Securities Lending Returns in MSCI Japan



The MSCI Japan Index measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan. Securities Finance provides the securities lending return made from securities in the index since 2015 and further provides a break down by fee categories, top sectors as well as the level of short interest in the index constituents. There are currently 191 securities in the index and all of them are out on loan.



| Indexed Short Interest | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025* |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| End of Year Levels | 143.4 | 194.5 | 186.9 | 150.7 | 213.2 |
| YOY change | -13% | 36% | -4% | -19% | 41% |

Index base date : 1st Jan 2015

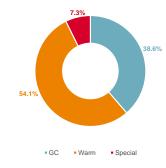
* as of 28th Feb 2025

| SL Returns | to Lend | lable : I | Mar 24 t | o Feb 2 | 5 | | | | | | |
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| Mar | Apr 2024 | May 2024 | Jun 2024 | Jul 2024 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Oct 2024 | Nov 2024 | Dec 2024 | Jan 2025 | Feb 2025 |
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| Period | SL Return to Lendable_Low (bps) | | Lendal | turn to ble_Mid ps) | SL Return to Lendable_High (bps) | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------|---------------------------|--|------|--|
| Annualized | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | |
| Jan | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.4 | |
| Feb | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 2.4 | |
| Mar | - | 3.9 | - | 5.0 | - | 7.9 | |
| Apr | - | 2.8 | - | 3.7 | - | 6.1 | |
| May | - | 0.8 | - | 1.1 | - | 1.9 | |
| Jun | - | 1.3 | - | 1.8 | - | 2.3 | |
| Jul | - | 1.2 | - | 1.6 | - | 2.3 | |
| Aug | - | 1.4 | - | 1.8 | - | 2.8 | |
| Sep | - | 3.9 | - | 5.0 | - | 7.6 | |
| Oct | - | 2.8 | - | 3.5 | - | 6.3 | |
| Nov | - | 0.8 | - | 1.0 | - | 1.7 | |
| Dec | - | 1.3 | - | 1.5 | - | 2.0 | |
| YTD | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.4 | |
| Full Year | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 | |
| Mar 24 to Feb 25 | 1.9 | | 2. | .5 | 3.8 | | |

SL Revenue Contribution by Fee Categories





| Period | G Contri | C bution | Wa Contri | rm bution | Spe Contri | | Warm Securities | | Special Securities | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Month | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2024 |
| Jan | 52% | 48% | 41% | 34% | 7% | 18% | 15 | 15 | 4 | 3 |
| Feb | 65% | 81% | 30% | 13% | 5% | 6% | 20 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| Mar | - | 20% | - | 79% | - | 1% | - | 85 | - | 2 |
| Apr | - | 20% | - | 64% | - | 16% | - | 63 | - | 8 |
| May | - | 80% | - | 15% | - | 5% | - | 15 | - | 4 |
| Jun | - | 44% | - | 53% | - | 3% | - | 18 | - | 1 |
| Jul | - | 57% | - | 30% | - | 13% | - | 13 | - | 4 |
| Aug | - | 81% | - | 18% | - | 1% | - | 10 | - | 1 |
| Sep | - | 21% | - | 78% | - | 1% | - | 71 | - | 10 |
| Oct | - | 27% | - | 49% | - | 25% | - | 45 | - | 9 |
| Nov | - | 91% | - | 9% | - | 0% | - | 7 | - | - |
| Dec | - | 51% | - | 49% | - | 0% | - | 18 | - | - |

Top Sectors by SL Revenue and SL Return to Lendable for Feb 2025

| Top 3 Sectors by SL Return to Lendable | SL Return to Lendable (bps) | SL Revenue Contribution |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail | 6.9 | 5.6% |
| Consumer Services | 4.2 | 1.5% |
| Transportation | 4.0 | 5.0% |

| Top 3 Sectors by SL Revenue | SL Revenue Contribution |
|--|----------------------------|
| Capital Goods | 13.1% |
| Automobiles & Components | 12.3% |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | 9.7% |

SL Return to Lendable_Low Returns from securities lending relative to lendable value from all the lender funds who are part of the Securities Finance group

Returns from securities lending relative to lendable value from only those lender funds with active loans in respective market areas that are part of the index. Funds are classified as active on a daily basis for individual market areas. This metric is used in the report unless stated otherwise

SL Return to Lendable_Mid

Returns from securities lending relative to lendable value from only those lender funds with the highest loan value that represent 80% of the cumulative loan value in respective market areas that are part of the index. Funds are classified on a daily basis for individual market areas within the index. SL Return to Lendable_High

Indexed Short Interest tracks the daily change in short interest relative to market capitalization calculated for the MSCI index with an index base date of 1st Jan 2015 where the index is set to a base value of 100 Indexed Short Interest

Securities with value weighted average securities lending fee of <= 35 bps are classified as GC, > 35 bps & <= 150 bps are classified as Warm and > 150 bps are classified as Special. This fee classification is done on a daily basis

Fee Classification