

# The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

## Monthly Insight

April 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 04/30/18)

Net asset value per share	\$23.28
Market price	\$19.91
Premium/discount	-14.48%
Total net assets	\$189.52 m
Market cap	\$162.14 m

### Fund statistics

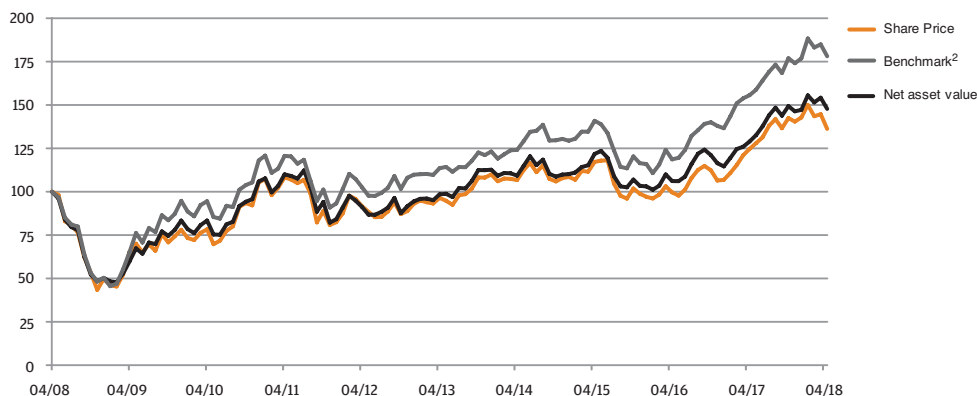
Investment adviser (date of appointment)	JF International Management, Inc. (07/22/14)
Fund manager	Shumin Huang
Listed	NYSE
Launch date	12/23/86
Shares outstanding	8,143,558
Last dividend (Ex-dividend date)	\$0.66 (December 28, 2017)
Benchmark	TAIEX Total Return Index

### Fund codes

Bloomberg	TWN
Sedol	286987895
CUSIP	874036106
ISIN	US8740361063

### 10 year performance data

(as at 04/30/18)



### Cumulative Performance<sup>1</sup>

(as at 04/30/18)

%	1m	3m	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>The Taiwan Fund, Inc.</b>	-4.2	-5.0	0.4	14.5	21.3	50.0	47.8
<b>Market Price</b>	-5.9	-9.2	-4.6	9.2	16.2	41.2	36.3
TSE Index	-3.7	-5.4	0.7	10.1	12.3	31.4	23.0
TAIEX Total Return Index <sup>3</sup>	-3.7	-5.4	0.7	14.4	26.4	56.8	78.1
MSCI Taiwan Index	-4.6	-6.3	0.9	12.8	23.9	54.6	57.9

### Rolling 12 month performance<sup>1</sup>

(as at 04/30/18)

%	2018/2017	2017/2016	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013
<b>The Taiwan Fund, Inc.</b>	14.5	21.5	-12.8	11.5	10.9
<b>Market Price</b>	9.2	25.2	-15.0	9.8	10.7
TSE Index	10.1	26.0	-19.0	10.1	6.2
TAIEX Total Return Index <sup>3</sup>	14.4	31.2	-15.8	13.5	9.3
MSCI Taiwan Index	12.8	32.6	-17.1	16.1	7.5

### Top 10 holdings

(as at 04/30/18)

Holding	Fund %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	19.2%
MediaTek, Inc.	4.8%
Hiwin Technologies Corp.	4.2%
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	4.0%
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	4.0%
Yageo Corp.	3.9%
Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.	3.8%
Formosa Plastics Corp.	3.5%
Chroma ATE, Inc.	3.3%
Acer, Inc.	2.9%

<sup>1</sup>In US Dollar terms

<sup>2</sup>Calendar year to date

<sup>3</sup>TAIEX Total Return Index (prior to January 1, 2003, TAIEX Index)

### Sector breakdown

(as at 04/30/18)

Sector Allocation	Fund %	Benchmark	Deviation
Automobile	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Biotechnology & Medical Care	2.1	0.8	1.3
Building Material & Construction	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Cement	2.5	1.0	1.5
Chemical	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Communications & Internet	2.1	5.8	-3.7
Computer & Peripheral Equipment	9.4	5.1	4.3
Electric & Machinery	8.5	2.2	6.3
Electrical & Cable	0.0	0.4	-0.4
Electronic Parts & Components	3.9	4.7	-0.8
Electronic Products Distribution	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Financial & Insurance	12.0	13.5	-1.5
Foods	2.3	2.1	0.1
Glass & Ceramic	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Information Service	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Iron & Steel	0.0	2.0	-2.0
Oil, Gas & Electricity	0.0	3.8	-3.8
Optoelectronic	1.7	3.8	-2.2
Other	2.9	3.3	-0.5
Other Electronic	9.1	6.6	2.5
Paper & Pulp	0.0	0.4	-0.4
Plastics	5.8	6.9	-1.1
Rubber	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Semiconductor	35.4	26.4	9.0
Shipping & Transportation	0.0	1.5	-1.5
Textiles	0.0	1.6	-1.6
Tourism	0.0	0.5	-0.5
Trading & Consumers' Goods	0.7	1.7	-0.9
Cash	1.7	0.0	1.7
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Market review

The TAIEX Total Return Index (TAIEX) declined 3.7% in April, affected by the escalating trade tensions between China and the United States (U.S.), lower than expected demand for the iPhone X and disappointing earnings results. The technology sector led the market correction as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (TSMC) delivered unexpected weak guidance. In addition, the telecommunications supply chain suffered from the U.S. Commerce Department's ban on U.S. technology companies selling their products to Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment (ZTE), one of the two main smartphone manufacturers in China, due to ZTE violating U.S. sanctions. The U.S. Department of Justice also opened an investigation into Huawei, the other major smartphone manufacturer in China.

### Fund update

The Fund underperformed the TAIEX by 0.5% in April. Chroma ATE, Inc. and Visual Photonics Epitaxy Co., Ltd. suffered from the ZTE ban referenced above. Win Semiconductors Corp. underperformed due to weak iPhone X demand, but the Fund remains positive about growth in its 3D sensing and power amplifier content growth when migrating to 5G. In contrast, other technology and industrials names such as Yageo Corp. and Hiwin Technologies Corp. positively contributed to performance due to increase in the prices of each company's products. The Fund's underweight position in TSMC also added to performance against the TAIEX.

There is no change to the Fund's core investment approach with a preference for quality companies with strong growth profiles supported by earnings momentum. The resumption of inventory restocking and the product cycle is expected to gradually improve sentiment in some technology stocks. The Fund's overweight position in technology and growth stocks reflects its confidence in the structural trends in numerous subsectors. It also remains overweight in non-technology industrial, financial and consumer businesses and underweight in telecommunications and basic materials.

### Outlook

The Fund remains positive about the outlook for the Taiwan equity market with the expectation that trade tension between the U.S. and China will ease and demand for artificial intelligence, electrical vehicles, cloud and industrial internet of things will continue to increase.

### Full portfolio holdings

(as at 04/30/18)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
<b>Semiconductor</b>	<b>67,103,158</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	36,359,590	19.2
MediaTek, Inc.	9,147,415	4.8
Nanya Technology Corp.	4,425,802	2.3
Parade Technologies Ltd.	4,000,085	2.1
Globalwafers Co., Ltd.	3,150,728	1.7
Global Unichip Corp.	2,859,412	1.5
Win Semiconductors Corp.	2,617,832	1.4
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	1,699,741	0.9
Silergy Corp.	1,471,617	0.8
Chipbond Technology Corp.	1,370,936	0.7
<b>Financial &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>22,710,716</b>	<b>12.0</b>
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	7,660,673	4.0
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	7,581,299	4.0
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	4,076,690	2.2
E.Sun Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3,392,054	1.8
<b>Computer &amp; Peripheral Equipment</b>	<b>17,749,662</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Acer, Inc.	5,412,076	2.9
Ennoconn Corp.	4,422,902	2.3
Micro-Star International Co., Ltd.	4,141,781	2.2
Wistron Corp.	3,772,903	2.0
<b>Other Electronic</b>	<b>17,309,209</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.	7,137,647	3.8
Chroma ATE, Inc.	6,322,140	3.3
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	2,495,189	1.3
Kingpak Technology, Inc.	1,354,233	0.7
<b>Electric &amp; Machinery</b>	<b>16,172,380</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Hiwin Technologies Corp.	7,907,187	4.2
Airtac International Group	4,935,194	2.6
Global PMX Co., Ltd.	2,352,932	1.2
Hota Industrial Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	977,067	0.5
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>10,965,153</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Formosa Plastics Corp.	6,671,979	3.5
Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp.	4,293,174	2.3
<b>Electronic Parts &amp; Components</b>	<b>7,332,466</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Yageo Corp.	7,332,466	3.9
<b>Other</b>	<b>5,403,748</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	4,723,032	2.5
Nien Made Enterprise Co., Ltd.	680,716	0.3

### Full portfolio holdings (cont'd)

(as at 04/30/18)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
<b>Cement</b>	<b>4,773,070</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Taiwan Cement Corp.	4,773,070	2.5
<b>Foods</b>	<b>4,322,148</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	4,322,148	2.3
<b>Communications &amp; Internet</b>	<b>4,000,869</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Visual Photonics Epitaxy Co., Ltd.	2,733,967	1.4
Accton Technology Corp.	1,266,902	0.7
<b>Biotechnology &amp; Medical Care</b>	<b>3,902,422</b>	<b>2.1</b>
St. Shine Optical Co., Ltd.	3,136,566	1.7
Grape King Bio Ltd.	765,856	0.4
<b>Optoelectronic</b>	<b>3,175,773</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	3,175,773	1.7
<b>Trading &amp; Consumers' Goods</b>	<b>1,397,053</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Poya International Co., Ltd.	1,397,053	0.7
<b>Cash</b>	<b>3,205,869</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Cash	3,205,869	1.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>189,523,696</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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