# 「Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index」 「Nikkei 225 Inverse Index」 Index Guidebook

May 30, 2011

Nikkei Inc.

- This document is the index guidebook of the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index calculated and published by Nikkei Inc. (Nikkei) since June 2011. The document is drawn up by Nikkei and it would be changed or modified corresponding to the revision of the index calculation rule etc.
- Copyright of this document is owned by Nikkei, and any copies, reprints and reproduction of this document are prohibited without the prior approval of Nikkei. This document is prepared solely for the understanding of the index Nikkei calculates and publishes, and it is not to be construed as a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any securities or related financial instruments.
- This English document is a translation of the original document dated May 30, 2011 in Japanese and may not be an entirely accurate translation of the original Japanese document. In any case where differences arise between the English version and the original Japanese version, the original Japanese document will prevail.

# Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index Nikkei 225 Inverse Index

# 1: Concept

The Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index represents the doubled performance of the Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225), and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index represents the inverse performance of the Nikkei 225.

For instance, if the Nikkei 225 rises by 5%, the Leveraged Index rises by 10% and the Inverse Index falls by 5%. Similarly, Nikkei 225 falls by 5%, the Leveraged Index falls by 10% and the Inverse Index rises by 5%.

#### 2: Index Calculation

### (1) Basic points

- Index value on a day is calculated by multiplying the index value on the previous day by the daily return based on the change rate of Nikkei 225 on the current day.
- · Unit of the index value is "points" and the figure is rounded to two decimal places.
- · Index value on December 28, 2001 was 10,000 points.
- · Index is calculated and published as the value on the end-of-day basis.

#### (2) Formula

\*In the following formula, "Nikkei 225" indicates its closing price.

Index Value (current day) = Index Value (previous day)  $\times \{ 1 + \alpha \times (\frac{\text{Nikkei } 225 \text{ (current day)}}{\text{Nikkei } 225 \text{ (previous day)}} - 1) \}$ 

- · Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index : α = 2
- Nikkei 225 Inverse Index :  $\alpha = -1$

### 3: Calculation example (in case of February 9, 2011)

\* In the following example, "current day" is Feb 9, 2011 and, "previous day" is Feb 8, 2011.

#### (1) Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index

- · Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index (previous day) = 5735.05
- Nikkei 225 (previous day) = 10635.98
- · Nikkei 225 (current day) = 10617.83

Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index (current day)

 $=5735.05 \times \{1 + 2 \times (10617.83 \div 10635.98 - 1)\} = 5715.47659... \approx 5715.48$ 

## (2) Nikkei 225 Inverse Index

- · Nikkei 225 Inverse Index (previous day) = 5623.37
- · Nikkei 225 (previous day) = 10635.98
- · Nikkei 225 (current day) = 10617.83

Nikkei 225 Inverse Index (current day)  $= 5623.37 \times \{1 - 1 \times (10617.83 \div 10635.98 - 1)\} = 5632.96612... \approx 5632.97$ 

#### 4: Treatment of the index value

#### (1)Retroactive calculation in the past

The Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index were calculated retroactively on the end-of-day basis; to December 28th 2001, base date of these indices (=10,000 points).

#### (2) Modification of the index value

If the Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225) used to calculate the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index will be modified retroactively, these indices may also be modified retroactively.

#### 5: Others

# (1) Licensing

Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and Nikkei 225 Inverse Index are the intellectual properties which belong to Nikkei. All of the rights to the indices such as right to calculate, publicize, disseminate and use these indices are reserved by Nikkei. Licensing agreement with Nikkei is necessary if companies intend to create Index — linked funds and passive funds, etc. It is also required to use these indices for disseminating, providing and showing, etc. to the third party in the way as Nikkei decides.

Also in case of using the index to for creation of Exchange Traded Fund listed on Japanese markets, a license to use the index shall not be granted for a certain period of time after the index is launched because a company that provides advice in developing the index makes an offer to use the index in advance for the purpose.

#### (2) Risk

Nikkei calculates and publishes the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index in accordance with the methods described in this document. In the event of circumstance not described in this document or Nikkei determines it is impossible to use the methods described in this document, Nikkei may use an alternative method of the index calculation as it deems valid.

In case of a breakdown of computer system, natural disasters or any other unavoidable situations, Nikkei may postpone or cancel the calculation of the indices. Nikkei, under any circumstance, does not guarantee the accuracy of these indices. Should any error in the calculation of the indices take place, Nikkei shall not be liable for any damages sustained by any person or organization.

This document could be changed corresponding to the revision of the index calculation rule etc in the future. Information expressed in this document is subject to change without notice and in those cases Nikkei is under no obligation to update any recipients of this document. Nikkei shall not accept any liability for any loss or damage arising from the usage of all or any part of this document.

In addition, the disclaimers in the above are also applied to the Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225) used to calculate the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index.

#### Contact

Inquires on Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index and Nikkei 225 Inverse Index Index Business Office, Nikkei Inc.

Tel:+813-6256-7341, mail:index@nex.nikkei.co.jp