

Biography: Junichi Takayama – Japan Equity Investment Director



Junichi Takayama joined Nikko Asset Management in 2013 as Investment Director with the Tokyo-based Nikko Asset Management Japan Equity team. In April 2023 he relocated and is now based in London where he acts as a direct conduit for the team's investment process, research, and insights to EMEA-based clients.

Junichi is fluent in Japanese and English, and with over two decades of investment management industry experience in Japan and the US, he has a distinct East to West and West to East view of capital markets. He started his career at Daiwa Securities SMBC (now Daiwa Securities Group) in Tokyo. After spending three years as an investment banking analyst involved in equity capital raising, he moved to California to join Taiyo Pacific Partners, which manages a Japan-focused activist fund in partnership with CalPERS and WL Ross & Co. Having spent four years there, conducting bottom-up fundamental equity research and engaging with Japanese corporate managers, he moved back to Tokyo to join the U.S. asset manager Principal Global Investors as a Japan Equity Analyst and last served as a Japan Equity Portfolio Manager.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Master of Business Administration with Honours from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) and Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan (CMA).