

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Monthly Insight

September 2018

Investment objective

The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation primarily through investments in equity securities listed in Taiwan.

Fund facts

(as at 09/30/18)

Net asset value per share	\$22.08
Market price	\$19.17
Premium/discount	-13.18%
Total net assets	\$178.93 m
Market cap	\$155.33 m

Fund statistics

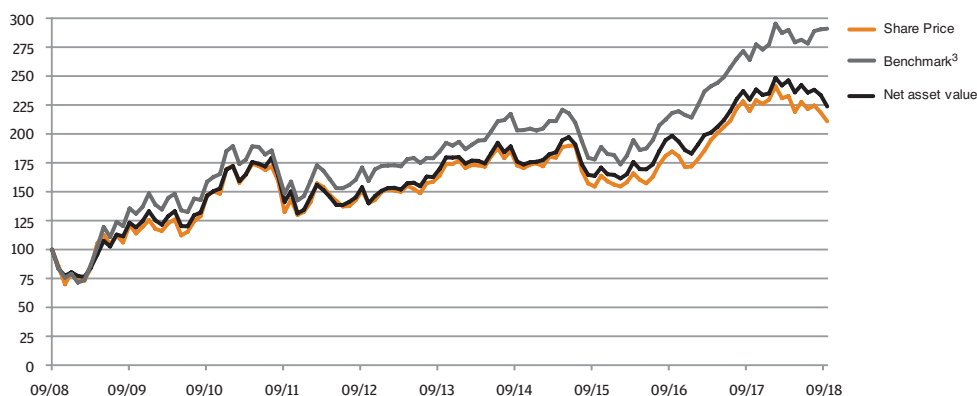
Investment adviser (date of appointment)	JF International Management, Inc. (07/22/14)
Fund manager	Shumin Huang
Listed	NYSE
Launch date	12/23/86
Shares outstanding	8,102,557
Last dividend (Ex-dividend date)	\$0.66 (December 28, 2017)
Benchmark	TAIEX Total Return Index

Fund codes

Bloomberg	TWN
Sedol	286987895
CUSIP	874036106
ISIN	US8740361063

10 year performance data

(as at 09/30/18)



Cumulative Performance¹

(as at 09/30/18)

%	1m	3m	YTD ²	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
The Taiwan Fund, Inc.	-4.2	-5.1	-4.8	-2.6	36.7	31.9	123.9
Market Price	-3.4	-4.8	-8.1	-4.0	36.5	28.7	111.1
TSE Index	0.1	1.4	0.8	5.8	45.1	30.4	102.8
TAIEX Total Return Index	0.2	4.6	4.9	10.2	63.5	57.5	191.0
MSCI Taiwan Index	0.3	6.5	5.5	9.7	61.4	60.6	157.7

Rolling 12 month performance¹

(as at 09/30/18)

%	2018/2017	2017/2016	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013
The Taiwan Fund, Inc.	-2.6	15.8	21.2	-7.1	3.8
Market Price	-4.0	18.9	19.6	-10.6	5.4
TSE Index	5.8	16.5	17.7	-15.7	6.6
TAIEX Total Return Index	10.2	21.1	22.6	-12.4	9.9
MSCI Taiwan Index	9.7	19.9	22.7	-11.3	12.2

Top 10 holdings

(as at 09/30/18)

Holding	Fund %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	19.8%
Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.	4.6%
Pegatron Corp.	4.5%
Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	4.4%
Formosa Plastics Corp.	4.0%
Vanguard International Semiconductor Corp.	3.7%
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3.5%
Parade Technologies Ltd.	3.3%
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3.3%
Chroma ATE, Inc.	3.0%

¹In US Dollar terms

²Calendar year to date

Sector breakdown

(as at 09/30/18)

Sector Allocation	Fund %	Benchmark	Deviation
Automobile	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Biotechnology & Medical Care	3.8	0.8	3.0
Building Material & Construction	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Cement	1.2	1.2	0.0
Chemical	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Communications & Internet	3.2	5.4	-2.2
Computer & Peripheral Equipment	5.3	4.7	0.6
Electric & Machinery	4.1	1.9	2.2
Electrical & Cable	0.0	0.4	-0.4
Electronic Parts & Components	0.5	4.6	-4.1
Electronic Products Distribution	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Financial & Insurance	10.8	13.8	-3.0
Foods	1.1	2.2	-1.1
Glass & Ceramic	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Information Service	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Iron & Steel	0.0	2.1	-2.1
Oil, Gas & Electricity	0.0	4.5	-4.5
Optoelectronic	4.4	3.6	0.8
Other	3.4	3.0	0.4
Other Electronic	9.7	6.2	3.5
Paper & Pulp	0.0	0.3	-0.3
Plastics	6.8	7.3	-0.5
Rubber	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Semiconductor	39.5	27.2	12.3
Shipping & Transportation	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Textiles	1.0	1.8	-0.8
Tourism	1.2	0.4	0.8
Trading & Consumers' Goods	0.0	1.8	-1.8
Cash	4.0	0.0	4.0
OVERALL TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	0.0

Market review

The TAIEX Total Return Index (TAIEX) rose 0.2% in September. The TAIEX continued to prefer energy, tourism, steel, consumer, plastic and financial industries, which were regarded as safe havens from the impact that continuing China and United States trade tensions were having on technology stocks. With the exception of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (TSMC), semiconductor companies sold-off on concerns over the growth outlook for 2019. Companies in the Apple Inc. supply chain suffered heavy sell-offs with disappointing post launch sales forecasts of the iPhone XS/XS Max, due to higher than expected price tags.

Fund update

The Fund underperformed the TAIEX by 4.4% in September. For the reasons referred to above, the Fund's overweight position in the technology industries, including suppliers of the Apple Inc. supply chain, detracted from performance. Companies underperforming in the semiconductor sector included Global Unichip Corp., Vanguard International Semiconductor Corp., and Globalwafers Co., Ltd. iPhone component manufacturers such as Largan Precision Co., Ltd., Win Semiconductors Corp., Merry Electronics Co., Ltd. and Chipbond Technology Corp. were also key detractors during the month. Positive contributors to the Fund's performance included its overweight positions in Hota Industrial Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (electric and machinery) and CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.

There is no change to the Fund's core investment approach and the portfolio is concentrated on high conviction quality companies with strong growth profiles. The Fund's portfolio reflects its confidence in the long term growth potential of artificial intelligence, 3D sensing, industrial internet-of-things and high performance computing. The Fund seeks to gradually rebalance its portfolio by narrowing its underweight position in holdings of stocks in companies operating in the financial, petrochemical, oil and electric vehicle industries.

Outlook

Despite concerns around trade tensions between China and the United States, the Fund remains positive about the outlook for the Taiwan equity market, particularly given the attractive cash yields currently available. Other possible negative factors, such as reduced consumer demand from China and emerging market currency devaluation, are outweighed by the Fund's continuing confidence in long term structural trends in technology as referred to above.

Full portfolio holdings

(as at 09/30/18)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
Semiconductor	70,692,082	39.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	35,360,512	19.8
Vanguard International Semiconductor Corp.	6,670,160	3.7
Parade Technologies Ltd.	5,954,705	3.3
Global Unichip Corp.	4,934,858	2.7
Chipbond Technology Corp.	3,934,235	2.2
Win Semiconductors Corp.	3,735,499	2.1
MediaTek, Inc.	3,689,467	2.1
Nanya Technology Corp.	2,726,797	1.5
Silergy Corp.	2,503,848	1.4
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	1,182,001	0.7
Financial & Insurance	19,331,808	10.8
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	6,294,108	3.5
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	5,938,132	3.3
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3,893,869	2.2
E.Sun Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3,205,699	1.8
Other Electronic	17,322,338	9.7
Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.	8,165,329	4.6
Chroma ATE, Inc.	5,287,492	3.0
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	2,454,474	1.3
Kingpak Technology, Inc.	1,415,043	0.8
Plastics	12,101,431	6.8
Formosa Plastics Corp.	7,238,496	4.0
Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp.	4,862,935	2.8
Computer & Peripheral Equipment	9,489,150	5.3
Pegatron Corp.	8,008,457	4.5
Micro-Star International Co., Ltd.	1,480,693	0.8
Optoelectronic	7,857,400	4.4
Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	7,857,400	4.4
Electric & Machinery	7,428,549	4.1
Hota Industrial Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3,298,595	1.8
Hiwin Technologies Corp.	1,707,503	0.9
Yeong Guan Energy Technology Group Co., Ltd.	1,367,517	0.8
Global PMX Co., Ltd.	1,054,934	0.6
Biotechnology & Medical Care	6,737,514	3.8
St. Shine Optical Co., Ltd.	4,636,983	2.6
Grape King Bio Ltd.	2,100,531	1.2
Other	6,041,572	3.4
Nien Made Enterprise Co., Ltd.	4,023,385	2.3
Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	2,018,187	1.1
Communications & Internet	5,639,345	3.2
Merry Electronics Co., Ltd.	4,218,551	2.4
Wistron NeWeb Corp.	1,420,794	0.8

Full portfolio holdings (cont'd)

(as at 09/30/18)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
Cement	2,203,675	1.2
Taiwan Cement Corp.	2,203,675	1.2
Tourism	2,093,735	1.2
Gourmet Master Co., Ltd.	2,093,735	1.2
Foods	1,962,925	1.1
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	1,962,925	1.1
Textiles	1,870,615	1.0
Makalot Industrial Co., Ltd.	1,870,615	1.0
Electronic Parts & Components	939,606	0.5
Delta Electronics, Inc.	939,606	0.5
Cash	7,215,462	4.0
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Grand total	178,927,207	100.0

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