

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Monthly Insight

September 2017

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 09/30/17)

Net asset value per share	\$23.36
Market price	\$20.58
Premium/discount	-11.90%
Total net assets	\$191.37 m
Market cap	\$168.65 m

Fund statistics

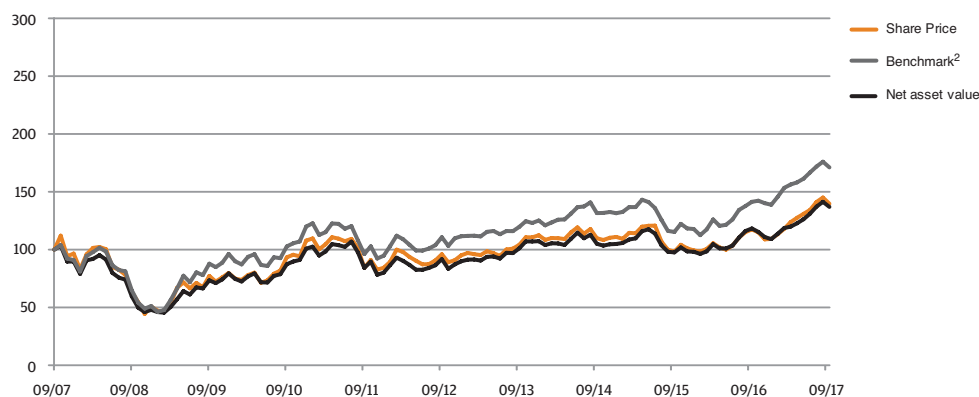
Investment adviser (date of appointment)	JF International Management, Inc. (07/22/14)
Fund manager	Shumin Huang
Listed	NYSE
Launch date	12/23/86
Shares outstanding	8,194,938
Last dividend (Ex-dividend date)	\$2.6332 (December 26, 2014)
Benchmark	TAIEX Total Return Index

Fund codes

Bloomberg	TWN
Sedol	286987895
CUSIP	874036106
ISIN	US8740361063

10 year performance data

(as at 09/30/17)



Cumulative Performance¹

(as at 09/30/17)

%	1m	3m	YTD ²	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
The Taiwan Fund, Inc.	-3.1	4.5	25.5	15.8	30.4	49.2	37.0
Market Price	-3.7	4.0	27.8	18.9	27.2	45.5	39.8
TSE Index	-2.9	-0.3	18.6	16.5	15.6	29.4	18.1
TAIEX Total Return Index ³	-2.8	2.6	23.3	21.1	30.0	54.5	71.1
MSCI Taiwan Index	-3.4	0.8	22.6	19.9	30.5	55.4	52.5

Rolling 12 month performance¹

(as at 09/30/17)

%	2017/2016	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013	2013/2012
The Taiwan Fund, Inc.	15.8	21.2	-7.1	3.8	10.2
Market Price	18.9	19.6	-10.6	5.4	8.5
TSE Index	16.5	17.7	-15.7	6.6	5.0
TAIEX Total Return Index ³	21.1	22.6	-12.4	9.9	8.1
MSCI Taiwan Index	19.9	22.7	-11.3	12.2	6.2

Top 10 holdings

(as at 09/30/17)

Holding	Fund %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	9.6%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	7.3%
Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	4.4%
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3.3%
MediaTek, Inc.	2.8%
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	2.5%
Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	2.4%
Formosa Plastics Corp.	2.4%
Nanya Technology Corp.	2.2%
Airtac International Group	2.1%

¹In US Dollar terms

²Calendar year to date

³TAIEX Total Return Index (prior to January 1, 2003, TAIEX Index)

Sector breakdown

(as at 09/30/17)

Sector Allocation	Fund %	Benchmark	Deviation
Automobile	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Biotechnology & Medical Care	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Building Material & Construction	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Cement	0.9	0.8	0.1
Chemical	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Communications & Internet	3.8	6.0	-2.2
Computer & Peripheral Equipment	5.5	5.4	0.1
Electric & Machinery	7.0	2.0	5.0
Electrical & Cable	0.0	0.3	-0.3
Electronic Parts & Components	4.7	4.3	0.4
Electronic Products Distribution	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Financial & Insurance	9.4	12.6	-3.2
Foods	1.6	2.0	-0.4
Glass & Ceramic	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Information Service	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Iron & Steel	0.6	1.9	-1.3
Oil, Gas & Electricity	1.4	3.5	-2.1
Optoelectronic	7.1	5.2	1.9
Other	4.9	3.3	1.6
Other Electronic	9.7	8.1	1.6
Paper & Pulp	0.0	0.4	-0.4
Plastics	6.1	6.4	-0.3
Rubber	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Semiconductor	24.9	26.1	-1.2
Shipping & Transportation	0.7	1.6	-0.9
Textiles	1.3	1.6	-0.3
Tourism	1.4	0.5	0.9
Trading & Consumers' Goods	1.7	1.5	0.2
Cash	7.3	0.0	7.3
OVERALL TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

Market review

The TAIEX Total Return Index (TAIEX) closed down 2.8% in September, after nine months of consecutive gains. There was some profit-taking, especially in the iPhone supply chain, and foreign investors sold around US\$2bn of stock from the market. The launch of the new iPhone 8 was seen as uninspiring with weak sales. Weakness in iPhone related names was not surprising given that approximately half of the demand for the new iPhone arises from the iPhone X model, for which pre-ordering was not available in September.

Fund update

The Fund underperformed the TAIEX by 0.3% in September. Profit-taking in the Apple Inc. supply chain negatively impacted performance, led by Catcher Technology Co., Ltd., Merry Electronics Co., Ltd., Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd., General Interface Solution Holding Ltd. and Largan Precision Co., Ltd.. Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd. struggled on concerns of a possible reduction in shipping rates arising from increasing supplies. The Fund's underweight position in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. continued to detract from the Fund's performance. In contrast, stocks that contributed positively to the Fund's performance included Nanya Technology Corp. and Macronix International, which rose on rising prices for computer memory components. Global PMX Co., Ltd. and ASPEED Technology, Inc. benefitted from strong revenue growth expectations. Taiwan Paiho Ltd. outperformed given solid margins generated by its footwear materials. Epistar Corp. also rallied on optimism of strong sales of its micro-LED displays.

The Fund made no change to its core investment approach and remained focused on quality companies with strong growth profiles. The Fund continues to prefer consumer growth names with sustainable franchises, including those in the sportswear industry and automobile parts within the electronic sector. The Fund also favored its exposure to companies involved in automation. Additionally, the Fund remained overweight in technology companies in the Apple Inc. supply chain, and in the cloud, internet-of-things, gaming and semi-conductor sectors. The Fund remained underweight in telecommunications and basic materials.

Outlook

Much of the market's direction in the near term could be driven by the strength of iPhone sales. The demand for the iPhone X will be closely observed when pre-orders commence in late October, though shipment could be constrained by the shortage of key components. If there is a reversal of the current negative sentiment around poor initial sales of the iPhone 8, then there seems to be a possibility of a rebound in the market. Continuing attractive valuations and dividend yields should provide good support for the market.

Full portfolio holdings

(as at 09/30/17)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
Semiconductor	47,745,312	24.9
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	18,462,901	9.6
MediaTek, Inc.	5,310,216	2.8
Nanya Technology Corp.	4,227,186	2.2
Silergy Corp.	3,506,629	1.8
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	3,055,236	1.6
Egis Technology, Inc.	2,435,282	1.3
Parade Technologies Ltd.	2,257,090	1.2
Macronix International	1,994,807	1.0
Powertech Technology, Inc.	1,334,461	0.7
Winbond Electronics Corp.	1,255,402	0.7
Realtek Semiconductor Corp.	1,206,140	0.6
Chunghwa Precision Test Tech Co., Ltd.	827,562	0.4
Tong Hsing Electronic Industries Ltd.	700,765	0.4
Win Semiconductors Corp.	665,348	0.3
Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.	506,287	0.3
Other Electronic	18,561,443	9.7
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	13,885,939	7.3
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	2,382,700	1.2
Bizlink Holding, Inc.	2,292,804	1.2
Financial & Insurance	18,072,251	9.4
Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	6,271,531	3.3
CTBC Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	4,713,659	2.5
Yuanta Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3,448,843	1.8
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.	3,105,603	1.6
China Life Insurance Co., Ltd.	532,615	0.2
Optoelectronic	13,542,300	7.1
Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	8,436,882	4.4
General Interface Solution Holding Ltd.	2,217,204	1.2
Epistar Corp.	1,522,411	0.8
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	780,652	0.4
Innolux Corp.	585,151	0.3
Electric & Machinery	13,483,797	7.0
Airtac International Group	4,010,934	2.1
Hota Industrial Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3,208,917	1.7
Hiwin Technologies Corp.	3,095,251	1.6
Global PMX Co., Ltd.	2,546,580	1.3
Macauto Industrial Co., Ltd.	622,115	0.3
Plastics	11,602,952	6.1
Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	4,687,841	2.4
Formosa Plastics Corp.	4,649,941	2.4
Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp.	2,265,170	1.3
Computer & Peripheral Equipment	10,542,610	5.5
Ennoconn Corp.	3,837,164	2.0
Quanta Computer, Inc.	2,589,533	1.3
Advantech Co., Ltd.	1,261,453	0.7
Mitac Holdings Corp.	1,025,277	0.5
Acer, Inc.	925,767	0.5
Inventec Corp.	903,416	0.5

Full portfolio holdings (cont'd)

Holding	Market Value USD	Fund %
Other	9,376,348	4.9
Taiwan Paiho Ltd.	3,408,834	1.8
Nien Made Enterprise Co., Ltd.	2,881,909	1.5
Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	2,649,284	1.4
KMC Kuei Meng International, Inc.	436,321	0.2
Electronic Parts & Components	8,951,159	4.7
Delta Electronics, Inc.	3,000,006	1.6
Tripod Technology Corp.	2,603,878	1.4
Primax Electronics Ltd.	1,310,843	0.7
Elite Material Co., Ltd.	1,187,178	0.6
Sinbon Electronics Co., Ltd.	549,623	0.3
King Slide Works Co., Ltd.	299,631	0.1
Communications & Internet	7,260,855	3.8
Land Mark Optoelectronics Corp.	2,373,994	1.2
Merry Electronics Co., Ltd.	1,914,787	1.0
Advanced Ceramic X Corp.	1,878,710	1.0
Wistron NeWeb Corp.	1,093,364	0.6
Trading & Consumers' Goods	3,333,791	1.7
President Chain Store Corp.	1,786,242	0.9
Poya International Co., Ltd.	1,547,549	0.8
Foods	3,084,527	1.6
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	3,084,527	1.6
Tourism	2,682,183	1.4
Gourmet Master Co., Ltd.	2,682,183	1.4
Oil, Gas & Electricity	2,663,847	1.4
Formosa Petrochemical Corp.	2,663,847	1.4
Textiles	2,480,278	1.3
Eclat Textile Co., Ltd.	2,480,278	1.3
Cement	1,659,682	0.9
Taiwan Cement Corp.	1,659,682	0.9
Shipping & Transportation	1,264,427	0.7
Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.	1,264,427	0.7
Iron & Steel	1,133,025	0.6
China Steel Corp.	1,133,025	0.6
Cash	13,925,595	7.3
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Grand Total	191,366,382	100.0

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