

Nomura Japan Shariah Active Core Fund - MYR Class
August 2026
Fund Commentary and Strategy

In August, MYR Class returned -0.36%, while the benchmark returned +1.76%, resulting in an underperformance of 212bps. Despite the deterioration in the situation in the Middle East and the headwind from rising global interest rates, Japanese equities rose over the month as expectations for an early rate hike in the United States receded and the view that corporate earnings remained solid was maintained. Investor interest broadened into domestic-demand stocks, among others.

In terms of style performance, the Growth Index rose by 4.26%, while the Value Index rose by 3.61% (Russell/Nomura Indices). Although low-valuation stocks were favored and interest was also seen in companies with strong earnings, there was no clear preference between value and growth. Nevertheless, growth stocks outperformed value stocks, led by gains in Recruit Holdings, a representative growth stock that benefited from growing expectations that the use of AI could accelerate earnings growth.

The sector allocation effect was -0.05%, and the stock selection effect was -2.14% (FactSet basis). Based on a GICS sector attribution analysis, sector allocation made positive contributions from positions such as an overweight in Industrials and underweights in Real Estate and Energy. These were more than offset by negative contributions from an overweight in Consumer Discretionary and underweights in Consumer Staples and Health Care, among others. In terms of stock selection, Materials and Consumer Staples made positive contributions, while Information Technology, Industrials, and Health Care detracted.

At the individual stock level, Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (not held), and SWCC Corporation, among others, made positive contributions. Recruit Holdings contributed positively as its share price rose amid growing expectations for further growth, including from higher revenue per job posting through the use of AI. SWCC also contributed positively, as its share price rose on the favorable outlook for its domestic power infrastructure business and overseas communications cable business serving data centers.

On the other hand, Ebara Corporation, Pan Pacific International Holdings Corporation, and Fanuc Corporation, among others, detracted. Ebara's share price declined as investors were concerned about subdued profits due to a one-off loss in its Energy business and the impact of the situation in the Middle East, despite its CMP equipment business remaining very strong. Pan Pacific International Holdings also detracted after announcing a conservative earnings outlook and as investors were concerned about the large amount of investment outlined in its long-term management policy.

We bought back shares of Dexerials and Tokyo Electron following a certain degree of share price adjustment, as part of portfolio rebalancing. In addition, the equity market showed signs of moving away from its previous concentration on AI semiconductor-related stocks. Against this backdrop, we initiated positions in Otsuka Holdings, which reported highly favorable clinical trial results for its new IgA nephropathy treatment, and Shiseido, where structural reforms have been progressing smoothly and expectations for future profit growth have increased.

Conversely, we fully sold our position in SWCC. Although margins in its power infrastructure business are expected to continue improving, we believe the pace of improvement will slow compared with the past. We also judged that excessive expectations had already been priced into its overseas communications cable business and that the stock's relative valuation appeal had diminished. We also reduced our positions in Ajinomoto and Fast Retailing. The fund seeks to identify companies with strong competitiveness, growth potential, and the ability to achieve sustainably high ROE over the medium to long term, based on thorough analysis of long-term fundamentals, including structural industry trends.

We maintain a disciplined investment approach, avoiding distraction from short-term earnings fluctuations or share price movements.

We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
	31/12/2025 To 31/08/2026	31/07/2026 To 31/08/2026	31/05/2026 To 31/08/2026	28/02/2026 To 31/08/2026
Fund	17.61	-0.36	-3.70	6.83
Benchmark	18.09	1.76	0.45	7.74

Source: LSEG Lipper

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	Since Commencement
	31/08/2025 To 31/08/2026	7/11/2024 To 31/08/2026
Fund	16.66	13.34
Benchmark	20.28	23.07

Source: LSEG Lipper

Notes:

Performance data is calculated based on the changes in the Fund's NAV price per unit for the specified length of time and on the assumption that any dividends declared are reinvested into the Fund.

Performance figures are presented in cumulative basis, unless indicated otherwise.

FUND'S PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE

Fund Objectives

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

Benchmark

90% Dow Jones Islamic Market
Japan Index + 10% BNM Islamic
Interbank Overnight Rate

Investment Adviser

Nomura Asset Management Co.,
Ltd

Distribution Policy

Distribution of income, if any, is
incidental.

Key Facts

Launch Date	17-Oct-2024
Fund Category	Equity (Shariah-compliant)
Year End	30 June
Fund Size	USD 9.39 million
Class Size	MYR 26.10 million
Units in Circulation (MYR Class)	23.02 million
NAV per Unit (MYR Class)	MYR 1.1334
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 10 business days

Sales charge

Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit.

Management fee

Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of each Class.

Trustee fee

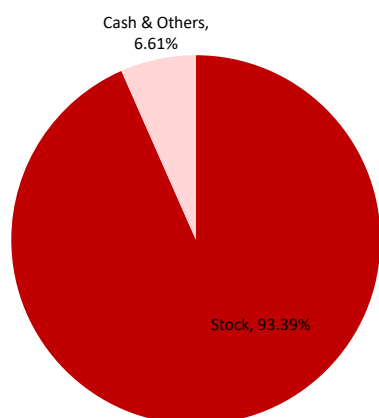
Up to 0.03% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum.

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Asset Allocation (%)



Top 5 Holdings (%)

Hitachi,Ltd.	6.45
Tokyo Electron Limited	6.39
Recruit Holdings Co.,Ltd.	5.58
Advantest Corporation	4.49
Keyence Corporation	3.90

All data presented are as of 28 August 2026 unless otherwise specified.

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Sector Breakdown (%)

Information Technology	34.78%
Industrials	29.24%
Consumer Discretionary	12.22%
Health Care	8.18%
Cash & Others	6.61%
Materials	5.92%
Consumer Staples	3.05%

Country Breakdown (%)

Japan	93.39%
Cash & Others	6.61%

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