

## Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc.

As of May 31, 2022

### Fund Facts

NYSE Ticker	JOF
CUSIP	47109U104
NYSE Market Price	\$6.50
Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share	\$7.67
Net Assets	\$217,198,311
Portfolio Holdings	102
Inception Date	March 21, 1990
Premium/Discount	-15.25%
Shares Outstanding	28,333,893
Benchmark	Since inception to 8/31/04: Nikkei JASDAQ Stock Average Index. 9/1/04 onwards: Russell/Nomura Small Cap™ Index.
Portfolio Managers	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 ("NYSE"). 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

	JOF NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	JOF NYSE Market Price <sup>(2)</sup>	Russell/ Nomura Small Cap™ Index <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>1 Month</b>	0.26%	-3.13%	1.13%
<b>3 Month</b>	-14.68%	-14.81%	-10.6%
<b>Calendar YTD</b>	-15.99%	-17.41%	-13.98%
<b>1 Year</b>	-20.13%	-23.51%	-16.60%
<b>3 Year</b>	-1.37%	-1.68%	0.24%
<b>5 Year</b>	0.18%	-0.88%	0.33%
<b>10 Year</b>	6.85%	6.62%	6.74%
<b>Since Inception</b>	2.50%	1.75%	1.49%

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

<sup>(1)</sup>Based on NAV price, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends, ordinary income distributions, and long-term capital gain distributions as per the dividend reinvestment policy of the Fund.

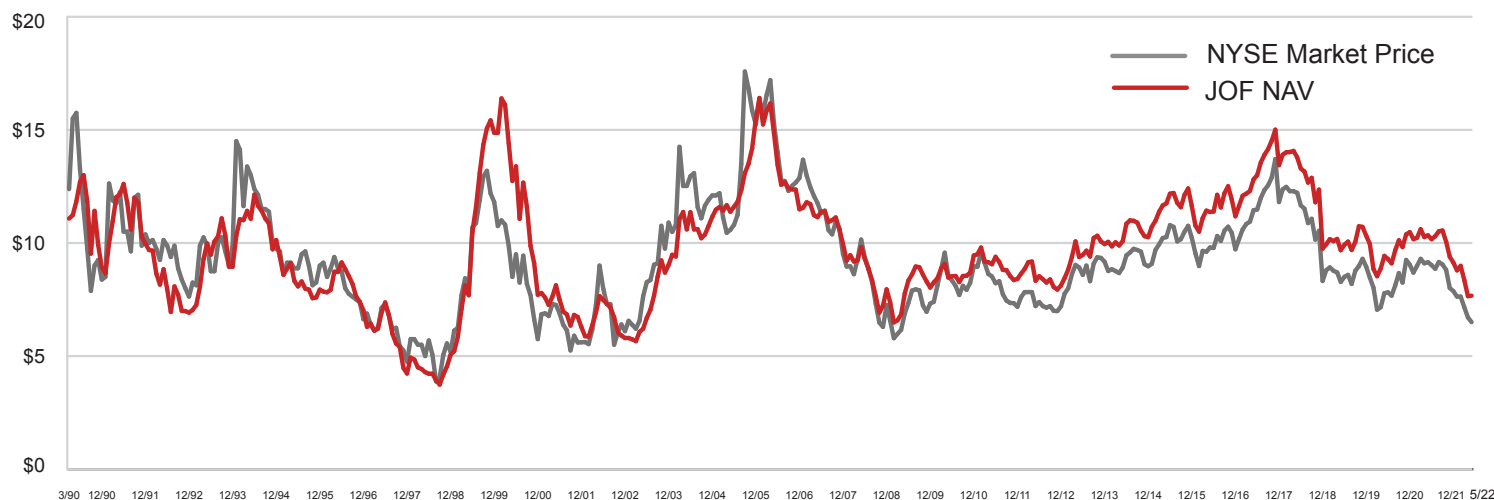
<sup>(2)</sup>Based on the New York Stock Exchange's market price, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends, ordinary income distributions, and long-term capital gain distributions as per the dividend reinvestment policy of the Fund. JOF's performance does not represent sales commissions.

<sup>(3)</sup>From inception to 8/31/04, the benchmark was the Nikkei JASDAQ Stock Average Index, which is no longer in existence as a result of the Tokyo Stock Market reorganization of market segments on 4/4/2022. Since 9/1/04, the benchmark has been the Russell/Nomura Small Cap™ Index. All results are in U.S. dollars.

Performance in excess of one year is annualized.

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

### JOF NAV versus NYSE Market Price



## Top Ten Holdings

Holdings may vary over time.

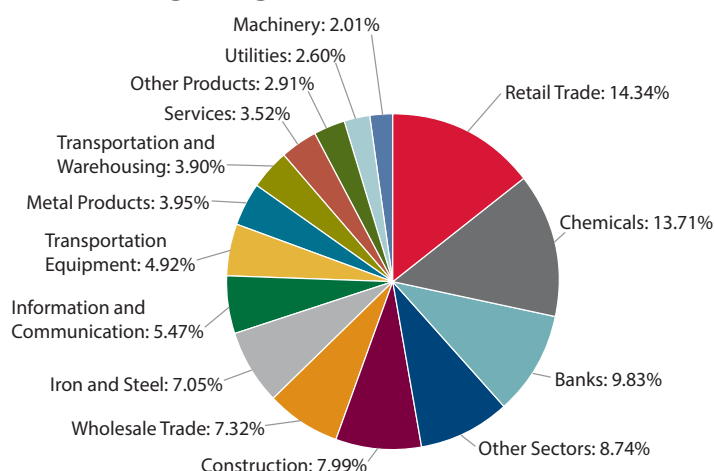
Security	% of Net Assets	% of Benchmark <sup>(1)</sup>
Okinawa Cellular Telephone Company	3.63%	0.08%
Osaka Steel Co., Ltd.	3.46%	Not included
Fujikura Kasei Co., Ltd.	2.69%	Not included
Piolax, Inc.	2.61%	0.07%
Ryoden Corporation	2.43%	0.03%
JM Holdings Co., Ltd.	2.17%	0.02%
Seria Co., Ltd.	2.05%	0.13%
Amiyaki Tei Co., Ltd.	2.05%	Not included
Sakata Inx Corporation	2.03%	0.05%
The Akita Bank, Ltd.	1.97%	0.03%

The ten largest holdings by fair 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

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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.

## Market Commentary

The Japanese equity market has continued to favor value stocks since the US Federal Reserve began tightening monetary policy. We believe this could become a long-term trend, especially given the historic shift away from more than 10 years of ultra-low interest rates. Moreover, value stocks have traded at relatively inexpensive valuations since the IT bubble. So far, however, the shift to value equities has mainly involved large-cap stocks, export-oriented industries, and high-beta companies. Small-cap Japanese stocks have lower weightings than their large-cap counterparts in these areas, instead they have a higher weighting in domestic demand-oriented industries. However, many small-cap value stocks are in a more robust financial position than large-cap stocks, and many

companies are highly profitable because they operate in niche businesses with high market shares. Among these companies, quite a few stocks combine attractive valuations with high growth rates. Even if they are not leading the Japanese equity market now, holding these stocks, in our view, is likely to generate favorable long-term returns.

Japan will tentatively reopen the country's borders to international tourists on June 10. If the trend towards a post COVID-19 lifestyle shift continues, this might also support a revival of small-cap value stocks as they are dominated by domestic-demand oriented industries. Regional bank stocks, which have long been unpopular, are also attractive. In

addition to expectations of a rise in long-term interest rates, in recent years there has been a movement towards industry reorganization and management reform. Considering the backdrop of political pressure, increased mergers and acquisitions activity, and behind-the-scenes investor activism, it should be understood that moves to improve governance and shareholder returns have occurred in the small cap market too.

Source: Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd.

## 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 Stock Average Index is a capitalization-weighted index of all Japanese over-the-counter stocks. The 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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