#### Manager's Commentary

#### **Market Review**

The Taiwan TAIEX Total Return Index, (the "Benchmark"), rose 4.85% in December 2023, in US dollar terms, with electronics leading the rally. The top three outperforming industry groups were Transportation, Technology Hardware & Equipment and Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment. The top three underperforming industry groups were Energy, Media & Entertainment and Consumer Durables & Apparel.

## Fund Review (Attribution Reports)

The Taiwan Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") outperformed the Benchmark in December primarily due to overweight positions in electrical equipment and electronic components. At an industry group level, overweight positions in Capital Goods and Technology Hardware & Equipment and underweight positions in Materials contributed positively to performance. Conversely, the Fund's performance was negatively impacted by the absence of positions in the Banks and Transportation industry groups. At the stock selection level, the largest contributors to relative performance were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Fortune Electric Co. Ltd. and Quanta Computer Inc. The largest detractors to performance were Faraday Technology Corp., Fulgent Sun International Holding Co. Ltd. and Nuvoton Technology Corp.

#### **Key Transactions**

The total securities holdings represented 91.1% of net assets as of December 31, 2023. This represented a decrease from the 93.5% held as of November 30, 2023. The major change in the portfolio was an increase to the Technology Hardware & Equipment industry weighting based on strong in-network growth demand. In Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment, the Fund reduced its position in Quanta Computer Inc. Furthermore, the Fund has continued to strategically keep most of its positions and allocations unchanged because of the bullish guidance in earnings reports and a positive outlook for the overall market in 2024.

#### **Fund Data**

Description	Seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investments in equity securities listed in Taiwan.
Inception Date	December 23, 1986
Total Fund Net Assets (millions)	\$318.8
Median Market Cap (in billions)	\$3.37
Distribution Frequency	Annua
Management Firm	Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc.

#### **Fund Manager**



Sky Chen Lead Portfolio Manager

#### Performance (US\$ Returns as of 12/31/2023)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
One Month	5.71%	4.85%
Three Month	15.08%	15.51%
One Year	58.11%	31.68%
Three Year (Annualized)	16.04%	7.55%

# Net Asset Value/Market Price (as of 12/31/2023)

#### High/Low Ranges (52-Week)

High/Low NAV	\$43.55 / \$28.27
High/Low Market Price	\$34.69 / \$23.10
Premium/Discount to NAV (as of 12/31/2023)	-20.57%

#### Fund Data (Common Shares)

Shares Outstanding	7,319,274
Average Daily Volume	6,670
Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.47%

#### Manager's Commentary (continued)

## **Outlook and Strategy**

Looking into 2024, we expect that US interest rates are likely to remain at an elevated level for some time. Several factors contribute to this outlook, including the resilience of the US economy and the year-on-year (YoY) consumer price index (CPI) remaining above the Federal Reserve's 2% target.

Although interest rates may be higher for longer, it should not prevent the escalating competition in artificial intelligence (AI) among major cloud service providers (CSP). It is estimated that Alrelated capital expenditures will account for 40% of the CSP's capital expenditure in 2024, a significant increase from 2023. Furthermore, the growth momentum of AI servers is expected to remain strong. With the end of CSP's inventory adjustments, new demand is anticipated to drive the recovery of the server market, with significant growth in total AI server shipments for 2024. Beyond AI servers, additional applications such as AI personal computers and AI smartphones have been introduced to the market. We anticipate a continued increase in market penetration for AI-enabled devices, providing sustained benefits to Taiwan's supply chains.

## Returns (%)

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year li	Since nception
NAV	5.71	15.08	58.11	58.11	16.04	26.69	13.74	10.28
Market Price	6.43	16.87	51.74	51.74	13.85	24.81	12.27	8.61
Taiwan TAIEX Total Return Index	4.85	15.51	31.68	31.68	7.55	17.40	11.42	-
Taiwan TAIEX Price Index	4.69	15.32	27.02	27.02	3.67	13.05	7.29	_
MSCI Taiwan Index (net)	5.50	17.40	30.42	30.42	4.93	17.31	11.44	_

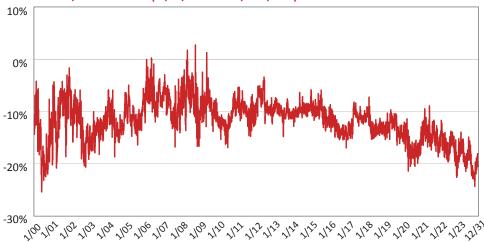
## Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NAV	-6.43	11.17	28.44	-14.96	47.11	41.97	55.09	-36.27
Market Price	-10.52	10.05	33.61	-19.11	46.75	39.81	58.26	-38.54
Taiwan TAIEX Total Return Index	-10.40	17.81	29.45	-7.86	32.19	35.62	29.04	-26.80
Taiwan TAIEX Price Index	-13.81	13.11	24.56	-11.51	26.46	31.01	25.59	-30.15
MSCI Taiwan Index (net)	-11.72	18.54	27.53	-8.93	36.37	40.99	26.13	-29.76

#### Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Returns are expressed in US dollars and are annualized except for periods of less than one year. Source: Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc., utilizing data from State Street Bank & Trust Company. Returns for the Fund are historical returns that reflect changes in net asset value and market price per share during each period and assume that dividends and capital gains, if any, were reinvested. Net asset value is total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV performance includes the deduction of management fees and other expenses. NAV and market price returns do not reflect broker sales charges or commissions, which would reduce returns. Expense Ratio: 1.47% for the year ended August 31, 2023, before fee waiver. The expense ratio after the fee waiver is 1.40%.

# Premium/Discount (1/3/00 - 12/31/23)



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Sector Breakdown (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	68.81	59.99
Industrials	8.81	7.01
Consumer Discretionary	6.30	5.44
Materials	3.15	6.82
Consumer Staples	2.39	2.11
Communication Services	1.58	2.85
Financials	0	12.19
Energy	0	1.36
Real Estate	0	1.29
Health Care	0	0.73
Utilities	0	0.20

## Top 10 Holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	19.61
Quanta Computer, Inc.	4.91
eMemory Technology, Inc.	4.36
Asia Vital Components Co. Ltd.	4.35
Global Unichip Corp.	4.29
Fortune Electric Co. Ltd.	4.26
Alchip Technologies Ltd.	3.78
Faraday Technology Corp.	3.56
Gigabyte Technology Co. Ltd.	3.55
Delta Electronics, Inc.	3.21

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change. Source: State Street Bank & Trust Company, Bloomberg L.P. as of 12/31/2023.

## **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Fund
Number of Issues	39
Foreign Holdings (%)	91.1
Cash and Other Assets less Liabilities (%)	8.9

As of 12/31/2023.

# Distribution History (10 Year)

Ex-dividend Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Distribution/Share	Income	Long-term Capital Gain	Short-term Capital Gain
12/26/14	12/30/14	1/9/15	2.633200	0.000000	2.633200	0.000000
12/28/17	12/29/17	1/9/18	0.660000	0.660000	0.000000	0.000000
12/20/18	12/21/18	1/4/19	1.707800	0.000000	1.707800	0.000000
12/27/19	12/30/19	1/10/20	1.699100	1.469500	0.164500	0.065100
12/28/20	12/29/20	1/8/21	3.312200	0.375900	0.615600	2.320700
12/27/21	12/28/21	1/10/22	2.922700	0.478000	2.444700	0.000000
12/27/23	12/28/23	1/10/24	0.436500	0.000000	0.436500	0.000000

Distribution/Share includes income, long-term capital gains, and short-term capital gains.

# All Portfolio Holdings As of December 31, 2023

	Company				
Sector	(exchange ticker)	Price TWD	Holding	Value US\$	% of Fund
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					68.81
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	2330-TW	593.00	3,235,000	62,506,476	19.61
Quanta Computer, Inc.	2382-TW	224.50	2,138,000	15,639,400	4.91
eMemory Technology, Inc.	3529-TW	2,450.00	174,000	13,890,292	4.36
Asia Vital Components Co. Ltd.	3017-TW	336.50	1,264,705	13,866,611	4.35
Global Unichip Corp.	3443 TW	1,740.00	241,000	13,663,511	4.29
Alchip Technologies Ltd.	3661-TW	3,275.00	113,000	12,058,292	3.78
Faraday Technology Corp.	3035-TW	357.00	976,000	11,353,090	3.56
Gigabyte Technology Co. Ltd.	2376-TW	266.00	1,307,000	11,328,001	3.55
Delta Electronics, Inc.	2308-TW	313.50	1,002,000	10,235,317	3.21
Wistron Corp.	3231-TW	98.60	2,658,000	8,539,411	2.68
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	5274-TW	3,120.00	77,000	7,827,829	2.46
Nuvoton Technology Corp.	4919-TW	142.00	1,392,000	6,440,560	2.02
Elite Material Co. Ltd.	2383-TW	382.00	424,000	5,277,464	1.66
Jentech Precision Industrial Co. Ltd.	3653-TW	769.00	200,000	5,011,323	1.57
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	8069-TW	197.00	731,000	4,692,234	1.47
SDI Corp.	2351-TW	113.50	955,000	3,531,793	1.11
Wistron NeWeb Corp.	6285-TW	156.00	689,000	3,502,191	1.10
WinWay Technology Co. Ltd.	6515-TW	839.00	124,000	3,389,844	1.06
Wiwynn Corp.	6669-TW	1,825.00	38,000	2,259,657	0.71
Globalwafers Co. Ltd.	6488-TW 4966-TW	587.00	103,000	1,970,023	0.62
Parade Technologies Ltd. Gold Circuit Electronics Ltd.	2368-TW	1,200.00 218.00	36,000 100,100	1,407,602 711,028	0.44
M31 Technology Corp.	6643-TW	1,060.00	7,000	241,768	0.08
INDUSTRIALS	0043-177	1,000.00	7,000	241,708	8.81
Fortune Electric Co. Ltd.	1519-TW	327.00	1,273,000	13,563,513	4.26
Sunonwealth Electric Machine Industry Co. Ltd.	2421-TW	107.50	2,391,000	8,374,986	2.63
Advanced Energy Solution Holding Co. Ltd.	6781-TW	753.00	225,000	5,520,438	1.73
Nak Sealing Technologies Corp.	9942-TW	134.50	143,000	626,692	0.20
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	3312111	131.30	113,000	020,032	6.30
Nien Made Enterprise Co. Ltd.	8464-TW	353.00	594,000	6,832,147	2.14
Merida Industry Co. Ltd.	9914-TW	182.50	652,000	3,877,095	1.22
Makalot Industrial Co. Ltd.	1477-TW	354.50	196,000	2,263,958	0.71
Fulgent Sun International Holding Co. Ltd.	9802-TW	133.50	505,000	2,196,689	0.69
Feng TAY Enterprise Co. Ltd.	9910-TW	175.00	324,800	1,852,039	0.58
Gourmet Master Co. Ltd.	2723-TW	101.50	526,000	1,739,594	0.55
Giant Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	9921-TW	184.00	120,000	719,441	0.23
Bafang Yunji International Co. Ltd.	2753-TW	170.50	110,000	611,101	0.19
MATERIALS			,	,	3.15
Century Iron & Steel Industrial Co. Ltd.	9958-TW	174.50	1,446,000	8,221,665	2.58
Swancor Holding Co. Ltd.	3708-TW	98.30	570,000	1,825,679	0.57
CONSUMER STAPLES			•	-	2.39
President Chain Store Corp.	2912-TW	269.50	869,000	7,630,879	2.39
COMMUNICATION SERVICES				,	1.58
Chunghwa Telecom Co. Ltd.	2412-TW	120.00	1,285,000	5,024,356	1.58
-					

The opinions expressed herein are those of Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. and are subject to change at any time and without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This material is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument, it is not provided in a fiduciary capacity, and may not be relied upon for or in connection with the making of investment decisions. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of any investment fund carefully before investing. This and other information is contained in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports, proxy statement, and other fund information, which may be obtained by contacting your financial professional or visiting the Fund's website at www.thetaiwanfund.com. This information is unaudited and is intended for informational purposes only. It is presented only to provide information on the Fund's holdings, performance, and strategies. The Fund is a closed-end exchange traded management investment company. This material is presented only to provide information and is not intended for trading purposes. Closed-end funds, unlike open-end funds, are not continuously offered. After the initial public offering by a closed-end fund, its shares can be purchased and sold on the open market through a stock exchange, where shares may trade at a premium or a discount the per share net asset value of the Fund's shares.

#### **Index Descriptions**

The Taiwan TAIEX Total Return Index is a stock market index for companies traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE). The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The MSCI Taiwan Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the Taiwan market. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The Taiwan TAIEX Price Index is a stock market index for companies traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE). The index is calculated on a price return basis. The indexes are unmanaged, their returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and they are not available for direct investment.

#### Important Information:

- Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. (NAM-USA) became the Investment Manager of the Fund on September 17, 2022. Portfolio holdings are subject to change daily. It should not be assumed that any of the securities transactions or holdings discussed here were or will prove to be profitable, or that the investment recommendations or decisions NAM-USA makes in the future will be profitable or will equal the investment performance of the securities discussed herein. Investing in the Fund involves certain considerations in addition to the risks normally associated with making investments in securities. The value of the shares issued by the Fund, and the income from them, may go down as well as up and there can be no assurance that upon sale, or otherwise, investors will receive back the amount originally invested. There can be no assurance that you will receive comparable performance returns. Movements in foreign exchange rates may have a separate effect, unfavorable as well as favorable, on the gain or loss otherwise experienced on an investment. Past performance is not a guide to future returns. Accordingly, the Fund is only suitable for investment by investors who are able and willing to withstand the total loss of their investment. In particular, prospective investors should consider the following risks:
- Discretionary investment is not risk free. The past operating performance does not guarantee a minimum return for the discretionary investment fund.
   Apart from exercising the duty of care of a prudent adviser, NAM-USA will not be responsible for the profit or loss of the Fund, nor guarantee a minimum return.
- It should be noted that investment in the Fund is only suitable for sophisticated investors who are aware of the risk of investing in Taiwan and should be regarded as long term. Funds that invest in one country carry a higher degree of risk than those with portfolios diversified across a number of markets.
- Investment in the securities of smaller and unquoted companies can involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investment in larger, more established, companies. In particular, smaller companies often have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources and their management may be dependent on a smaller number of key individuals. In addition, the market for stock in smaller companies is often less liquid than that for stock in larger companies, bringing with it potential difficulties in acquiring, valuing, and disposing of such stock. Proper information for determining their value, or the risks to which they are exposed, may not be available.
- Investments within emerging markets, such as Taiwan, can be of higher risk. Many emerging markets, and the companies quoted on their stock exchanges, are exposed to the risks of political, social, and religious instability, expropriation of assets or nationalization, rapid rates of inflation, high interest rates, currency depreciation, and fluctuations and changes in taxation which may affect the Fund's income and the value of its investments.
- The marketability of quoted shares may be limited due to foreign investment restrictions, wide dealing spreads, exchange controls, foreign ownership restrictions, the restricted opening of stock exchanges, and a narrow range of investors. Trading volume may be lower than on more developed stock markets, and equities are less liquid. Volatility of prices can also be greater than in more developed stock markets. The infrastructure for clearing, settlement, and registration on the primary and secondary markets may be undeveloped. Under certain circumstances, there may be delays in settling transactions in some of the markets.

Forward P/E Ratio: Per share stock price divided by projected future 12-months earnings per share. P/B Ratio: A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R-Squared: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

NOT FDIC INSURED | MAY LOSE VALUE | NOT BANK GUARANTEED

©2024 The Taiwan Fund, Inc., c/o State Street Bank and Trust Company, One Congress Street, Suite 1, Boston, MA, 02111-2016