

Nikkei 225 in September

As of the end of September, the Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225) stood at 8870.16, up 30.25 points, or 0.34%, from the end of August. The index rose up to 9232.21 on September 19, its highest level since May 2, following the US Fed's decision to buy more mortgage debt (3rd round of quantitative easing QE3) and BOJ's monetary easing to expand its asset purchase. But afterwards, concerns over negative impact of Yen soaring and a territorial dispute between Japan and China pushed the index under 9000.

This month's Topic : Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index, Nikkei 225 Inverse Index**ETF on the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index Actively Traded**

The Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index stood at 3702.31 as of September 28, a 0.46% up from its closing of August 31, and the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index was 6277.68 at the end of September, a 0.57% down from end of August. The Nikkei 225 rose by 0.34% for the same period.

Daily price returns of the leveraged and inverse indices are doubled and inverse respectively of the daily return of the Nikkei 225. For instance, if the Nikkei 225 rises by 1% on a day, the 2 indices are up 2% and down 1% on the same day. However for period of 2 or more days, the returns are not necessarily doubled and inverse respectively. Actually the monthly return of the leveraged index was 1.4 times as the return of the Nikkei 225 in September.

The Exchange Trade Funds (ETFs) on the 2 indices have been actively traded since April when they were listed on the Osaka Securities Exchange (OSE). Especially the ETF on the Nikkei 225 Leverage Index has had the largest monthly trading values (including J-NET trading) in all of the ETFs on the OSE for 4 consecutive months since June. Its daily averaged trading value was 3218 million yen in September 8.9% larger than that in August.

The increase was attributed to large-size transactions via J-NET trading. Although the leveraged index tracks performances realizing high-risk high-return investments, it is said major participants have been institutional investors

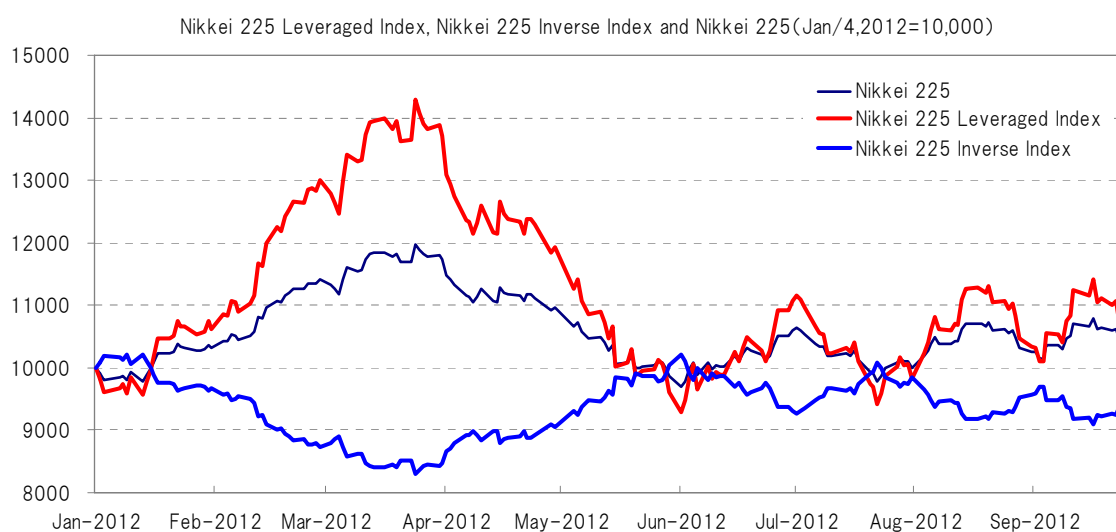
Trading Value of Leveraged ETF

Unit:Million Yen	Aug-12	Sep-12
Avg. Trading Value/Day	2,954	3,218
(Of which are Auction)	711	1,042
Rate of Auction	24%	32%

Source:Osaka Securities Exchange

instead of individual investors so far. However trades on the auction market have recently started expanding. The ratio to total value was 32% in September, higher than around 20% in the past months. According to some source, trades via online brokers have increased, which indicates market participants are varied due to the increase in trades by individuals.

To learn more about [the Nikkei 225 Leveraged Index](#) and [the Nikkei 225 Inverse Index](#)



○Nikkei 225 and its derived indices

(Data as of end of September)

Name of Index	Index Value	Monthly Return	Avg Return	Volatility	Yealy High	The Date	Yearly Low	The Date
Nikkei 225	8870.16	0.34%	0.01%	1.09%	10255.15	27-Mar	8295.63	4-Jun
Nikkei 225 VI (Volatility)	17.87	-14.25%	-0.14%	5.38%	30.93	4-Jun	17.59	10-Aug
Nikkei 225 Covered Call	8823.36	0.74%	0.01%	1.02%	9993.99	27-Mar	8166.45	4-Jun
Nikkei 225 Risk Control	11143.11	0.28%	0.01%	0.63%	12255.86	27-Mar	10711.47	25-Jul
Nikkei 225 Leveraged	3702.31	0.46%	0.03%	2.18%	5023.30	27-Mar	3266.86	4-Jun
Nikkei 225 Inverse	6277.68	-0.57%	-0.01%	1.09%	6773.84	16-Jan	5511.00	27-Mar

Name of Index	Index Value	Change	Historical High	The year	Historical Low	The year
Nikkei 225 Dividend Point	112.23	7.30%	120.06	2008	49.38	2002

○Benchmark and other indices

Name of Index	Index Value	Monthly Return	Avg Return	Volatility	Yealy High	The Date	Yearly Low	The Date
Nikkei 300	149.84	0.62%	0.00%	1.05%	176.27	27-Mar	141.08	4-Jun
Nikkei China Related 50	795.91	-0.71%	-0.01%	1.35%	1024.28	27-Mar	771.86	25-Jul
Nikkei 500 Average	782.25	0.78%	0.01%	0.90%	863.79	27-Mar	721.87	4-Jun
Nikkei Japan 1000	867.02	0.81%	-0.01%	1.05%	1025.25	27-Mar	818.37	4-Jun
Nikkei JASDAQ Average	1315.71	1.02%	0.05%	0.53%	1402.75	2-May	1185.44	12-Jan

Note: Avg Return and Volatility are calculated on the daily return for the past 1 year.

"Change" in the Nikkei 225 Dividend Point Index indicates a comparison with the value at the end of September 2011.

Historical High and Low in the dividend index were based on the values in the same month since 1998.