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Japan to come out of deflation this year



**Summary:** Pranay is positive on the Japanese economy, and believes government policies that will be introduced will spark moderate growth. Such could help the country come out of recession and deflation, achieving 1% economic growth. Pranay expects Japanese corporations to start spending their cash reserves and increase corporate activities. Investments by corporations also mean improvements have been made to the country's monetary system, which alleviates pressure of deflation. Japan will increase its sales tax beginning in April 2014, and Pranay thinks this will cause consumers to move their spending plans forward to the second half of this year, further helping the country out of deflation. Pranay expects the Japanese government to continue to introduce stimulus measures to spark reflation. Japanese equities will benefit from corporate earnings growth.