

## Market Review for April 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

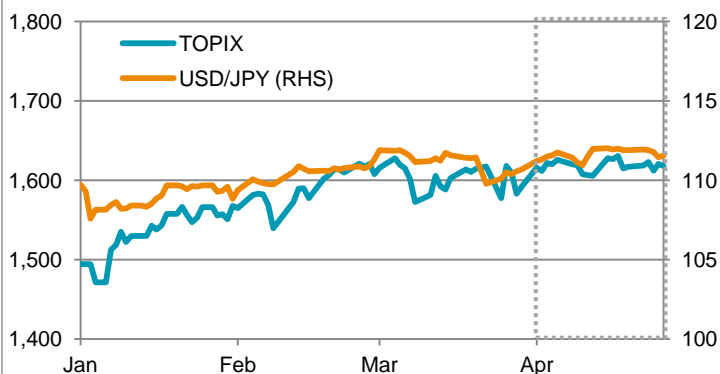
TOPIX ended April up 1.65% on March end. With little news coming from the domestic market, there continues to be a wait-and-see attitude towards FY2018 earnings results and starting from late-April, FY 2019 earnings guidance announcements. On the other hand, the market rose up driven by external news such as the improvement of China's economic indicators, expectations for development in US-China trade talks and the rise of US semiconductor related stocks.

**Table 1. Market Performance**

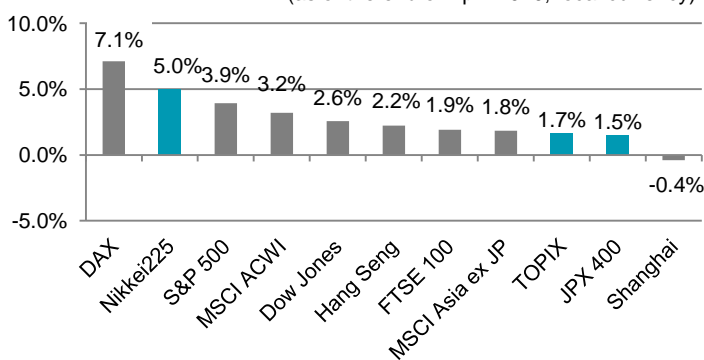
2019	As of the end of April	Month to Date	Year to Date
TOPIX	1,617.93	1.65%*	8.29%*
Nikkei 225	22,258.73	4.97%	11.21%
USD/JPY*	111.56	110.69 (29 Mar)	109.72 (end of 2018)

\*MTD: +1.65%, YTD: +9.52% in total return index, \*\*Reuters London 4pm

**Figure 1. TOPIX and USD/JPY in 2019**



**Figure 2. Global Equity Market Monthly Performance**  
(as of the end of April 2019, local currency)



**Table 2. Top 5 performing sectors in April 2019**

Sector	Return
Marine Transportation	17.54%
Other Products	9.41%
Machinery	7.97%
Electric Appliance	6.88%
Transportation Equipment	5.19%

**Table 3. Bottom 5 performing sectors in April 2019**

Sector	Return
Electric Power & Gas	-9.18%
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	-7.53%
Real Estate	-6.45%
Pharmaceutical	-4.69%
Air Transportation	-4.27%

**Table 4. Top 5 performing stocks\* in April 2019**

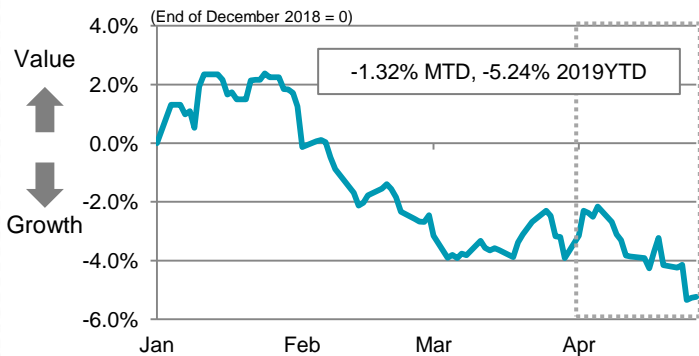
Name	Return
Fuji Electric (6504 JP)	25.00%
Fast Retailing (9983 JP)	23.51%
Advantest (6857 JP)	22.04%
Disco (6146 JP)	20.99%
Nintendo (7974 JP)	20.41%

**Table 5. Bottom 5 performing stocks\* in April 2019**

Sector	Return
Ryohin Keikaku (7453 JP)	-24.61%
Kyushu Electric Power (9508 JP)	-17.60%
Kansai Electric Power (9503 JP)	-17.56%
Yamato Holdings (9064 JP)	-15.62%
Lawson (2651 JP)	-15.47%

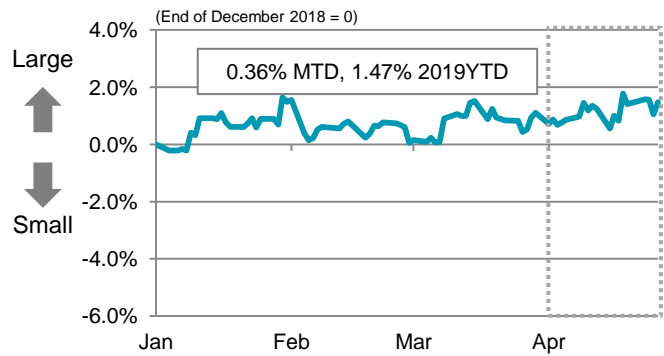
\*Stocks with a market cap of over JPY 500 billion

**Figure 3. Value-Growth Spread in 2019**



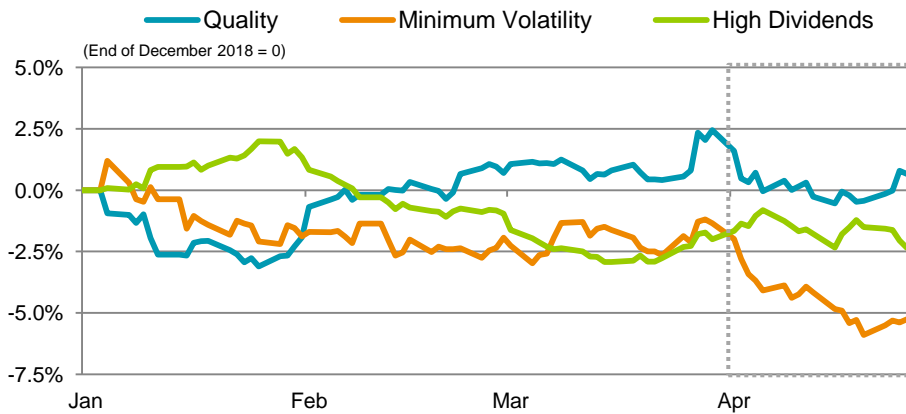
The spread between Russell Nomura Value Index and the Growth Index (Positive figure means value dominant)

**Figure 4. Large-Small Cap Spread in 2019**



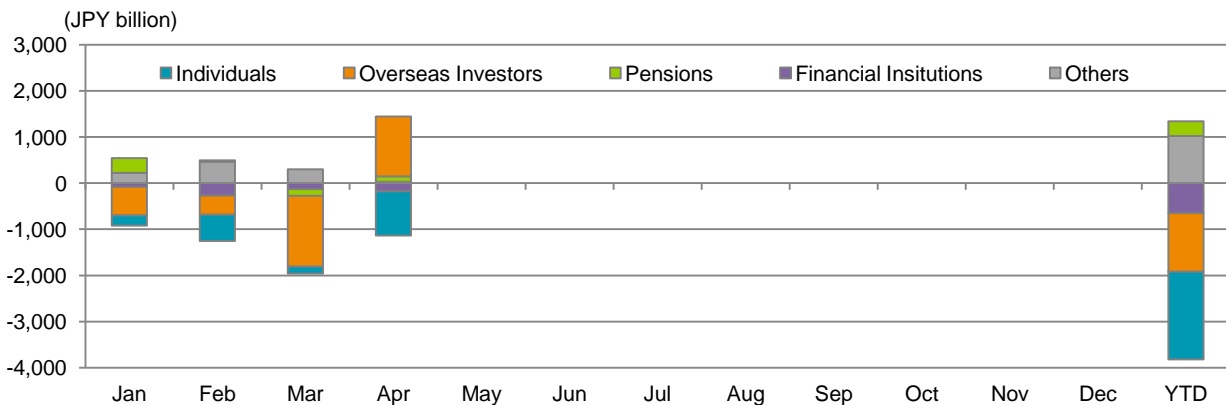
The spread between Russell Nomura Large Cap Index and the Small Cap Index (Positive figure means Large Cap dominant)

**Figure 5. MSCI Japan Factor Indexes Spread against MSCI Japan in 2019**



Data: Bloomberg, Nomura Securities, SuMi TRUST (as at the end of April 2019)

**Figure 6. Monthly Investment Activities by Investor Type in the Japanese Equity Market**



Data: Bloomberg, SuMi TRUST (as of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019)

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