

5 must-knows about Japan's corporates

Invest in a market of stocks that is attractive on many fronts.

1. They are among some of the most cash rich, globally

Net positive cash on balance sheet¹

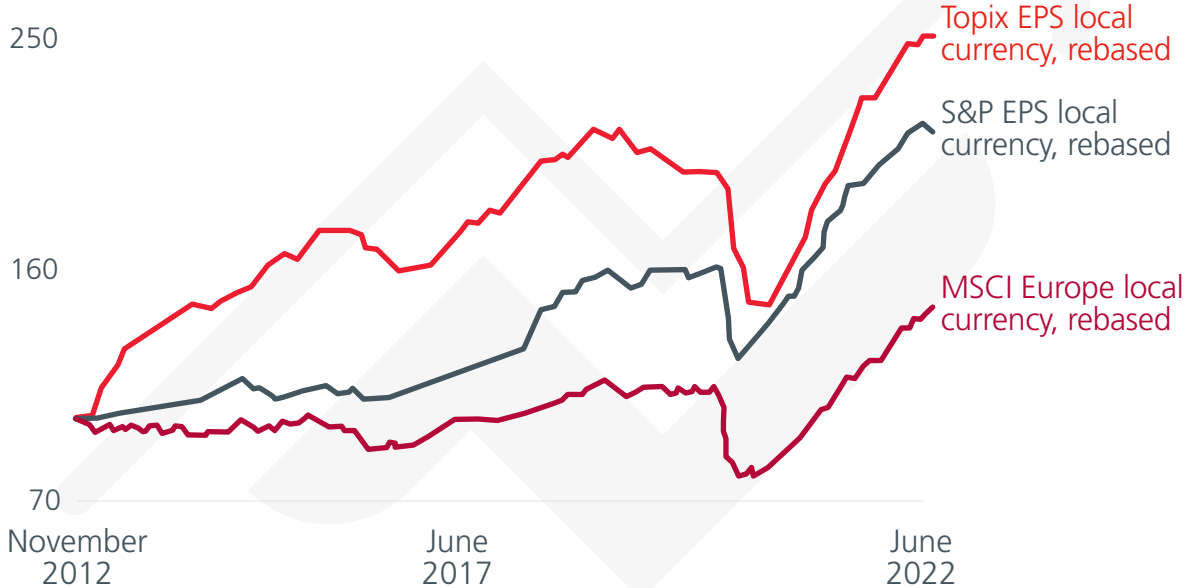
Japan
58.1%

US
23.1%

Europe
19.6%

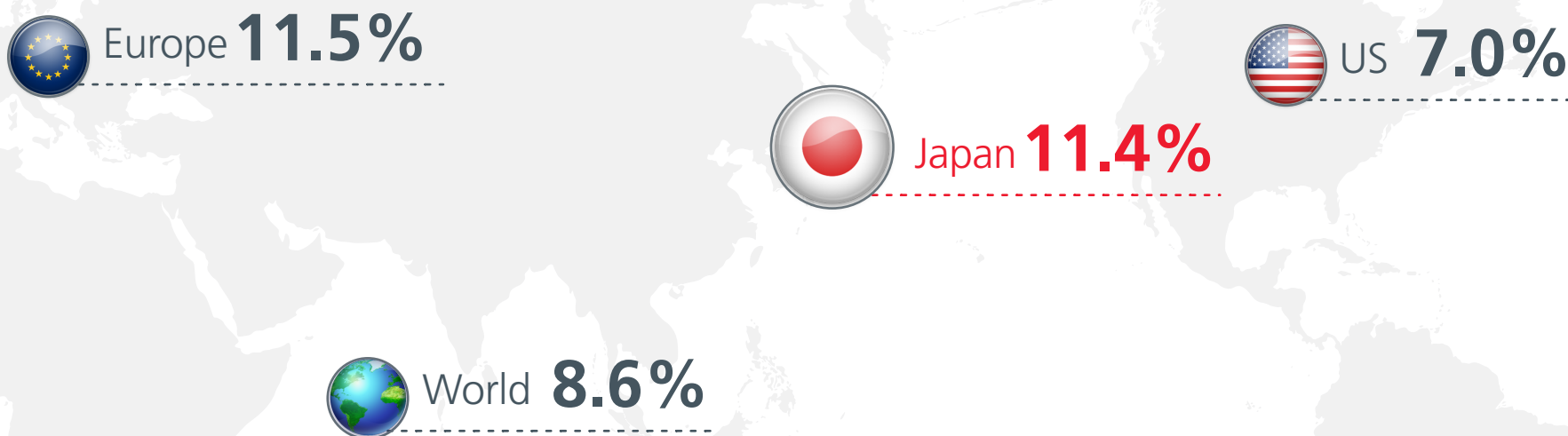


2. Shown significant earnings resilience in recent years²



3. Attractive cash earnings yield that has not been priced in by the market

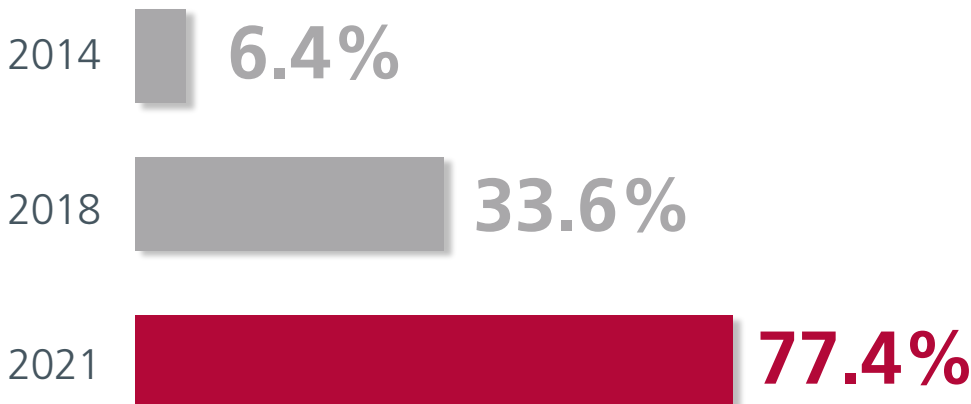
Japan's cash earnings yield (%) is higher than the US and comparable to Europe³



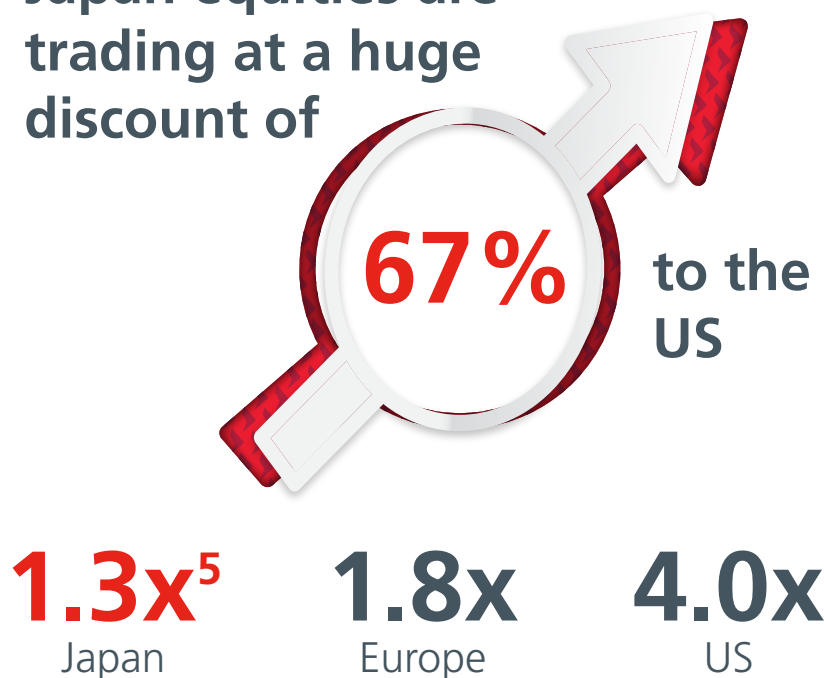
4. Leaner and more efficient corporates due to the ongoing corporate governance reforms



Growing % of independent directors on companies' boards⁴



5. Japan equities are trading at a huge discount of



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¹"Cash rich" companies on indices, Japan (Topix), US and Europe (MSCI indices) from Nomura, as at 15 August 2022. Companies ratio is the number of positive net cash companies divided by the number of index composite companies. ²CLSA, Bloomberg, as at 4 August 2022, EPS: Earnings per share. ³Eastspring Investments, IBES MSCI Indices, Refinitiv Datastream, as at 29 July 2022. The indices described are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. Indices used: MSCI Japan Index, MSCI Europe Index, MSCI AC World Index, MSCI USA ⁴Growing independent": Nomura and Bloomberg, as at 15 August 2022. Universe is TOPIX. Based on company's data and Bloomberg. (* Percentage of Topix companies with 1/3 or more independent directors.) ⁵Based on price-to-book ratio from Bloomberg, MSCI, Eastspring Investments, September 2022.