

**Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc.**

July 31, 2017

**Fund Facts** (as of 7/31/2017)

NYSE Ticker	JOF
CUSIP	47109U104
NYSE Market Price Close	\$11.99
Net Asset Value	\$13.56
Net Assets	\$384,235,630
Portfolio Holdings	121
Inception Date	March 22, 1990
Premium/Discount	-11.58%
Shares Outstanding	28,333,893
<b>Benchmark</b>	
Since inception to 8/31/04: Nikkei JASDAQ Average Index. 9/1/04 onwards: Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index.	
<b>Portfolio Managers</b>	
Hiromitsu Daimon CMA CIAA, Lead Portfolio Manager Makoto Ito, Portfolio Manager	

**Fund Objectives**

**Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. ("JOF" or the "Fund")** is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Fund's investment objective is to provide shareholders with long-term capital appreciation and to invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its total assets in smaller capitalization Japanese equity securities traded on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and JASDAQ Stock Exchanges, the Mothers, Centex Markets, and other indices

or markets determined by the investment adviser to be appropriate indices or markets for smaller capitalization companies in Japan. Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. has served as the Fund's Manager since the Fund's inception in 1990. Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. has served as the Fund's Investment Adviser since the Fund's inception. The Manager and Investment Adviser are subsidiaries of Nomura Holdings, Inc. and affiliates of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.

**Performance Overview** (as of 7/31/2017)

	JOF NAV <sup>2</sup>	JOF NYSE Price <sup>3</sup>	Russell/ Nomura Small Cap™ Index <sup>4</sup>	Nikkei JASDAQ Avg. <sup>4</sup>
<b>Calendar YTD</b>	21.29%	23.35%	18.78%	29.03%
<b>1 Year</b>	22.58%	27.52%	19.34%	25.43%
<b>3 Year</b>	14.22%	14.80%	11.38%	11.94%
<b>5 Year</b>	15.07%	15.76%	14.07%	12.56%
<b>10 Year</b>	4.45%	3.14%	5.95%	5.78%
<b>Since Inception<sup>1</sup></b>	3.13%	2.39%	1.89%	1.85%

<sup>1</sup> Inception date: March 22, 1990.

<sup>2</sup> Based on NAV price, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends and capital gain distributions as per the dividend reinvestment policy of the Fund.

<sup>3</sup> Based on the New York Stock Exchange's closing market price, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends and capital gain distributions as per the dividend reinvestment policy of the Fund. JOF's performance does not represent sales commissions.

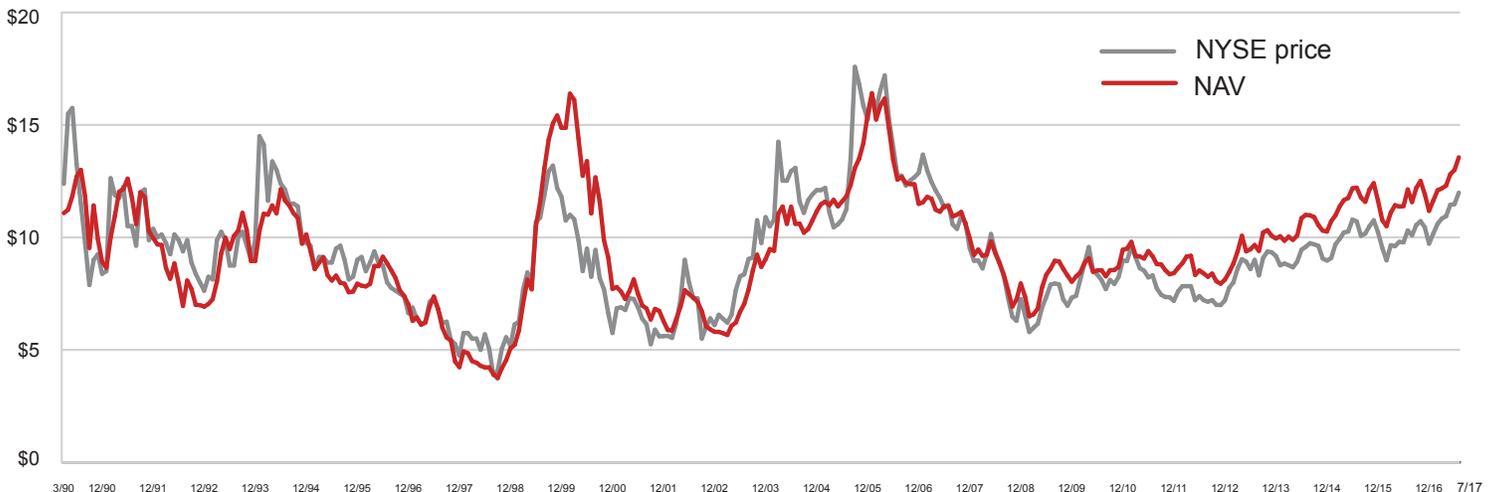
<sup>4</sup> From inception to 8/31/04, the benchmark was Nikkei JASDAQ Stock Average Index. Since 9/1/04, the benchmark has been the Russell/Nomura Small Cap™ Index. All results are in U.S. dollars.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. There is a risk of loss.

Performance in excess of one year is annualized.

Sources: Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. and Bloomberg L.P.

**Net Asset Value Since Inception<sup>1</sup> vs. NYSE Closing Price** (as of 7/31/2017)



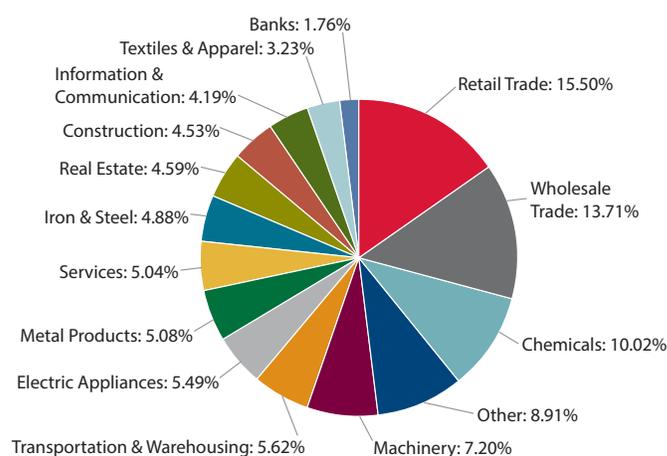
## Top Ten Holdings (as of 7/31/2017) Holdings may vary over time.

Security	% of Net Assets	% of Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Ryoden Corporation	2.70%	0.03%
Toenec Corporation	2.65%	0.03%
SIIIX Corporation	2.64%	0.11%
Seiren Co., Ltd.	2.57%	0.12%
Trancom Co., Ltd.	2.36%	0.06%
Amiyaki Tei Co., Ltd.	2.28%	0.02%
Osaka Steel Co., Ltd.	2.28%	0.03%
Oiles Corporation	2.27%	0.06%
Hisaka Works, Ltd.	2.27%	0.03%
Keihanshin Building Co., Ltd.	2.16%	0.03%

The ten largest holdings by market value reflect the Fund's investments on the date indicated and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future holdings. Holdings may combine more than one security from the issuer and related depository receipts.

<sup>1</sup> Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index™.

## Sector Weightings (as of 7/31/2017) Weightings may vary over time.



The industry diversification reflects the Fund's investments on the date indicated and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future holdings.

## Manager's Commentary

The TOPIX Index rose by 0.4% in July 2017. A solid corporate earnings outlook appears supportive, although the political environment now seems more fragile in Japan.

Companies began to release FY1Q results in late July, and many have upgraded their half year and/or full year earnings guidance. Manufacturers led the way with several companies issuing earnings upgrades. The Capital Goods sector, especially factory automation equipment producers, benefited from strong demand in China, while steel producers led the Commodities sector performance, helped by improved profit margins and steadier global demand supply conditions. Automobile shares also

rebounded as the latest earnings results have tended to ease recent demand concerns.

Japanese economic data suggests a reasonably healthy environment for the corporate sector with robust production activity. Industrial Production rose 1.6% (MOM) in June, with general machinery and automobile output contributing to the increase. The Analysis of Forecasts report indicates that production activity could remain strong for the next two months. The Bank of Japan's Tankan business sentiment survey in June 2017 confirmed this, with the outlook for large manufacturers improving since March. Domestic demand also appears to be bottoming out from its long-term downtrend. June's household spending

increased by 2.3% (YOY), the first annual gain in 16 months.

### Outlook & Strategy

We believe stronger earnings momentum in the Japanese corporate sector could continue for now and further potential upward revisions to corporate earnings forecasts are expected to support the Japanese equity market amid reasonable valuations. The Bank of Japan is likely to maintain its long-term yield target close to zero per cent through 2017. Consequently there is a chance that interest rate gaps between Japan and other developed countries could widen, leading to a weaker yen, which could support Japanese corporate earnings.

## Additional Information

Comparisons between changes in the Fund's net asset value or market price per share and changes in the Fund's benchmark should be considered in light of the Fund's investment policy and objective, the characteristics and quality of the Fund's investments, the size of the Fund, and variations in the Japanese Yen/U.S. Dollar exchange rate.

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The Russell/Nomura Small Cap™ Index represents approximately 15% of the total market capitalization of the Russell/Nomura Total

Market™ Index. It measures the performance of the smallest Japanese equity securities in the Russell/Nomura Total Market™ Index. The Nikkei JASDAQ Index is a capitalization-weighted index of all Japanese over-the-counter stocks. The Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX) is a market capitalization-weighted index of all companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Any performance quoted should not be viewed as a representation of future investment performance. There is a risk of loss. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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Manager of the Fund believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be achieved. Forward-looking information is subject to certain risks, trends, and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected.

The Fund may participate in new issuances of securities ("New Issues"), and a portion of the Fund's returns consequently may be attributable to its investment in New Issues. The market value of New Issues may fluctuate considerably due to factors such as the absence of a prior public market, unseasoned trading, and the limited availability for trading and limited information about the issuer. When a composite's asset base is small, New Issues may have a magnified impact on the Fund's performance. As a fund's assets grow, it is probable that the effect of the composite's investment in New Issues on its total returns may not be as significant, which could reduce the Fund's performance. There is no guarantee that the availability or economic attractiveness of New Issues will be consistent from year to year.