

JAPAN WEEKLY REVIEW

For Week Commencing 14 August 2017

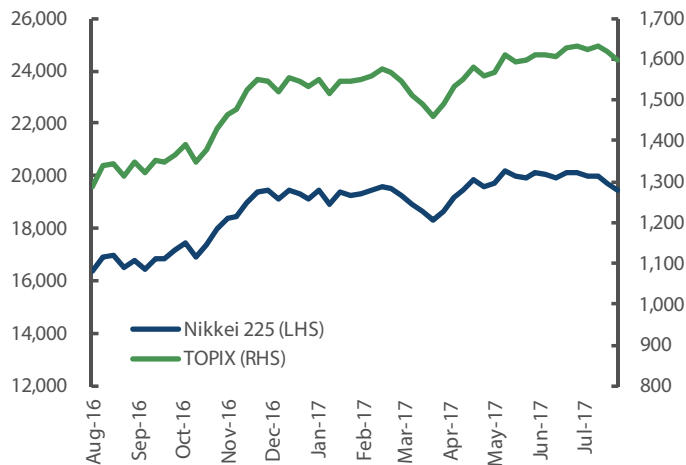
Market Review

Below are performance data for the Nikkei 225, TOPIX, JPX-Nikkei 400 and MSCI Japan stock indices representative of Japan's stock market:

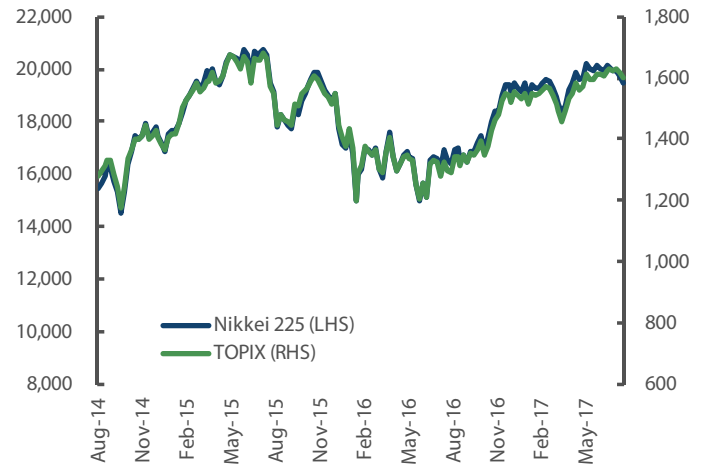
Stock Index	As of 2017/8/18	Performance Returns (%)					
		1 Week	Rolling 3 Months	Rolling 6 Months	Rolling 1 Year	MTD	YTD
Nikkei 225	19,470.41	-1.3	-0.4	1.2	18.1	-2.3	1.9
TOPIX	1,597.36	-1.2	2.7	3.4	23.8	-1.3	5.2
JPX-Nikkei 400	14,183.05	-1.3	2.2	2.4	22.1	-1.4	4.2
MSCI Japan	947.83	-1.1	2.2	2.4	21.3	-1.4	3.7

Nikkei 225 & TOPIX

1 Year Performance



3 Year Performance



Source: Nikko AM, Tokyo Stock Exchange Inc., MSCI Inc., as of 18 August 2017

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Macro & Other Data

- Japan real GDP grows an annualized 4.0% in April-June; consumption and capital spending hold firm
- Number of tourists to Japan increases 17% in July to 2.68 million; record high for single month
- Japan posts second trade surplus in two months in July, beating estimates

- According to preliminary figures released by the Cabinet Office on 14 August, Japan's seasonally adjusted real GDP grew 1.0% on-year in the April-June 2017 quarter, representing annualized growth of 4.0%. The figure reflected steady personal consumption and capital spending, and marked Japan's biggest rise in GDP since the January-March 2015 quarter. Growth was driven primarily by domestic demand amid strong corporate earnings growth and improved labour conditions. It was Japan's sixth straight quarter of growth and marked the longest growth streak in 11 years.
- The Japan National Tourism Organization announced on 16 August that the number of foreign tourists visiting Japan increased 17% on-year in July to an estimated 2.68 million people, a record high for a single month. The figure was boosted by a higher number of tourists visiting from Korea and Hong Kong amid an increase in the number of flights to Japan. By country/region, the number of visitors from Korea, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan all reached record highs for a single month.
- According to preliminary trade statistics (on a customs clearance basis) released by the Ministry of Finance on 17 August, Japan's trade balance—calculated as the value of exports minus the value of imports—came to a surplus of JPY 418.8 billion (approx. USD 3.79 billion) in July. It was Japan's second straight month of surplus and came in above median estimates. While exports gained 13.4% on-year on strong automobile-related shipments, imports surged 16.3% on energy imports such as liquid natural gas. As a result, the surplus narrowed from a year earlier.

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