

# S&P Dow Jones Indices

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## Factoring in Changing Market Conditions

# S&P Japan Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index (JPY)

While factor risk premia are well-established tools for altering the risk/return characteristics of a portfolio, knowing which factor is best suited for a particular environment can prove challenging. Enter the S&P Japan Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index (JPY), a rules-based factor rotation strategy designed to adapt to changing market conditions based on key market signals.

### How Does the Index Work?

1. Uses data from Tankan and ESRI Indexes of Business Conditions Coincident Diffusion Index to identify business cycle (Contraction, Expansion, Unclear Trend).
2. Selects an equity-factor strategy component based on Tankan signals on a quarterly basis and adjusts the selection based on ESRI signal monthly.
3. Applies a risk control overlay, adjusting exposure to 10-year Japanese Government bonds and an equity component to maintain 6% target volatility.

### What Are the Potential Benefits?

1. Upside Participation in Japanese Equities
2. Downside Protection Relative to the S&P Japan 500
3. Higher Sharpe Ratio
4. Constant Risk Level by Design
5. Diversification

### Which Factor and When?



### Index by the Numbers

CATEGORY	S&P JAPAN ECONOMIC CYCLE FACTOR ROTATOR INDEX (JPY)	S&P JAPAN 500	S&P 10-YEAR JGB FUTURES EXCESS RETURN INDEX
Annual Return (%)	4.07	2.13	1.87
Volatility (%)	6.08	17.88	2.32
Sharpe Ratio	0.67	0.11	0.80
Maximum Drawdown (%)	-14.84	-59.98	-4.72
Correlation	1.00	0.78	-0.02

### Meet the Index Family

#### JAPAN FACTOR ROTATOR INDICES

S&P Japan Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index (JPY)	SPJECF6P
S&P Japan Beta-Neutral Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index (JPY)	SPJECFBN

#### U.S. FACTOR ROTATOR INDICES

S&P Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index	SPECFR6P
S&P Economic Cycle Factor Rotator (Cash Bond) Index (USD)	SPECFR6B
S&P Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Dynamic Long/Short Index (USD) ER	SPECFM6P

#### EUROPEAN FACTOR ROTATOR INDICES

S&P Europe 350 Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index (EUR)	SPEECF6P
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Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data from April 1, 2004, to June 30, 2019. Performance of the S&P Japan 500 is based on price returns in JPY. Performance of the S&P Japan Economic Cycle Factor Rotator Index and the S&P 10-year JGB Futures Index is based on excess returns in JPY. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes and reflects hypothetical historical performance.

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