

JAPAN WEEKLY REVIEW

For Week Commencing 21 August 2017

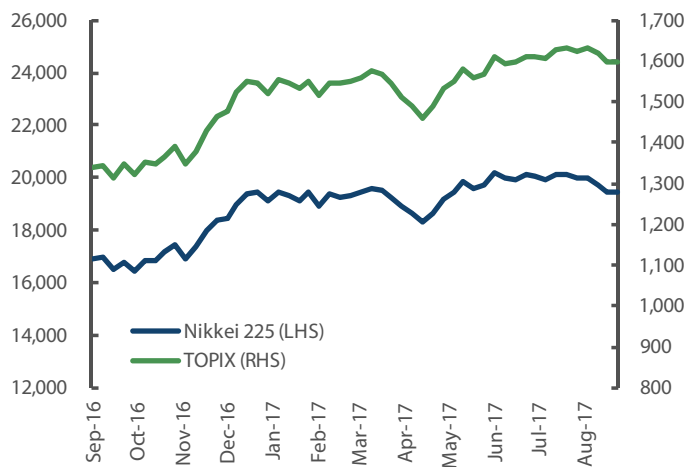
Market Review

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

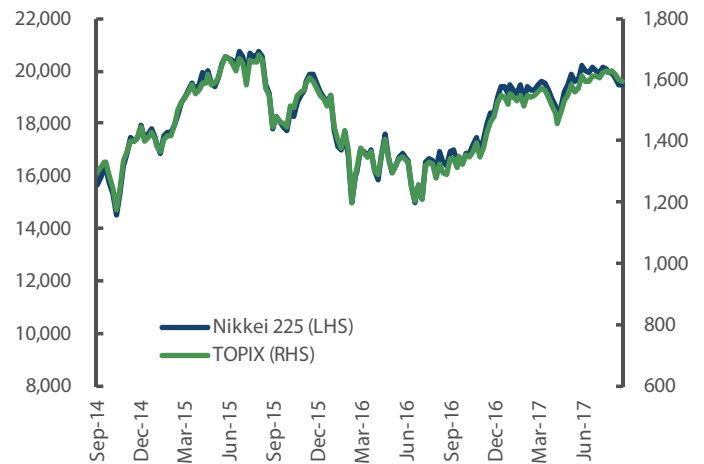
Stock Index	As of 2017/8/25	Performance Returns (%)					
		1 Week	Rolling 3 Months	Rolling 6 Months	Rolling 1 Year	MTD	YTD
Nikkei 225	19,452.61	-0.1	-1.8	0.9	17.5	-2.4	1.8
TOPIX	1,596.99	-0.0	1.2	3.0	22.4	-1.3	5.2
JPX-Nikkei 400	14,150.09	-0.2	0.5	1.9	20.7	-1.7	3.9
MSCI Japan	945.94	-0.2	0.5	1.8	19.8	-1.6	3.5

Nikkei 225 & TOPIX

1 Year Performance



3 Year Performance



Source: Nikko AM, Tokyo Stock Exchange Inc., MSCI Inc., 25 August 2017

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Macro & Other Data

- Japan Nikkei manufacturing PMI rises 0.7 points to 52.8 in August
- Japan CPI climbs 0.5% in July, rising for the seventh straight month on higher energy prices
- Japan corporate services prices increase 0.6% on-year in July amid ongoing labour shortage

- The August Nikkei Flash Japan Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was released on 23 August, showing the index up 0.7 points on-month to 52.8. The overall index was boosted by an increase in public work projects in Japan as well as strong sales to Southeast Asia. In terms of individual components, production, new orders and employment all showed improvement.
- Data released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on 25 August showed that Japan's Consumer Price Index (core CPI excluding perishables) climbed 0.5% on-year in July to 100.1 (2015 = 100). It marked the seventh straight month of increase amid higher energy prices and rose in line with median forecasts. At the same time, the CPI including all items rose 0.4% to 100.1 and the "core-core" CPI, which excludes food and energy, edged up 0.1% to 100.6.
- On 25 August, the Bank of Japan released the Services Producer Price Index preliminary figure for July, with the index climbing 0.6% on-year to 103.9 (2010 = 100). The ongoing labour shortage bolstered prices for temporary staffing services as well as logistics costs, while an increase in foreign tourists lifted lodging prices.

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