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Nikkei Inc.

Nikkei to launch the High Dividend Yield Index

Nikkei Inc. will launch a new index, “Nikkei 225 High Dividend Yield Stock 50 Index“, on January 10, 2017, which is comprised of 50 high dividend yield stocks selected from the Nikkei 225 constituents.

Under the ultralow interest rates due to the BOJ’s negative interest rate policy, investors are paying more attention to the investment strategy which provides them with stable income gains. Such investments are also prompted by the stance of Japanese companies which have expanded returns to shareholders by increasing the dividend payments.

Corresponding to such needs, Nikkei has realized the new index “Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50” based on an investment strategy which will provide investors with higher dividend incomes continuously. Higher dividend stocks are selected from the Nikkei 225 constituents, representative companies in Japan, and are weighted based on the levels of dividend yields (“Dividend Yield Weight Method”) . The index is designed to reflect an efficient investment strategy in the higher dividend stocks.

The followings are main characteristics of the Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50. Please see the historical index moves and the index-based dividend yields etc. on the next page.

- The universe will be the Nikkei 225 constituents. The index is based on the representative 225 constituents already selected.
- The index is comprised of 50 issues selected by higher expected dividend yields, accounting for around one-fourths in terms of the number of the constituents.
- The expected dividend yields are computed on Nikkei’s forecasts.
- The index is calculated based on the “Dividend Yield Weight Method” determining the constituent weights based on the dividend yield, taking into account the liquidity of the each constituent additionally, which will lead to the

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launch of so called “Smart Beta” strategy index.

– The constituents will be reviewed annually, selected not only by the higher dividend yields but also by the company financial performances. The constituents will be removed once the expected dividends become zero.

– The index is calculated on an end-of-day basis. It is retroactively calculated to the end of 2001, its Base Date when the index level is 10000.

§ Name of the index

Japanese

Official: 日経平均高配当株 50 指数, Abbreviation: 日経高配当株 50

English

Official: Nikkei 225 High Dividend Yield Stock 50 Index

Abbreviation: Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50

§ Past performance (retroactive calculations to end of 2001)



※Nikkei 225 levels were converted by making its level of 10542.62 10000 on December 28 2001, the inception date of the Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50

§ Comparison of expected dividend yield (at the end of November 2016)

Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50	3.21% (Index base)
Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225)	1.77% (Index base)
Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section	2.01% (Market cap base)

Please refer to the Index Guidebook for more details about the new index.

§ Constituents of the Nikkei High Dividend Yield 50

1928	Sekisui House, Ltd.	7205	Hino Motors, Ltd.
2768	Sojitz Corp.	7270	Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd.
2914	Japan Tobacco Inc.	7751	Canon Inc.
3863	Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd.	7752	Ricoh Co., Ltd.
4061	Denka Co., Ltd.	8001	Itochu Corp.
4188	Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corp.	8002	Marubeni Corp.
4208	Ube Industries, Ltd.	8031	Mitsui & Co., Ltd.
4502	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	8035	Tokyo Electron Ltd.
4704	Trend Micro Inc.	8053	Sumitomo Corp.
4902	Konica Minolta, Inc.	8058	Mitsubishi Corp.
5002	Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K.	8304	Aozora Bank, Ltd.
5020	JX Holdings, Inc.	8306	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.
5101	The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	8308	Resona Holdings, Inc.
5108	Bridgestone Corp.	8309	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
5214	Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.	8316	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.
5413	Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd.	8354	Fukuoka Financial Group, Inc.
5706	Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.	8411	Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
5715	Furukawa Co., Ltd.	8601	Daiwa Securities Group Inc.
6113	Amada Holdings Co., Ltd.	8604	Nomura Holdings, Inc.
6301	Komatsu Ltd.	8628	Matsui Securities Co., Ltd.
6471	NSK Ltd.	8725	MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.
6472	NTN Corp.	8729	Sony Financial Holdings Inc.
6703	Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd.	8766	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.
7012	Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.	9412	SKY Perfect JSAT Holdings Inc.
7201	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	9437	NTT Docomo, Inc.