	3.68	3.76	3.78	17.3	12.1	10.9
	Retailing	24.2	23.4	21.6	12.0	11.4	10.7	2.63	2.54	1.29	1.37	1.44	11.1	9.8	10.0
	Services	24.7	25.3	24.1	15.5	15.4	14.9	1.54	1.52	1.52	1.24	1.26	6.3	6.0	6.1
	Software	21.6	22.0	21.3	18.2	18.3	17.7	3.68	3.60	2.34	2.22	2.29	17.0	15.4	14.7
	Media	21.6	18.6	17.7	12.3	11.2	10.9	1.66	1.60	2.44	2.48	2.55	7.5	8.4	8.4
	Telecommunications	40.7	18.6	16.1	8.8	6.8	6.5	1.51	1.55	2.22	2.42	2.53	3.8	8.1	9.0
	Construction	10.6	10.3	9.6	8.5	8.3	7.9	0.89	0.84	3.55	3.73	4.04	8.1	8.0	8.2
	Housing, real estate	10.2	9.8	9.3	7.2	6.9	6.6	1.10	1.00	3.19	3.46	3.67	10.1	10.0	9.9
	Transportation	6.6	10.1	9.8	4.2	5.4	5.2	1.24	1.08	3.37	2.47	2.50	17.5	10.3	9.9
	Utilities	-	6.1	6.2	5.4	2.2	2.2	0.52	0.56	2.32	2.63	2.87	-5.3	8.6	7.8
	Financials	13.1	9.7	9.5	-	-	-	0.77	0.78	3.55	3.94	4.30	5.9	7.8	8.1
Russell/Nomura Small Cap		14.2	13.3	12.8	-	-	-	1.00	0.97	2.43	2.45	2.48	7.0	7.3	7.2
Russell/Nomura Small Cap (ex financials)		15.0	13.9	13.4	7.8	7.5	7.4	1.11	1.08	2.37	2.38	2.40	7.4	7.7	7.7

Note: As of 1 March 2023.

Source: Nomura

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- Determining investment strategies (strategic asset allocation)
- Determining manager structures
- Devising asset management benchmarks
- Supporting portfolio management activities
- Evaluating the performance of various investment styles
- Managing risk

Russell/Nomura Japan Equity Indexes have the following characteristics:

- They are share price indexes that are weighted by free-float-adjusted market capitalization and cover the top 98% of all listed stocks in terms of float-adjusted market capitalization, thereby offering broad market coverage
- Stocks are chosen from the whole Japanese stock market
- Because the indexes take into consideration the stable shareholding ratio, they reflect the stocks that are actually available for investment
- There are style indexes for large and small companies and for value and growth stocks
- The Prime Index consists of the top 1,000 stocks in the Total Market Index by market cap excluding stable shareholdings
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- The composition of each index is reviewed once a year.

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When Japanese government bonds (JGBs) for individual investors are purchased via public offerings, only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. As a rule, JGBs for individual investors may not be sold in the first 12 months after issuance. When JGBs for individual investors are sold before maturity, an amount calculated via the following formula will be subtracted from the par value of the bond plus accrued interest: (1) for 10-year variable rate bonds, an amount equal to the two preceding coupon payments (before tax) x 0.79685 will be used, (2) for 5-year and 3-year fixed rate bonds, an amount equal to the two preceding coupon payments (before tax) x 0.79685 will be used. When inflation-indexed JGBs are purchased via public offerings, secondary distributions (uridashi deals), or other OTC transactions with Nomura Securities, only the purchase price shall be paid, with no sales commission charged. Inflation-indexed JGBs carry the risk of losses, as prices fluctuate in line with changes in market interest rates and fluctuations in the nationwide consumer price index. The notional principal of inflation-indexed JGBs changes in line with the rate of change in nationwide CPI inflation from the time of its issuance. The amount of the coupon payment is calculated by multiplying the coupon rate by the notional principal at the time of payment. The maturity value is the amount of the notional principal when the issue becomes due. For J117 and subsequent issues, the maturity value shall not undercut the face amount. Purchases of investment trusts (and sales of some investment trusts) are subject to a purchase or sales fee of up to 5.5% (tax included) of the transaction amount. Also, a direct cost that may be incurred when selling investment trusts is a fee of up to 2.0% of the unit price at the time of redemption. Indirect costs that may be incurred during the course of holding investment trusts include, for domestic investment trusts, an asset management fee (trust fee) of up to 5.5% (tax included/annualized basis) of the net assets in trust, as well as fees based on investment performance. Other indirect costs may also be incurred. For foreign investment trusts, indirect fees may be incurred during the course of holding such as investment company compensation.

Investment trusts invest mainly in securities such as Japanese and foreign equities and bonds, whose prices fluctuate. Investment trust unit prices fluctuate owing to price fluctuations in the underlying assets and to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. As such, investment trusts carry the risk of losses. Fees and risks vary by investment trust. Maximum applicable fees are subject to change; please thoroughly read the written materials provided, such as prospectuses or documents delivered before making a contract.

In interest rate swap transactions and USD/JPY basis swap transactions ("interest rate swap transactions, etc."), only the agreed transaction payments shall be made on the settlement dates. Some interest rate swap transactions, etc. may require pledging of margin collateral. In some of these cases, transaction payments may exceed the amount of collateral. There shall be no advance notification of required collateral value or collateral ratios as they vary depending on the transaction. Interest rate swap transactions, etc. carry the risk of losses owing to fluctuations in market prices in the interest rate, currency and other markets, as well as reference indices. Losses incurred as such may exceed the value of margin collateral, in which case margin calls may be triggered. In the event that both parties agree to enter a replacement (or termination) transaction, the interest rates received (paid) under the new arrangement may differ from those in the original arrangement, even if terms other than the interest rates are identical to those in the original transaction. Risks vary by transaction. Please thoroughly read the written materials provided, such as documents delivered before making a contract and disclosure statements.

In OTC transactions of credit default swaps (CDS), no sales commission will be charged. When entering into CDS transactions, the protection buyer will be required to pledge or entrust an agreed amount of margin collateral. In some of these cases, the transaction payments may exceed the amount of margin collateral. There shall be no advance notification of required collateral value or collateral ratios as they vary depending on the financial position of the protection buyer. CDS transactions carry the risk of losses owing to changes in the credit position of some or all of the referenced entities, and/or fluctuations of the interest rate market. The amount the protection buyer receives in the event that the CDS is triggered by a credit event may undercut the total amount of premiums that he/she has paid in the course of the transaction. Similarly, the amount the protection seller pays in the event of a credit event may exceed the total amount of premiums that he/she has received in the transaction. All other conditions being equal, the amount of premiums that the protection buyer pays and that received by the protection seller shall differ. In principle, CDS transactions will be limited to financial instruments business operators and qualified institutional investors. Transfers of equities to another securities company via the Japan Securities Depository Center are subject to a transfer fee of up to ¥11,000 (tax included) per issue transferred depending on volume. No account fee will be charged for marketable securities or monies deposited.

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