

# Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

## November 2018 Performance Data and Portfolio Composition



### Investment Objective and Policies

The investment objective of the Fund is to outperform over the long term, on a total return basis (including appreciation and dividends), the Tokyo Stock Price Index ("TOPIX"), a composite market-capitalization weighted index of all common stocks listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange ("TSE").

### Performance

The latest available performance figures have been calculated net-of-fees in U.S. dollars for the period to November 30, 2018

### Total Returns\* (%)

	Cumulative as of November 30, 2018			Annualized as of November 30, 2018				
	1 Mo	3 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception 07/24/92
NAV	2.5	-7.0	-12.4	-12.4	4.9	6.5	7.3	1.9
Market Price	2.7	-8.7	-15.9	-15.9	4.1	5.0	7.2	1.3
Tokyo Stock Price Index	0.7	-5.4	-7.2	-6.3	6.9	5.8	7.5	3.1

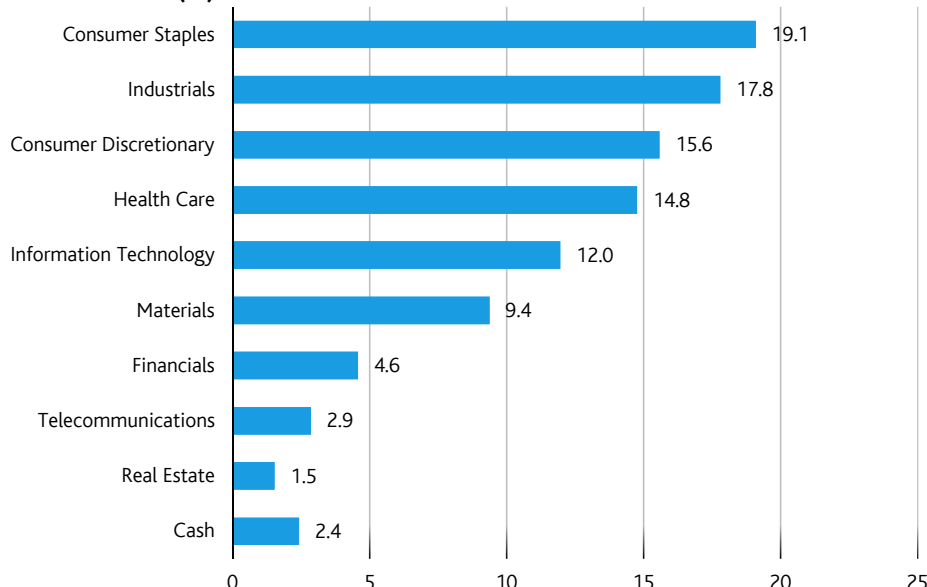
\*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. NAV return data includes investment management fees, custodial charges and administrative fees (such as Director and legal fees) bank loan expenses and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

### Top Ten Equity Holdings\*

Holdings	%
Shin-Etsu Chemical	5.2
Keyence Corp.	4.7
Shionogi and Company Ltd.	3.9
Chugai Pharmaceutical	3.7
Seven & I Holdings	3.4
Daikin Industries	3.3
Pigeon Corp.	3.2
Asahi Intecc Co Ltd.	3.1
Makita Corp.	3.0
Shiseido Co. Ltd.	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.4</b>

\*Holdings are subject to change and are provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities shown. The top ten holdings are reported by share class. Certain companies listed may be held in additional share classes not listed above.

### Sector Allocation\* (%)



\*Compositions are subject to change. Figures may not appear to sum due to rounding.

### As of November 30, 2018

NAV (unaudited) and market price

Net Asset Value per Share	<b>\$8.88</b>
Market Price	<b>\$7.60</b>
<b>Discount to Net Asset Value</b>	<b>14.41%</b>

### 12 Months Range of Prices

<b>NAV</b>	
High on 01/26/18	<b>\$11.02</b>
Low on 10/29/18	<b>\$8.38</b>

### Market Price (based on closing price)

High on 01/24/18	<b>\$9.80</b>
Low on 10/29/18	<b>\$7.17</b>

Market price data source: Fund's accounting agent

### Portfolio Management

#### Managed By:

- Asian Equity Team based in Singapore

#### Investment Management Philosophy:

- Bottom-up stock selection
- Proprietary research driven
- Based on fundamental analysis

#### Comparative Data\*

	JEQ	Tokyo Stock Price Index
Price/Earnings Ratio	<b>19.26</b>	<b>12.97</b>

\*P/E ratio (price-to-earnings ratio) of a stock is a measure of the price paid for a share relative to the annual earnings per share.

### Key Facts (unaudited)

Ticker Symbol	<b>JEQ (NYSE)</b>
Net Assets	<b>\$118.9 Million</b>
Shares Outstanding	<b>13,389,072</b>
Fiscal Year Ended	<b>October 31</b>
Expense Ratio as of 10/31/17	<b>0.86%</b>

### Distributions

For distribution information on the Fund please visit [aberdeenJEQ.com](http://aberdeenJEQ.com).

The amount of distributions may vary due to market conditions and other factors.

### Active Share Class\*

Active Share	Active Share Change
<b>86.49</b>	<b>-0.06</b>

\*Active Share is a holdings-based measure of active management representing the percentage of a portfolio that differs from a benchmark index. A vehicle with an Active Share of 0 would hold exactly the same portfolio as the benchmark index, while a vehicle with an Active Share of 100 would have no holdings in common with the benchmark.

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### Important Information

Under U.S. tax rules applicable to the Fund, the amount and character of distributable income for each fiscal year can be finally determined only as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year. The Fund anticipates that sources of distributions to shareholders may include net investment income, net realized short-term capital gains, net realized long-term capital gains and return of capital. The estimated composition of the distributions may vary from time to time because the estimated composition may be impacted by future income, expenses and realized gains and losses on securities. For more detailed information related to the composition of the Fund's distributions, see [aberdeenJEQ.com](http://aberdeenJEQ.com).

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