Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc.

As of August 31, 2025

Fund Facts

NYSE Ticker	JOF
CUSIP	47109U104
NYSE Market Price	$10.71
Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share	$11.89
Net Assets	$337,005,326.37
Portfolio Holdings	96
Inception Date	March 21, 1990
Premium/Discount	-9.924%
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 Atsushi Katayama, Lead Portfolio Manager Hiroaki Tanaka, Portfolio Manager	

Fund Objectives

Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. ("JOF" or the "Fund") is a closed-end management investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The Fund operates as diversified as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940. 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 and Nagoya Stock Exchanges, 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[1]	JOF NYSE Market Price[2]	Russell/ Nomura Small Cap™ Index[3]
1 Month	8.20%	11.56%	7.42%
3 Month	13.71%	15.81%	10.96%
Calendar YTD	28.02%	42.08%	25.27%
1 Year	26.33%	41.28%	22.07%
3 Year	20.60%	23.25%	16.21%
5 Year	8.71%	10.24%	7.61%
10 Year	8.40%	8.96%	7.25%
Since Inception	3.83%	3.32%	2.62%

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

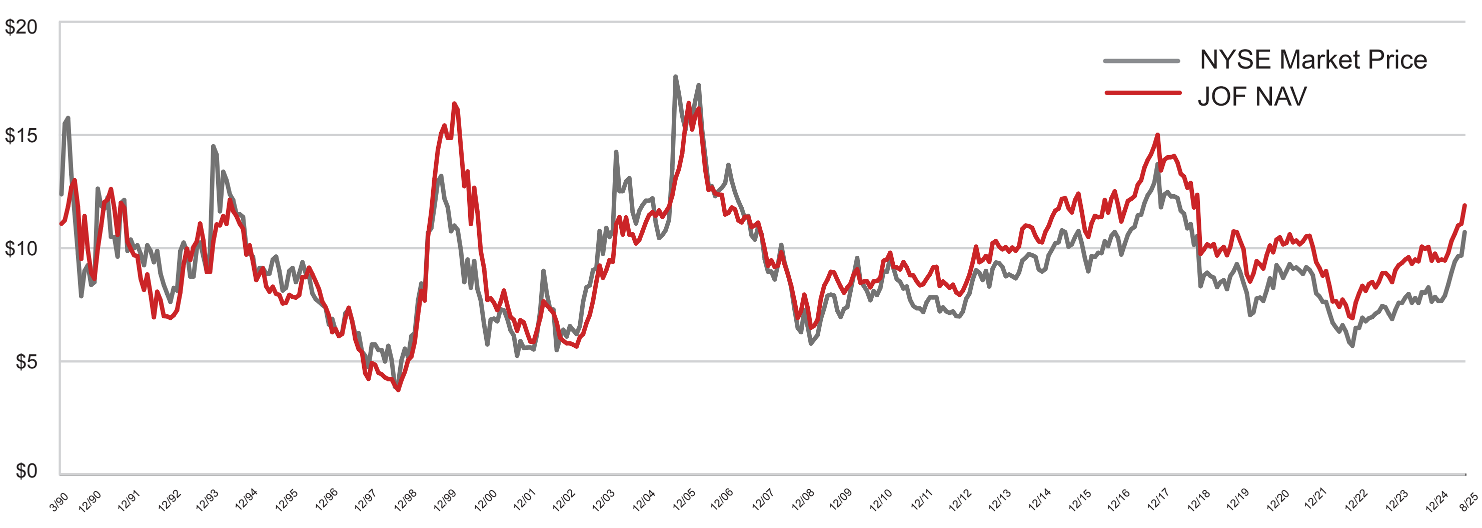
[1] Based on NAV price, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends, ordinary income distributions, and long-term capital gain distributions as per the dividend reinvestment policy of the Fund.

[2] 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.

[3] 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[(1)]
Sakata Inx Corporation	6.39%	0.07%
Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group, Inc.	3.45%	0.23%
Shikoku Electric Power Company	3.11%	0.19%
Ryoden Corporation	2.48%	0.03%
Yondenko Corporation	2.45%	0.03%
Nippon Seiki Co., Ltd.	2.16%	0.05%
Future Corporation	2.12%	0.08%
BuySell Technologies Co., Ltd.	2.07%	0.02%
The Musashino Bank, Ltd.	2.02%	0.08%
Mizuho Leasing Company, Limited	1.93%	0.14%

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.

(1) Russell/Nomura Small Cap™ Index.

Sector Weightings

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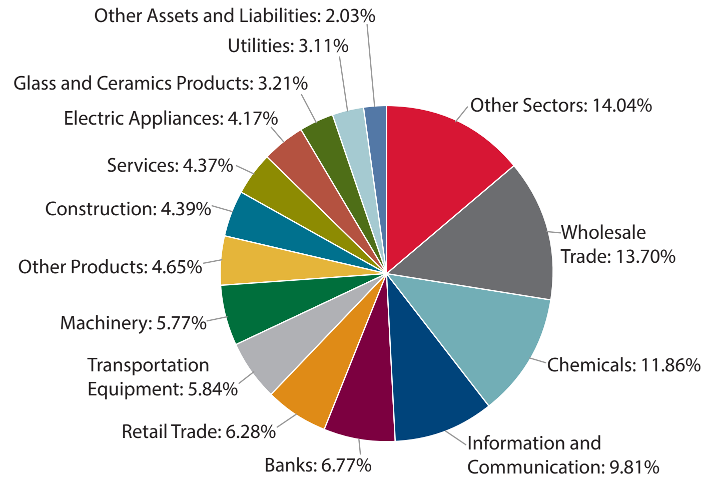

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Market Commentary

The agreed settlement on "reciprocal" tariffs with the US has resulted in less disruption than initially feared, helping to alleviate the immediate concerns for Japan's export-oriented industries. While global trade policy uncertainty remains a recurring theme, the reduction in tariff rates from 25% to 15% for Japan has offered some reassurance to the markets that Japan will not face a disproportionate tariff burden relative to other US trading partners.

In domestic data, the latest Consumer Price Index release showed persistent inflation, reinforcing expectations of a mild and sustained inflation scenario in Japan. Although recent price increases have largely been driven by cost-push factors, we anticipate that as cost pressures ease, rising wages and eventual increases in real incomes will support a virtuous cycle, ultimately leading the Bank of Japan toward monetary policy normalization.

Earnings results released for the April–June quarter indicate that many Japanese companies have already incorporated conservative assumptions regarding the impact of tariffs, appreciation of the yen, and softening global demand. This management prudence is likely to reduce the risk of negative surprises; it also leaves potential upside scope for earnings surprises over the coming quarters if external conditions stabilize.

From a valuation perspective, Japanese equities remain attractively positioned. Despite recent new highs in both the TOPIX and Nikkei 225 indices over the past month, the TOPIX is currently trading at a forward price-to-earnings ("P/E") ratio of approximately 15 based on 12-month consensus earnings per share estimates. This level remains within the historically reasonable range. Relative undervaluation, combined with ongoing corporate governance reforms that extend beyond improving returns on equity, suggests upside potential for Japanese equities.

In August, small-cap stocks outperformed the large-cap market by a small margin. Quarterly earnings results were broadly solid. Although earnings revisions were more favorable for large-cap companies, investor attention increasingly shifted toward small caps, likely due to their relative valuation discounts. With initiatives to improve capital efficiency now firmly embedded, the connection between earnings growth and stronger shareholder returns has become more apparent. This trend continues to be reinforced by the presence of activist investors. Many small-cap companies still have substantial room to enhance shareholder returns, making the segment an appealing investment universe.

Year to date, small-cap stocks have outperformed the TOPIX by more than four percentage points, and we believe further outperformance is likely. According to the latest forecasts, small-cap companies are expected to achieve ordinary profit growth of 5.0% in fiscal year 2025 (ending March 2026), in stark contrast to the anticipated earnings contraction among large-cap names. Valuations also remain attractive, as the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index trades at a P/E ratio of approximately 14 based on 12-month forward earnings, maintaining a discount relative to large caps. Technical conditions in the market also remain favorable, as rates of foreign and institutional ownership of small-cap stocks are well below pre-Abenomics levels. Consequently, even modest capital inflows can generate meaningful upside in this segment.

Within our portfolio, we have maintained a value-oriented stance while selectively increasing our allocation to domestic demand-focused growth stocks. This strategy has so far proven effective, allowing us to keep pace with the ongoing market rotation without compromising downside protection. We continue to favor domestic demand driven companies in the consumer and service industries. We are also selectively investing in digital platform providers and other structurally advantaged names.

Governance reform among small-cap companies is also gaining momentum. Stricter listing-maintenance requirements for the TSE Growth market—including a new 10 billion minimum market-cap rule—and the forthcoming TOPIX re-selection slated for October 2026 are encouraging management teams to enhance capital efficiency. This has led to more robust dividend policies, increased share buybacks, and even management-buyout discussions in some cases. We intend to reinforce this trend through active engagement with issuers that possess strong balance sheets and underutilized cash reserves.

We will continue to maintain a balanced, value-oriented approach, prioritizing companies with robust balance sheets, clear catalysts for enhanced shareholder returns, and measurable progress in governance. Our bottom-up research will focus on businesses that are less vulnerable to tariff policy changes, those capable of sustaining high earnings visibility amid macroeconomic uncertainty, and under-researched companies where internal reforms are beginning to translate into tangible performance improvements. This positions the portfolio to benefit from both the cyclical tailwinds and structural re-rating opportunities.

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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