Japan METI Biotechnology Index Concept Discussion

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Japan METI Biotechnology Index: Methodology (Concept)

 The Japan METI Biotechnology Index is designed to track the performance of Japanese companies engaged in biotechnology businesses.

Applicable Marketplaces:

- TSE 1st Section
- TSE 2nd Section
- TSE Mothers
- JASDAQ Standard
- JASDAQ Growth

Index Construction:

- Step 1: Selected all stocks in the starting universe with GICS classification as Biotechnology (35201010).
- Step 2: Rank all stocks classified under GICS subindustries Pharmaceuticals (35202010) and Life Sciences Tools & Services (35203010) by their latest fiscal year R&D Expense/Sales ratios in descending order. The top half stocks with the highest R&D Expense/Sales ratios are selected subject to the following rebalancing buffer rules:
 - All stocks (current constituents and new candidates) ranked in the top 40% by R&D Expense/Sales ratios are selected first.
 - Current constituents ranked between the top 40% and 60% are then selected in the order of their R&D Expense/Sales ratio until the number of total selected stocks reaches half of the universe in Step 2.
 - If at this stage, the number of total selected stocks is still less than half of the universe in Step 2, new candidates are selected in the order of their R&D Expense/Sales ratios.
- Step 3: Stocks selected in Step 1& 2 are combined to form the Japan METI Biotechnology Index.

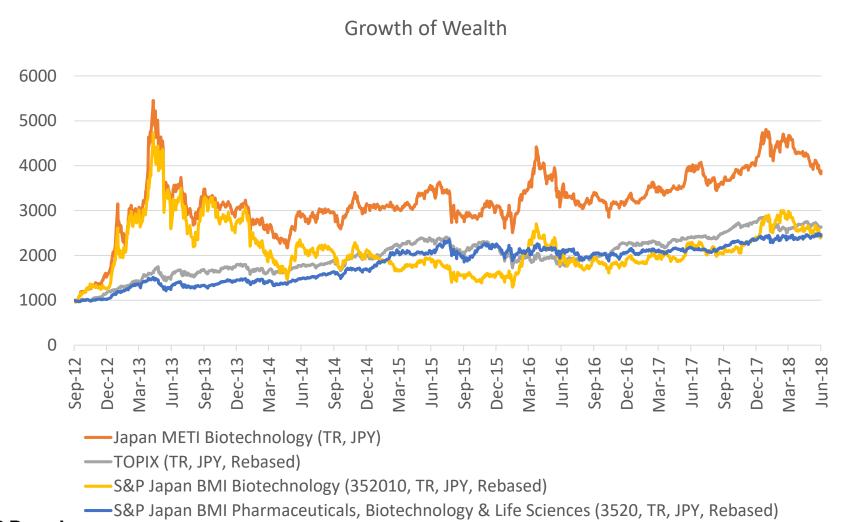
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- **Weighting Schemes**: constituents are float cap weighted. Total weights for pharmaceutical companies listed on the first and second sections of TSE are capped at 30%. Stock weights are capped at 3%.
- The index is rebalanced semi-annually. The reference dates of the rebalance are the last trading day of February and August each year. The effective date is the last trade day of the following month after market close.

Japan METI Biotechnology Index: Growth of Wealth



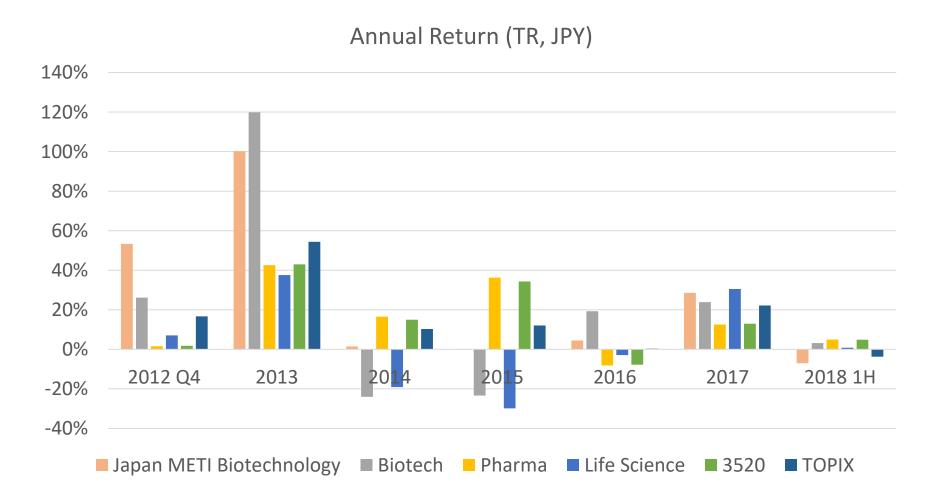
Japan METI Biotechnology Index: Risk & Return Profile

	Japan METI	S&P Japan BMI					Japan METI	S&P Japan BMI			
Period	Biotechnology	Biotech	Pharma	Life Science	3520	TOPIX	Biotechnology	Biotech	Pharma	Life Science	3520
		Annua	lized Retu	ırn (TR, JPY)			Annu	alized Ex	cess Retu	rn (TR, JPY)	
1-Yr	-2.8%	7.3%	13.8%	14.3%	13.6%	9.7%	-12.5%	-2.4%	4.1%	4.7%	3.9%
3-Yr	3.7%	9.8%	6.1%	-0.1%	6.2%	4.2%	-0.5%	5.6%	1.9%	-4.3%	2.0%
5-Yr	5.6%	-1.6%	13.9%	-10.0%	13.3%	11.1%	-5.5%	-12.7%	2.8%	-21.0%	2.2%
Since 9/28/12	26.6%	17.0%	17.2%	1.1%	16.9%	18.3%	8.3%	-1.4%	-1.1%	-17.2%	-1.4%
	Annualized Volatility					Annualized Tracking Error					
1-Yr	23.2%	29.5%	14.7%	24.0%	14.7%	12.7%	18.9%	26.8%	9.8%	20.3%	9.7%
3-Yr	29.6%	37.6%	22.0%	30.9%	22.0%	20.3%	22.1%	31.5%	13.5%	23.9%	13.4%
5-Yr	30.6%	40.9%	20.4%	34.3%	20.4%	19.3%	23.9%	35.4%	12.2%	29.3%	12.1%
Since 9/28/12	39.1%	47.5%	20.6%	38.9%	20.6%	20.0%	34.1%	43.0%	12.5%	34.9%	12.4%
		Risk Adjusted Return				Information Ratio					
1-Yr	-0.12	0.25	0.94	0.60	0.92	0.76	-0.66	-0.09	0.42	0.23	0.41
3-Yr	0.13	0.26	0.28	0.00	0.28	0.21	-0.02	0.18	0.14	-0.18	0.15
5-Yr	0.18	-0.04	0.68	-0.29	0.65	0.57	-0.23	-0.36	0.23	-0.72	0.18
Since 9/28/12	0.68	0.36	0.84	0.03	0.82	0.91	0.24	-0.03	-0.09	-0.49	-0.11
	Rolling 12-Month Max Drawdown				Beta						
Since 9/28/12	-48.9%	-62.8%	-15.6%	-53.0%	-15.3%	-23.3%	0.96	1.00	0.83	0.87	0.84

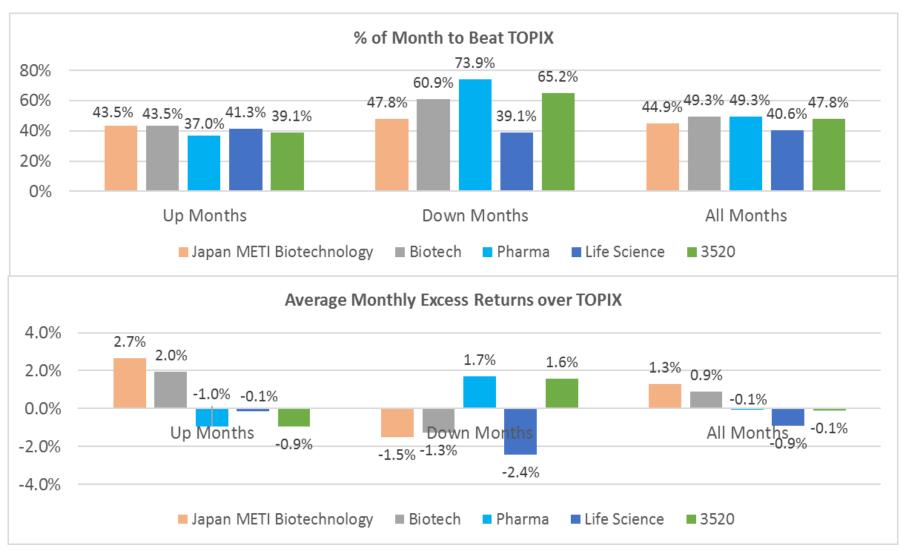
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Japan METI Biotechnology Index: Annual Returns



Japan METI Biotechnology: Up & Down Market Performance



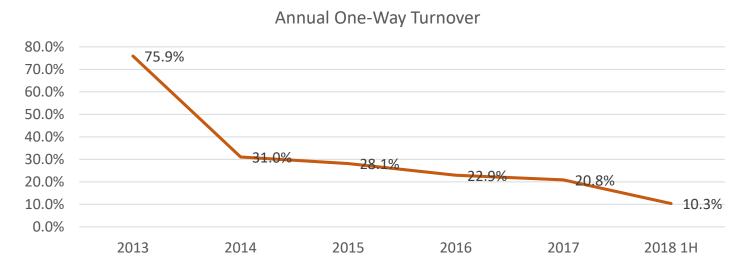
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Japan METI Biotechnology: Industry Breakdown

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Sub Industry	# Stocks	Weight	
Biotechnology	22	47.8%	
Pharmaceuticals	20	40.1%	
TSE 1st & 2nd Sections	15	30.0%	
TSE Mother & JASDAQ	5	10.1%	
Life Sciences Tools & Services	9	12.1%	
Total	51	100.0%	

Japan METI Biotechnology Index: Turnover & Tradability



Basket Liquidity At 6M MDVT Japan METI Biotechnolog					
# Days Needed to Turnover 10 Billion JPY					
Min	0.0				
Max	20.9				
Median	0.5				
Average	1.5				
Maximum Daily Fund Turnover (JPY, Million)	477.8				

Japan METI Biotechnology: 1-Yr Annualized Volatility

Annualized Volatility (7/1/2017-6/29/2018)					
Individ	ual Stocks	Indices/Portfolios			
Min	18.8%	Biotechnology	29.5%		
Max	97.3%	Pharmaceuticals	14.7%		
Median	41.9%	Life Sciences Tools & Services	24.0%		
Average	43.9%	3520 Industry Group	14.7%		
Wt. Avg.	42.7%	Japan METI Biotechnology	23.2%		

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