

EWJ

iShares MSCI Japan ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to large cap Japanese stocks, making EWJ an opportunity to bet on one of the largest economies in the world that has been stuck in a low growth environment for several decades. EWJ is by far the most popular ETF option for exposure to Japanese stocks, and is by far the oldest focusing on this market. EWJ is very well diversified for an international equity ETF, holding hundreds of individual stocks and generally avoiding significant concentrations in any big names. Exposure is balanced from a sector perspective as well; besides a decent allocation to industrials-- close to one-quarter of the total-- the portfolio is spread relatively evenly across the Japanese economy. It should be noted that EWJ consists primarily of large and mega cap stocks; investors who would prefer to round out exposure through small caps or prefer small caps as a means of establishing international equity exposure have multiple options (SCJ, JSC, and DFJ) available to them. EWJ is a nice option for Japanese equity exposure; thin spreads, low costs, and balanced exposure make for a quality ETF.

ESG Themes and Scores

7.43/10

ESG Rate

85.79%

Global Percentile

68.86%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	EWJ	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	5.33%	4.12%	3.16%
3 Month	4.45%	3.74%	2.99%
YTD Return	3.89%	2.07%	1.55%
1 Year Return	5.21%	7.72%	5.88%
3 Year Return	5.01%	11.01%	7.70%
5 Year Return	5.77%	9.37%	6.64%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
7203	Toyota Motor Corp.	4.82%
6758	Sony Group Corporation	4.01%
8306	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	3.81%
6501	Hitachi,Ltd.	3.47%
8316	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	2.53%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.50%
Inception	Mar 12, 1996
Index Tracked	MSCI Japan Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Japan Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Asia Pacific
Region (Specific)	Japan

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Japan - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

