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Nikkei 225 Exchange Traded Fund

(Open-ended Investment Trust, Domestic, Equity, ETF, Index Type)

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Monthly Report
as of Oct-31-2023

Objective of the Fund

The Fund aims at investment performance linked to the Nikkei 225(Benchmark Index).

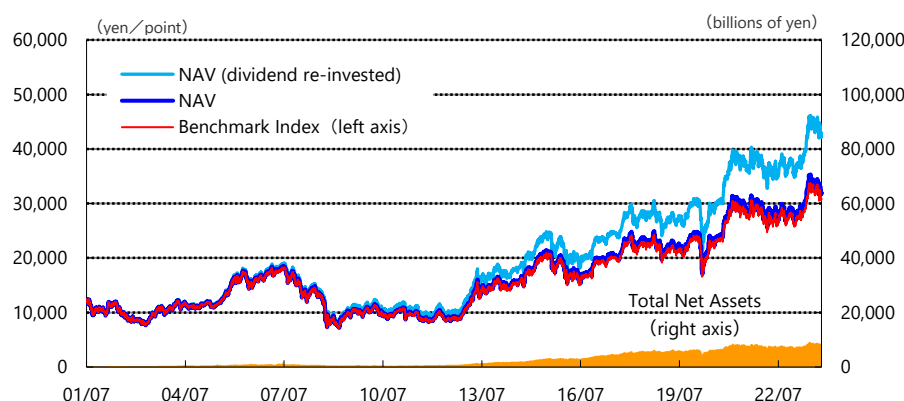
Nikkei 225

Nikkei 225 is a stock price index published by Nikkei Inc. Nikkei 225 is comprised of representative 225 issues listed on the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. This is a measure of the overall trend in the Japanese stock market.

Performance History

Change in NAV

(Daily)



| Return | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | Since Incep. |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------------|
| NAV (dividend re-invested) | -3.1% | -6.3% | 7.8% | 14.1% | 41.7% | 247.0% |

(Since Inception 7/9/2001)

*NAV in the above chart refers to NAV Per Unit for the purpose of comparison with the benchmark index.

*Benchmark Index return is calculated without dividends.

*The price movement and return rate of the NAV (dividend re-invested) is calculated based on the Fund value after deduction of the management fee, and based on the assumption that the dividends before taxes are re-invested. Therefore, the actual performance of the Fund will vary depending upon the tax status of the investor. Also, expenses and taxes when liquidating the Fund are not considered.

*For each calculation period of the return rate, last business day of the month is used.

Fund Composition

| Sector Allocation | (% of NAV) |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| ELECTRIC APPLIANCES | 23.7% |
| RETAIL TRADE | 12.5% |
| INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION | 10.4% |
| CHEMICALS | 6.7% |
| PHARMACEUTICAL | 6.5% |
| Others | 37.9% |
| Total | 97.7% |

| Asset Allocation | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Stocks | 97.7% |
| Call Loan, Others | 2.3% |
| (Index Futures) | 2.3% |

| Portfolio Characteristics | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Dividend Yield (annual) | 1.9% |

*The Fund's dividend yield is calculated based on the weighted average of individual dividend yields of the constituent stocks (before taxation, actual dividend basis).

| Top 10 Holdings | | Sector | (% of NAV) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 9983 | FAST RETAILING CO.,LTD. | RETAIL TRADE | 10.4% |
| 8035 | TOKYO ELECTRON LIMITED | ELECTRIC APPLIANCES | 6.2% |
| 9984 | SOFTBANK GROUP CORP. | INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION | 3.9% |
| 6857 | ADVANTEST CORPORATION | ELECTRIC APPLIANCES | 3.2% |
| 9433 | KDDI CORPORATION | INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION | 2.8% |
| 4063 | SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO.,LTD. | CHEMICALS | 2.4% |
| 6367 | DAIKIN INDUSTRIES,LTD. | MACHINERY | 2.3% |
| 6954 | FANUC CORPORATION | ELECTRIC APPLIANCES | 1.9% |
| 6762 | TDK CORPORATION | ELECTRIC APPLIANCES | 1.8% |
| 4543 | TERUMO CORPORATION | PRECISION INSTRUMENTS | 1.7% |
| Total | | | 36.7% |

Number of Holdings :
225

*Sector references are based on the TSE 33 Sector Classification.

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Fund Profile

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Inception Date : | Jul-9-2001 |
| Listing Date : | Jul-13-2001 |
| Stock Exchange : | TOKYO |
| Trust Term : | Unspecified |
| Board Lot : | 1 unit |
| Fiscal year end : | Jul-8 |
| Bloomberg : | 1321 JP <Equity> |
| (iNAV) | 1321IV <Index> |
| ISIN : | JP3027650005 |
| SEDOL : | 6378079 |
| PCF: | Available |

Total Net Assets

¥8,462.1 bil.

NAV per 10 Units

¥319,572

Dividend (before Tax, per 10 units)

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Jul-2023 | ¥5,760 |
| Jul-2022 | ¥4,970 |
| Jul-2021 | ¥3,650 |
| Jul-2020 | ¥3,890 |
| Jul-2019 | ¥4,090 |
| Since Inception | ¥50,569 |

*The dividend amount paid does not suggest or guarantee the future level of dividends.

*As a general rule, the full amount of dividends and other income arising from the trust assets are distributed after deduction of expenses. However, there may be no dividends payable in some circumstances. Even if any profits are realized from the sale and purchase of individual stocks, no dividends shall be paid.

Investment Risks

The NAV per unit of the Fund is subject to fluctuations in the prices of the securities in which the Fund invests. All profits and losses arising from the fund management are attributable to the investor. The investor's principal is therefore not guaranteed. Investors may suffer losses due to a decline in the NAV per unit and investors could therefore experience a potential loss of principal. Factors causing the NAV per unit of the Fund to fluctuate include "stock price fluctuation risk", and other risk factors that are not limited to the aforementioned. Because of the risk characteristics, investment trusts including ETFs are fundamentally different from deposits and savings.

* For further details, please refer to the "Investment Risk" section in the prospectus.

Commissions and Fees Related to the Fund

Direct Expenses

(Expenses borne directly when dealing through the stock exchange)

Trading Fee :

Trading of the Fund incurs brokerage commission fees set by a first financial instruments business provider (securities firm) that handles the transaction.

(Expenses borne directly for creation or exchange of units)

Creation Fee : Set independently by the distributing company

Redemption Fee (Amount to be Retained in Trust Assets) : None

Exchange Fee : Set independently by the distributing company

*Trading fee, creation fee, and exchange fee above vary depending on the setting of the distributing companies, so details of rates and upper limits cannot be provided ahead of time.

Indirect Expenses Paid out of Trust Assets

Management Fee :

The total amount of the management fee is the sum of the following two items:

(i)The amount obtained by multiplying the daily total net assets of the Fund by the annual management fee rate of not more than 0.1815% (0.165% exclusive of taxes) (0.11715% (0.1065% exclusive of taxes) as of September 28, 2023).

(ii)When the Fund lends stocks, an amount obtained from no more than 44% (40% exclusive of taxes) of the rental fee which accrues on a daily basis.

Sum of the amount (exclusive of taxes) calculated by the method stated in (i) above and the amount (exclusive of taxes) calculated by the method stated in (ii) above shall not exceed the amount obtained by multiplying the total net asset value of the trust assets by a rate of 0.165% per annum, less the expenses pertaining to the listing of the Fund that are borne by the investors, as well as, the annual fees for use of trademarks pertaining to the benchmark index that are also borne by the investors.

Other Fees and Commissions :

Annual Fees for Use of Stock-price Index Trademarks (as of September 28, 2023)

A percentage of not more than 0.0275% (0.025% exclusive of taxes) of the Fund's total net assets

Fund Listing Expenses (as of September 28, 2023)

• Listing fee: 0.00825% (0.0075% exclusive of taxes) of amount of increase at time of additional listing (amount of increase from the total net assets at year-end calculated as largest of the total net assets at time of initial listing and end of the year and at end of each subsequent year up until the year before the additional listing).

• Annual listing fee: Maximum of 0.00825% (0.0075% exclusive of taxes) of the total net assets at year-end.

Brokerage Commission on Transactions in Portfolio Securities, Costs Paid to Auditors for Fund Audits, and Tax Related to the Fund, etc.

* These expenses and fees above are paid out of the trust assets when they are incurred.

(These expenses and fees vary according to management and other conditions, so details of rates and upper limits cannot be provided ahead of time.)

* Total fees and other expenses will vary according to how long an investor holds the Fund, so they cannot be estimated ahead of time. For further details, please refer to the "Fund Costs and Taxes" section of the prospectus .

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(The party who instructs the management of the Fund)

Trustee : Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation

(The party who acts as a custodian and administrator)

Notifications

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