

Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Div Weighted

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Index rulebook

Another high dividend strategy index

The Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted, like the Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, was designed to realize a high dividend strategy through passive investment. It was designed to make it easier to realize the concept of the High Dividend 70 even with a larger scale of assets.

Total dividends used to determine component stock weights

The component stock weights for this index are not based on market capitalization, but are determined on the basis of total dividends (the total dividend average of a component stock as a percentage of the total). Compared with the equal-weighting method of the High Dividend 70, the trading impact at the time of reconfiguration can be held down. By capping a component stock's weight at 5%, the index is unlikely to see a rise in turnover at the time of periodic reconfiguration, which can happen if an index is exposed too much to a particular component stock. The periodic reconfiguration is also at a different time of the year from that of the High Dividend 70 to prevent trading related to the period reconfiguration from becoming too concentrated.

DOE screen

Stocks are screened for DOE (total dividends/shareholders' equity) to take quality and stability of dividends into account. DOE is pushed up by a rise in total dividends or by share buybacks lowering shareholders' equity, making it possible to measure shareholder returns both in terms of dividend policy and share buybacks. By using the latest forecast and the two most recent years of actual data to calculate our dividend-related indicators, we aim to reduce changes in component stocks and keep turnover low.

Fig. 1: Comparison of Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70 and Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted

	Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70	Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted
No. of stocks	70	70
Weighting method	Equally weighted	Total dividend average (5% limit)
DOE screen	None	Top two-thirds in avg DOE
Period reconfiguration	Every December	Every February
Rebalancing band	Yes	Yes
Deletion for zero dividend forecast	Yes	No

Source: Nomura

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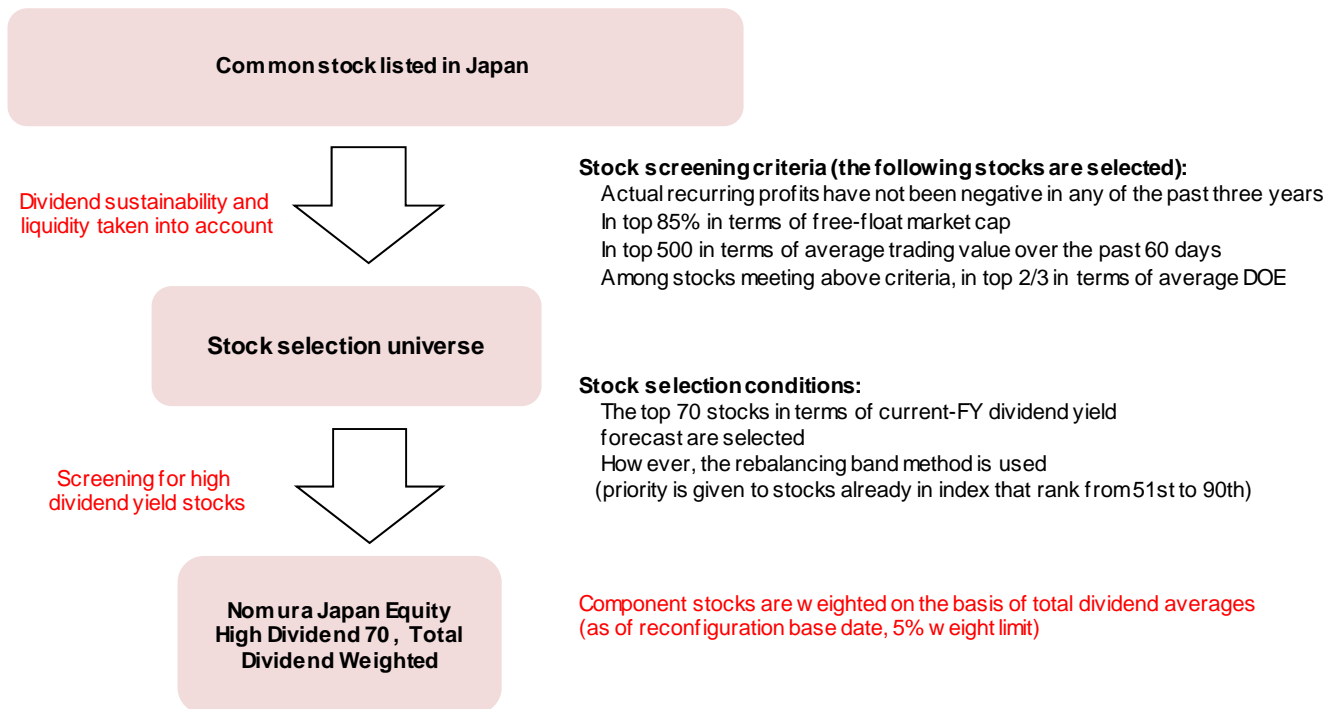
1. Introduction: index overview

The Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted is similar to the Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70 in that it was developed as a tool to help passive investors adopting a high dividend strategy. Based on the High Dividend 70 concept, it was designed to enable investors to expand their amount of investments more easily.

Index characteristics

- For passive investors adopting a high dividend strategy, similar to High Dividend 70
- Index design considers stronger focus on investability
- Focuses on total returns for long-term investors

Fig. 2: Composition of Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted



Source: Nomura

2. Stock selection

2.1 Stock selection universe

The universe of stocks eligible for inclusion in the index in its periodic reconfiguration comprises all listed stocks on 15 October of the year before the periodic reconfiguration date (see Section 3.1 below) or the business day before this if the 15th is a non-business day. This is called the universe fixing date. However, the following stocks are excluded from the stock selection universe.

- Equities other than common stock

As a general rule, only common stock is included in the stock selection universe. However, exceptions to this rule will be made if necessary.

- Stocks designated for delisting

Stocks designated as securities to be delisted are not included in the stock selection universe.

- Stocks under supervision

Stocks designated as securities under supervision are not included in the stock selection universe.

- TOB target companies

Stocks that are the targets of tender offers (TOB) may be excluded from the universe of stock selection if, and only if, the following requirements are met:

- the offer close date falls between the universe fixing date and the periodic reconfiguration date;
- the company conducting the tender offer plans to acquire all the outstanding shares in the target company; and
- the company conducting the tender offer is planning to acquire all of the stock of the target company in exchange either for money or its own stock and the target company agrees to the offer.

- Listed investment trusts/REITs

- Foreign stocks

Stocks listed on foreign sections of Japanese exchanges or stocks regarded as overseas companies are excluded from the universe even if they are traded in the Japanese market.

- Other exceptions

Latent stock, warrants, and rights on them are excluded. The Bank of Japan is also excluded.

2.2 Stock selection method¹

Stocks are selected for the Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted from the stock selection universe as defined in Section 2.1 above. A total of 70 stocks with a high current-FY dividend yield² are selected after taking the stock screening criteria and rebalancing band, as set out below, into account³.

Stock screening criteria

These are rules aimed at limiting inclusion in the index of stocks for which there are doubts about dividend sustainability and low-liquidity stocks such as those with a low free-float-adjusted market cap. Stocks that meet the following criteria on the reconfiguration base date (see Section 3.2 below) are eligible for inclusion in the index.

- Actual recurring profits have not been negative in any of the past three years⁴
- In the top 85% in terms of free-float-adjusted market cap⁵
- In the top 500 in terms of average trading value over the past 60 days
- Stocks are chosen from those that meet the above three criteria and that also rank in the top two-thirds in terms of average DOE⁶

Rebalancing band

This rule is aimed at limiting frequent stock replacements caused by very small differences in current-FY dividend yield forecasts. Stocks that meet the stock screening criteria are selected for the index using the procedure set out below.

(1) The top 50 stocks in terms of current-FY dividend yield forecast on the reconfiguration base date are selected unconditionally.

¹ The stock selection criteria may be revised at Nomura's discretion in response to changes in the economic situation, for example. In such a case, however, a revised rulebook would be published at least two weeks before the periodic reconfiguration date.

² The current-FY dividend yield forecast for each stock is calculated by dividing the expected dividend per share (or the lowest expected dividend per share if a forecast range is given) for the accounting period that is furthest away within 12 months after the month following the reconfiguration base date by the closing value of its Nomura composite share price on the reconfiguration base date. A stock's Nomura composite share price is its price on its primary exchange (the exchange that is judged to have the most accurate price for the stock, based on the percentage of days traded and trading volume over the previous 60 business days; as a general rule the primary exchange is selected on a daily basis). The share price is selected according to the following order of precedence:

special quotation price or continuous confirmed quote on selected exchange > trade price on selected exchange > standard quotation on selected exchange > Nomura composite share price on previous business day

³ When the forecast dividend for the current fiscal year is confirmed as zero for a stock the business day before the periodic reconfiguration announcement date but after the reconfiguration base date, the stock is not included in the index and a replacement stock is used.

⁴ Actual recurring profits over the previous three years are calculated from full-year financial data up to the end of the month that is four months before the reconfiguration base date. In terms of the financial data used, priority is given to the latest IFRS accounts, followed in order by the latest Japanese GAAP consolidated accounts, the latest US GAAP accounts, and the latest Japanese GAAP parent accounts. Net profits before tax are used for recurring profits in the case of accounts based on IFRS and net profits before adjustment for taxes, etc are used for recurring profits in the case of accounts based on US GAAP.

⁵ In order to reflect the number of shares that investors can actually invest in, we calculate the free-float-adjusted market cap as follows: Nomura composite share price × (shares outstanding for index calculation purposes – stable shareholding). We estimate the stable shareholding as the number of shares considered to be held on a stable basis, based on major shareholder data, declarations of marketable securities holdings included in securities reports, and data published by stock exchanges and companies (such as stock exchange releases and company prospectuses). Changes in the number of shares are reflected in shares outstanding for index calculation purposes according to the timing of changes in the capital structure of a component stock, shown in Figure 3.

⁶ DOE (dividend on equity) is total dividends divided by shareholders' equity and, together with dividend payout ratio, is one yardstick used to assess shareholder returns. The average DOE used here is calculated as follows: (forecast total dividends for current fiscal year ÷ actual shareholders' equity for previous fiscal year + actual total dividends for previous fiscal year ÷ actual shareholders' equity for previous fiscal year + actual total dividends for two fiscal years ago ÷ actual shareholders' equity for two fiscal years ago) ÷ 3. Share buybacks, one way to boost shareholder returns, can be used to raise average DOE by lowering shareholders' equity. We choose data prepared under accounting methods in this order of preference: most recent international accounting standards, most recent Japanese accounting standards (consolidated), most recent US accounting standards, most recent Japanese accounting standards (nonconsolidated). Where no data are available, we use a value of zero. Where shareholders' equity is zero, we treat that fiscal year as having no data available.

(2) Stocks that rank from 51st to 90th in terms of current-FY dividend yield forecast (the rebalancing band) and are already included in the index are then selected until a total of 70 stocks have been selected.

(3) If the total number of stocks selected in (1) and (2) above is less than 70, the shortfall is made up by selecting stocks ranked from 51st onward in terms of current-FY dividend yield forecast that are not currently included in the index, in order of ranking⁷.

⁷ When two or more stocks have the same current -FY dividend yield forecast, the stock with the larger free-float-adjusted market cap is selected on a priority basis.

3. Periodic reconfigurations

3.1 Periodic reconfiguration date

Periodic reconfigurations take place once a year, on 10 February (ie, after the close of trading on the previous business day). When 10 February falls on a holiday, the periodic reconfiguration takes place on the next business day.

3.2 Reconfiguration base date

The reconfiguration base date is 15 January of each year. Component stocks and the number of shares included in the index for each component stock following the periodic reconfiguration are determined on the basis of calculations using data as of the reconfiguration base date. When 15 January falls on a holiday, the reconfiguration base date shall be the previous business day.

3.3 Number of shares included in index for component stocks

A component stock is defined as one of the 70 stocks selected in accordance with Section 2.2 as of the reconfiguration base date defined in Section 3.2.

3.3.1 Total dividend weight

Total dividend weight is defined as the total dividend average of a component stock as a percentage of the total. Total average dividend is calculated as follows:

Total dividend average = (this year's forecast total dividend + last year's total dividend + year before last's total dividend) / 3

In the absence of dividend data, we assume the dividend is zero.

3.3.2 Component stock weight and weight limits

The weight of a component stock can be no greater than 5%. Component stock weight is determined by allocating the difference between 1 and the total of total dividend weights of stocks with weights greater than 5% to other stocks in proportion to total dividend weight.

3.3.3 Number of shares included in the index

The number of shares included in the index is calculated such that the weight of a stock for the 70 stocks selected as component stocks according to Section 2.2 as of the reconfiguration base date defined in Section 3.2 is equal to the component stock weight calculated in accordance with Section 3.3.2. The number of shares included in the index for component stocks as of the reconfiguration base date is calculated by multiplying the product of component stock weight and a constant value⁸ by the Nomura composite share price (see Footnote 2) at the close of trading on the reconfiguration base date. See Section 5.3 for adjustments to the number of shares included in the index from the reconfiguration base date to the next periodic reconfiguration.

3.4 Announcement of periodic reconfigurations

As a general rule, an announcement will appear on our website around 16:00 (Japan time) 10 business days before a periodic reconfiguration, except in cases of unforeseen circumstances or when information cannot be confirmed.

⁸ The constant value in the case of this index is ¥1trn.

4. Unscheduled reconfigurations

4.1 Response to stock swaps, stock transfers, etc

Unscheduled reconfigurations are carried out in response to various forms of corporate reorganization. Changes are made on a case-by-case basis taking the situation following the restructuring into account. The objective is to avoid temporary exclusions and thus maintain the consistency of the stocks included in the index.

- Stock swaps, mergers, etc

When a stock is delisted because it is about to become a wholly owned subsidiary or be merged into another company, it will continue to be included in the index after its delisting but removed from the index on the day of the merger. Following its delisting, and until its removal from the index, the stock's valuation will be based on the market value of the company that will become the parent or the surviving company multiplied by the exchange or merger ratio. The number of shares in the parent or surviving company to be included in the index will also change to reflect the exchange or merger ratio, so that the number of shares included in the index is the number of shares in the company that is to become a wholly owned subsidiary or merged into another company multiplied by the exchange or merger ratio.

- Stock transfers, etc

When an unlisted parent company assumes the operations of another company and becomes listed after a short period of time, the stock of the wholly owned subsidiary is removed from the index on the date of the parent company's listing. The price of the delisted subsidiary used is the price on the day before its delisting. The parent company is included in the index on the date of its new listing. The number of shares in the newly listed stock included in the index is the number of shares in the component stock before the stock transfer multiplied by the exchange ratio.

4.2 Removal of stocks

- Designation as securities to be delisted

Stocks designated as securities to be delisted will be removed from the index four business days later (or on the following business day if this is a non-business day). However, stocks that are listed on more than one market and have not been designated for delisting on one or more of the markets will not be removed.

- Delisting

Stocks delisted for reasons other than those noted in Section 4.1 above will be removed from the index on the delisting date.

- Marked loss of eligibility for inclusion in stock selection universe

In the case of an event that is considered to seriously damage a component stock's eligibility for inclusion in the stock selection universe, the stock may be removed from the index following an official announcement by the company in question, the stock exchange, or a government/regulatory agency.

4.3 Announcement of unscheduled reconfigurations

As a general rule, an announcement will appear on our website by five business days before an unscheduled reconfiguration, except in cases of unforeseen circumstances or when information cannot be confirmed.

5. Calculation of index values

5.1 Calculation of index values

The index must be protected from changes in share price and market capitalization that are not due to market fluctuations. This is done by adjusting the index's base market capitalization⁹ as follows.

5.1.1 Index base date, index base value, announcement date

The base date for the Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted is 29 December 2000 (= 10,000 (the index base value)).

This index was announced on 30 October 2014.

Index values before this announcement date are calculated according to the rules pertaining at the time for reference purposes.

5.1.2 Index excluding dividends

Base market cap (t) = market cap ($t-1$) + adjusted market cap (t)

$$\text{Return } (t) = \frac{\text{market cap } (t)}{\text{base market cap } (t)} - 1$$

Index value (t) = index value ($t-1$) × (1 + return (t))

5.1.3 Index including dividends

Base market cap (t) = market cap ($t-1$) + adjusted market cap (t) – adjusted total dividends (t)

$$\text{Return } (t) = \frac{\text{market cap } (t) + \text{total dividends } (t)}{\text{base market cap } (t)} - 1$$

Index value (t) = index value ($t-1$) × (1 + return (t))

Method for reflecting dividends

For the index including dividends, dividend data are reflected on the ex-dividend date. However, because the value of the dividend has not yet been determined on the ex-dividend date, it is reflected in the index in the following way.

The stock issuer's dividend forecast is used on the ex-dividend date¹⁰. In the event of a difference between the dividend forecast and the actual dividend, the base market capitalization is adjusted on the last business day of the month of the company's earnings announcement. However, if the company announces its earnings on the last business day of the month, the adjustment is made on the last business day of the following month.

⁹ In Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 above, "adjusted market cap" is calculated as the change in market cap accompanying changes in the capital structure of component stocks of the index or the change in market cap accompanying changes in the component stocks of the index. "Adjusted total dividends" is calculated as the difference between the dividend forecast and the actual dividend in cases where the dividend forecasts differ from the actual dividend.

¹⁰This rule is in effect as of results for periods ending end-December 2011 and beyond. Prior to that, we use actual dividends as of ex-rights day.

5.2 Adjustment of base market capitalization

The base market capitalization is adjusted in the following cases (see Figure 3).

- When a change in the capital structure of a component stock causes an increase or decrease in market capitalization that is not due to market changes
- When a change in the stocks making up the index causes market capitalization to increase or decrease

However, no adjustment to base market capitalization is made for changes in capital structure that do not involve payment, such as stock splits and reverse stock splits, because these do not affect market capitalization.

Fig. 3: Timing of adjustments resulting from changes in capital structure

Type of change in capital structure	Adjustment date	Share price used
Rights offering	Ex-rights date	Issue price
Public offering	Business day following payment date (listing date of new shares when settlement is on issuance date)	Previous day's price
Capital increase via third-party placement	Five business days after placement date	Previous day's price
Conversion of CBs Conversion of preferred stock into common stock	Last business day of month in which conversion ratio becomes known (or on last business day of following month if the announcement is within five business days of month-end)	Previous day's price
Exercise of bonds with warrants Exercise of stock options	Last business day of month in which number of shares per warrant becomes known (or last business day of following month if announcement is within five business days of month-end)	Previous day's price
Merger	Swap date	Previous day's price
Retirement of treasury stock	Last business day of month following month in which shares are retired	Previous day's price
Rights offering refusal	Last business day of month in which rights offering refusal is announced (or last business day of following month if announcement is within five business days of month-end)	Previous day's price
Capital reduction with compensation	Effective date	Previous day's price
Stock swap	Swap date	Previous day's price
Corporate divestiture (new stock in continuing company)	Swap date	Previous day's price
Corporate divestiture (company/division spinoff) ¹¹	Ex-rights date	(Not used)
Stock replacement	Replacement date	Previous day's price
Other adjustments	Other adjustments to the base market capitalization, if required, are made on the last business day of the month of the announcement of the relevant report (or the last business day of the following month if the announcement is within five business days of month-end)	Previous day's price

Source: Nomura

¹¹ In the case of a corporate divestiture (company/division spinoff), the base market capitalization is adjusted for the reduction in capital. Definitions of reductions in capital are as follows:

(1) when the company does not announce the value of the divested division or of the shares of the divested company: capital reduction = amount by which shareholders' equity is expected to be reduced; and

(2) when the company does announce the value of the divested division or of the shares of the divested company: capital reduction = value of divested division or value of divested company's shares × total number of shares

5.3. Index maintenance

Component stocks and the number of shares in each stock included in the index are changed using the methods set out in this rulebook. Component stocks are also replaced in periodic and unscheduled reconfigurations and when necessary for other reasons.

When the following changes in capital structure result in a change in the number of shares outstanding for index calculation purposes, for a particular stock, the number of shares in the stock that are included in the index does not change.

- Capital increase via third-party placement
- Retirement of treasury stock
- Exercise of convertible bonds with stock acquisition rights, exercise of bonds with stock acquisition rights, conversion of preferred shares, exercise of stock acquisition rights
- Stock swap, stock transfer, merger¹²
- Rights offering, public offering, rights offering refusal
- Rights issue
- Corporate divestiture (new shares in surviving company)
- Other adjustments

However, in the case of stock splits and reverse stock splits, the number of shares in the stock that are included in the index is adjusted by multiplying the number of shares included in the index before the change in capital structure by the stock split (or reverse stock split) ratio.

¹² When a wholly owned subsidiary (merged company) is an index component, the number of shares in the parent company (merging company) is adjusted to reflect the exchange ratio (merger ratio).

6. Data services

Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted access points

Information on the Nomura Japan Equity High Dividend 70, Total Dividend Weighted is available here:

Nomura Holdings website: <http://qr.nomuraholdings.com/en/nhdivd/index.html>

*Data on component stocks of the index are provided for a fee to subscribers of index data services.

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