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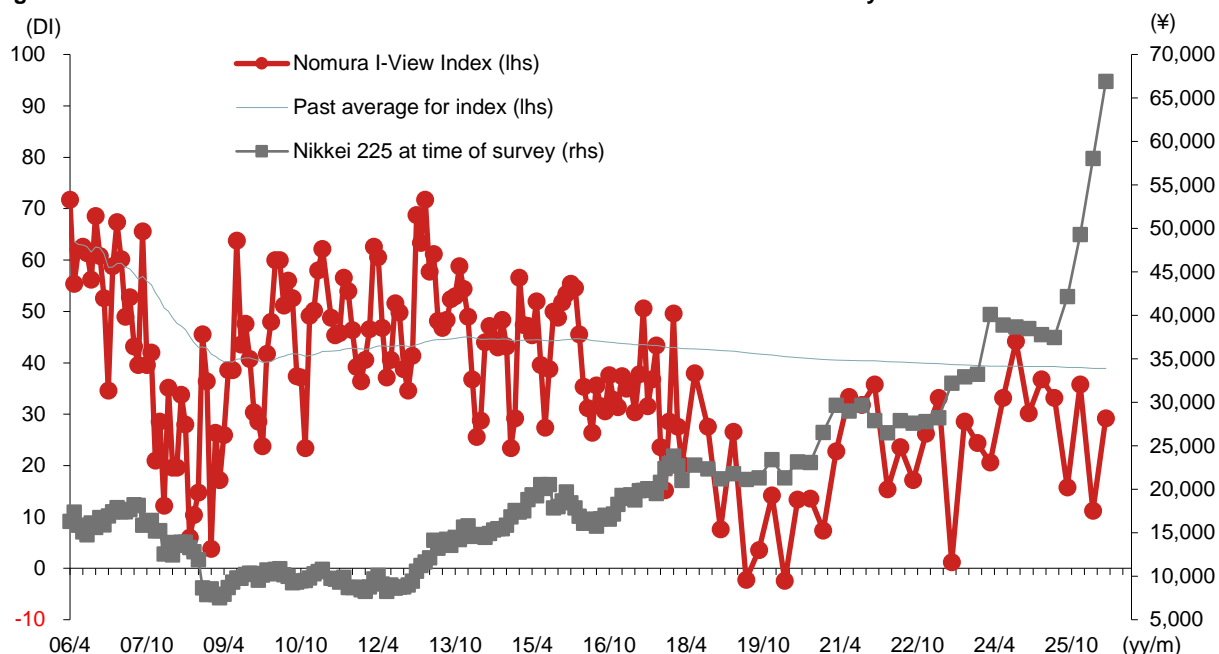
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The Nomura Individual Investor Survey is a periodic survey conducted with the aim of better understanding investing activity by individuals and providing information on related trends.

(1) Nomura I-View Index up from previous survey at 29.2

The Nomura Individual Investor Market View Index (Nomura I-View Index), based on respondents' three-month outlook for share prices and calculated by subtracting the percentage of responses for "fall" from that for "rise," was 29.2 in June 2026, up 18.0pt versus the previous survey. The Nikkei 225 reference level (1 June 2026 close) was 66,934.33, up 8,877.09 from the previous survey (2 March 2026 close of 58,057.24).

Fig. 1: The Nomura I-View Index and reference level of Nikkei 225 at time of survey

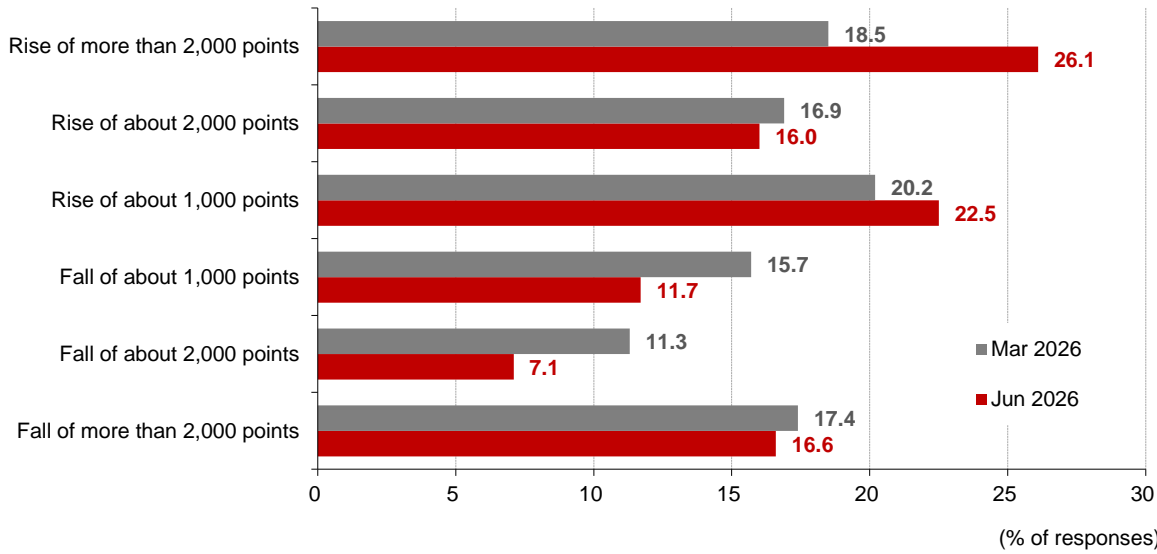


Note: (1) The Nomura I-View Index is based on data collected by this survey and expressed as a diffusion index (DI). The calculation method is as follows: $\frac{(\text{number of responses indicating expected rise in share prices in the next three months}) - (\text{number of responses indicating expected fall in share prices in the next three months})}{\text{number of respondents}} \times 100$. The figure for January 2010 used here excludes those respondents who projected that the Nikkei 225 would be flat. (2) The Nomura I-View Index ranges from -100 to +100. The closer to +100, the more bullish the outlook held by individual investors. The closer to -100, the more bearish the outlook held by individual investors. (3) The past average for the index is the average from the start of the survey in April 2006 to the latest survey.

The combined percentage of respondents expecting the Nikkei 225 to rise over the next three months was 64.6%, up 9.0ppt from 55.6% in the previous survey. The proportion of respondents expecting a "rise of about 1,000 points" was up 2.3ppt at 22.5%. The proportion expecting a "rise of about 2,000 points" was down 0.9ppt at 16.0%, while the proportion expecting a "rise of more than 2,000 points" was up 7.6ppt at 26.1%.

The proportion expecting a "fall of about 1,000 points" was down 4.0ppt at 11.7%, the proportion expecting a "fall of about 2,000 points" was down 4.2ppt at 7.1%, and the proportion expecting a "fall of more than 2,000 points" was down 0.8ppt at 16.6% (Figure 2).

Fig. 2: Outlook for Nikkei 225 during the next three months

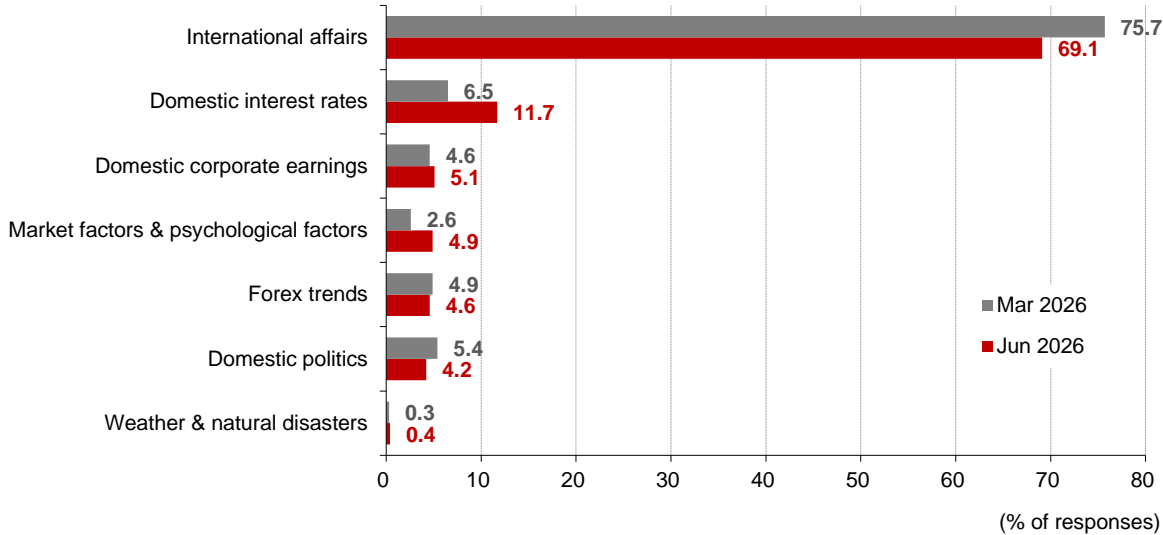


Note: Respondents were asked to share their outlook for the Nikkei 225 during the next three months based on the 1 June 2026 close of 66,934. Respondents could choose one answer from a possible six responses ranging from a rise of more than 2,000 points to a fall of more than 2,000 points, with 1,000-point increments in between.

(2) Increased interest in domestic interest rates

Respondents were asked to select the factor most likely to affect the stock market over the next three months. The response rate for "domestic interest rates" rose 5.2ppt versus the previous survey to 11.7%. Meanwhile, the response rate for international affairs fell 6.6ppt to 69.1%.

Fig. 3: Impact of factors on the stock market



Note: Respondents were asked to choose one answer from a possible seven responses concerning factors likely to impact the stock market over the next three months or so.

(3) Appeal of electrical equipment/precision equipment and telecommunications rises, appeal of consumer goods falls

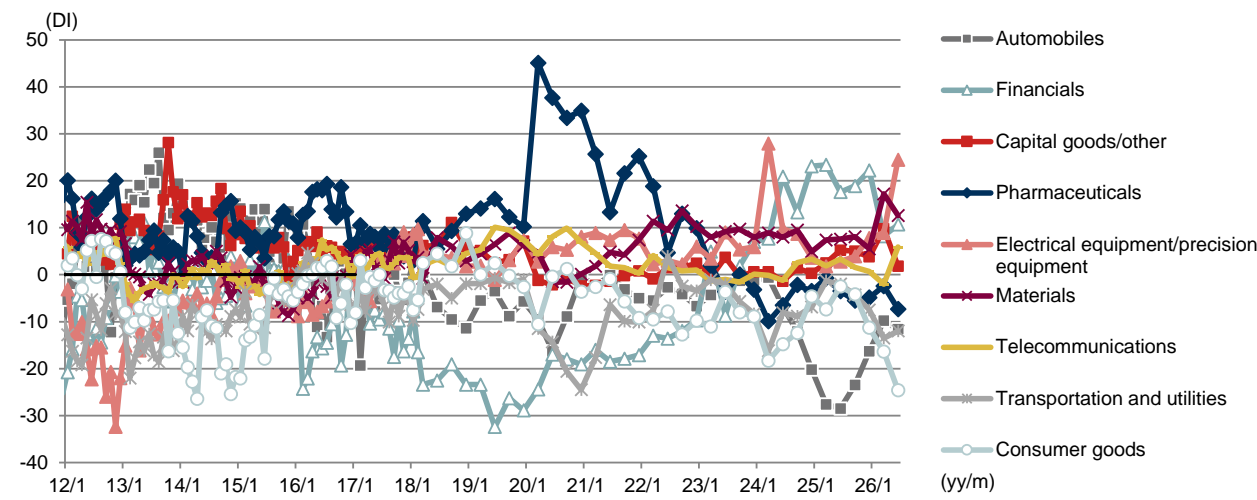
On the outlook for sectors over the next three months or so, we calculate a diffusion index (DI) by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." The DI for the electrical equipment/precision equipment sector rose 15.6pt versus the previous survey to 24.5. The DI for the telecommunications sector also rose 7.9pt. Conversely, the DI for consumer goods fell 8.2pt to -24.6 and the DI for capital goods/other also fell 8.0pt (Figures 4 & 5).

Fig. 4: Investment appeal by sector

Sector	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref)
		Appealing	Unappealing	Previous DI
Electrical equipment/precision equipment	24.5	27.5	3.0	8.9
Materials	12.6	23.2	10.6	17.2
Financials	10.7	16.7	6.0	8.2
Telecommunications	5.9	8.9	3.0	-2.0
Capital goods/other	1.8	8.3	6.5	9.8
Pharmaceuticals	-7.3	4.0	11.3	-2.4
Automobiles	-11.6	2.5	14.1	-9.8
Transportation and utilities	-12.0	4.6	16.6	-13.5
Consumer goods	-24.6	4.3	28.9	-16.4

Note: Respondents were given nine sectors and asked to choose one they viewed as an appealing investment target and one they viewed as unappealing. For each sector, we calculated a DI by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." The materials sector comprises mining, textiles, paper & pulp, chemicals, oil, ceramics, steel, nonferrous metals, and trading houses. The financials sector comprises banks, miscellaneous finance, securities, and insurance. The capital goods/other sector comprises construction, machinery, shipbuilding, transportation equipment, miscellaneous manufacturing, and real estate. The transportation and utilities sector comprises railroads & buses, trucking, shipping, airlines, warehousing, electric power, and gas. The consumer goods sector comprises marine products, food, retail, and services.

Fig. 5: DIs for selected sectors



(4) Most watched stocks

Respondents were asked to name one stock that they would like to have in their portfolio, irrespective of short- or long-term investment horizon (including stocks actually held) or that they find appealing. We show the most popular responses in Figure 6.

Fig. 6: Name a stock with appeal (1,000 valid responses)

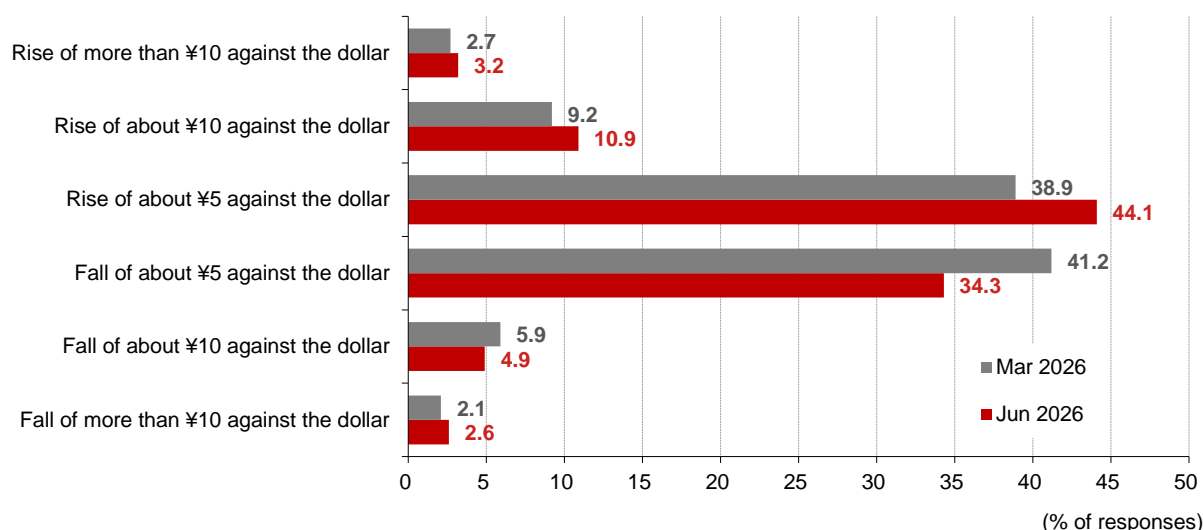
Code	Company	No. of respondents	Code	Company	No. of respondents
7203	Toyota Motor	73	7974	Nintendo	9
9984	SoftBank Group	68	6981	Murata Manufacturing	8
285A	Kioxia Holdings	64	5401	Nippon Steel	8
8306	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	35	4502	Takeda Pharmaceutical	8
9432	NTT	32	5016	JX Advanced Metals	8
9434	SoftBank Corp	22	8001	Itochu	7
2914	Japan Tobacco	19	8591	Orix	7
8267	Aeon	19	4452	Kao	7
8316	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	16	9101	Nippon Yusen	7
2897	Nissin Foods Holdings	15	1605	Inpex	7
8035	Tokyo Electron	15	6503	Mitsubishi Electric	7
8058	Mitsubishi Corp	15	2702	MCDONALD'S HOLDINGS COMPANY (JAPAN)	7
7011	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	14	7201	Nissan Motor	7
6758	Sony Group	11	9433	KDDI	6
6501	Hitachi	11	6752	Panasonic Holdings	6
8411	Mizuho Financial Group	10	4661	Oriental Land	6
5803	Fujikura	9	5020	ENEOS Holdings	6

Note: Not included in valid responses were answers of "none" or clearly mistaken responses.

(5) Rise in percentage of respondents expecting yen appreciation against US dollar

On the outlook for USD/JPY over the next three months, the combined percentage of respondents expecting the yen to appreciate against the US dollar was 58.2%, up 7.4ppt from the previous survey. The response rate for "rise of about ¥5 against the dollar" rose 5.2ppt to 44.1%. The response rate for "rise of about ¥10 against the dollar" rose 1.7ppt to 10.9% and that for "rise of more than ¥10 against the dollar" rose 0.5ppt to 3.2%.

The response rate for "fall of about ¥5 against the dollar" fell 6.9ppt to 34.3%. The response rate for "fall of about ¥10 against the dollar" fell 1.0ppt to 4.9%, while the response rate for "fall of more than ¥10 against the dollar" rose 0.5ppt to 2.6% (Figure 7).

Fig. 7: Respondents' three-month outlook for USD/JPY

Note: Respondents were asked to share their outlook for USD/JPY over the next three months, referencing the noon 1 June 2026 indicative rate of 159.46. They could choose one answer from six possible responses ranging from a rise of more than ¥10 against the dollar to a fall of more than ¥10 against the dollar, with ¥5 increments in between.

(6) Investment appeal increases for US dollar and Chinese yuan

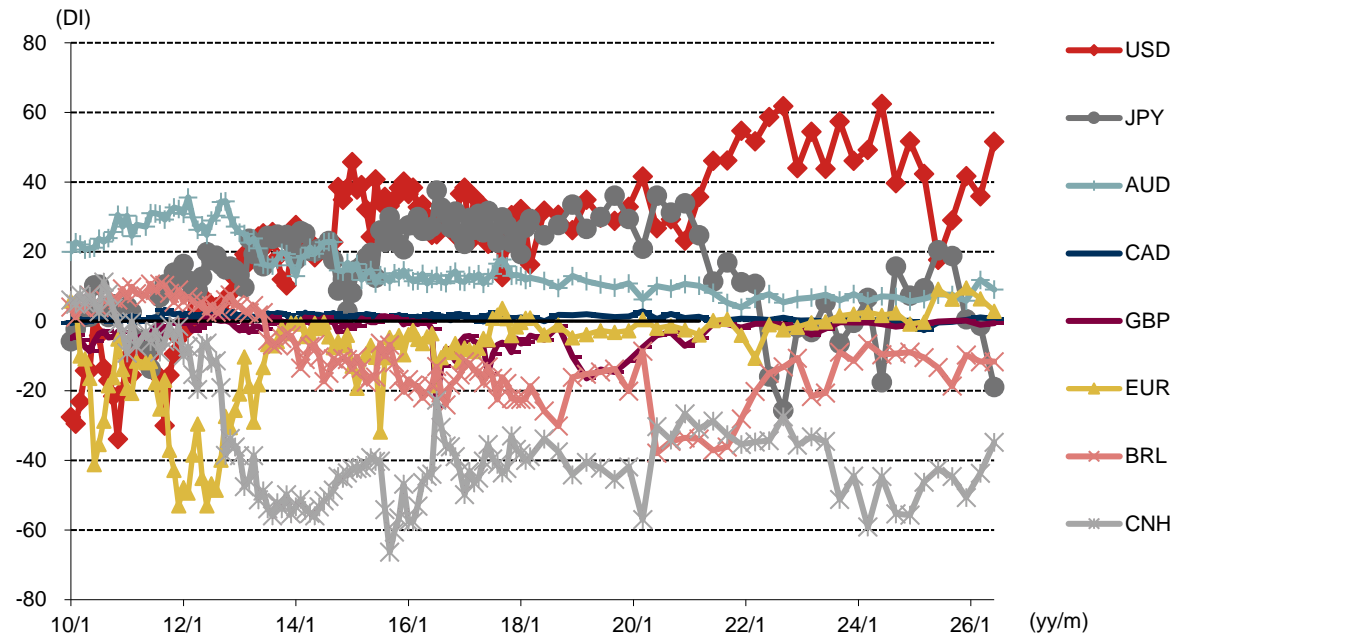
On the outlook for different currencies over the next three months, we calculate a DI for each currency by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." This time, the DI for the US dollar rose 15.7pt versus the previous survey to 51.6. The DI for the Chinese yuan also rose 8.9pt to -34.8. Conversely, the DI for the Japanese yen fell 17.7pt to -18.9 (Figures 8 and 9).

Fig. 8: Investment appeal by currency

Currency	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref) Previous DI
		Appealing	Unappealing	
US dollar	51.6	58.6	7.0	35.9
Australian dollar	9.1	10.1	1.0	11.9
Euro	2.9	5.9	3.0	6.5
Canadian dollar	0.6	1.0	0.4	1.1
Pound sterling	-0.6	1.2	1.8	-1.0
Japanese yen	-11.6	0.8	12.4	-11.6
Brazilian real	-18.9	17.6	36.5	-1.2
Chinese yuan	-34.8	2.7	37.5	-43.7

Note: Respondents were given nine possible responses, consisting of the above eight currencies and "other," and asked to choose one they viewed as an appealing investment target and one they viewed as unappealing. Those selecting "other" were asked to specify a currency.

Fig. 9: DIs for investment appeal of selected currencies



(7) Increased focus on foreign investment trusts

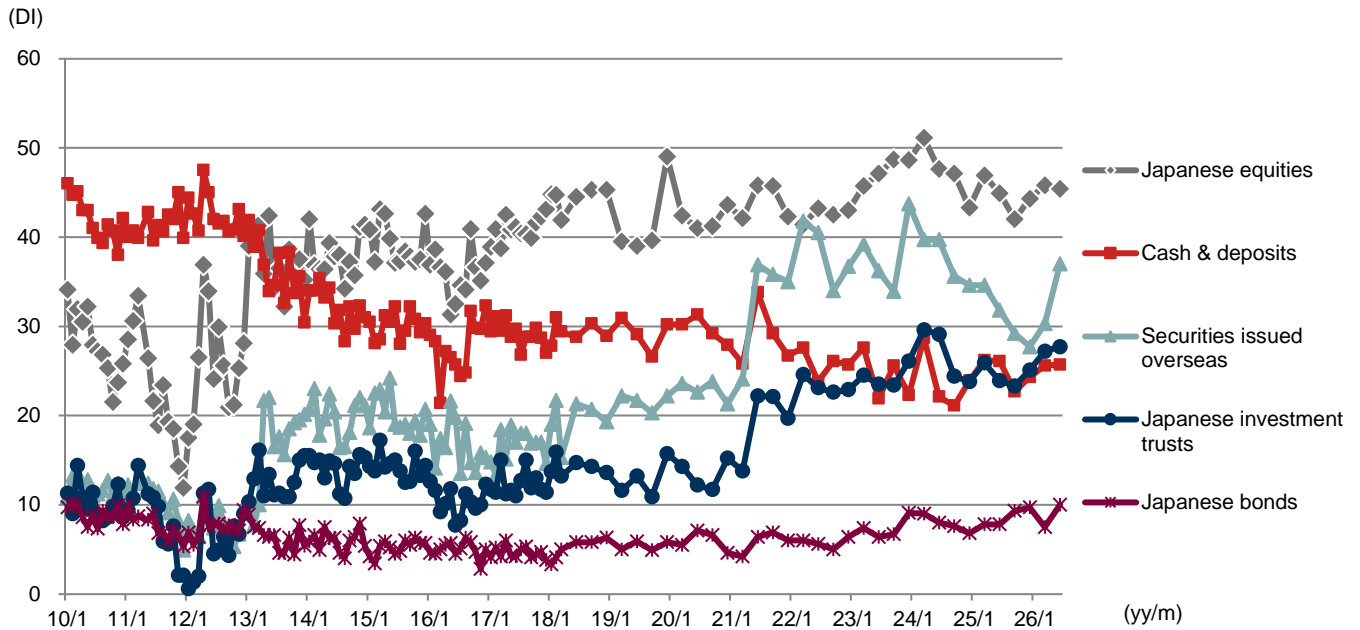
To give an indication of plans for holding financial instruments, we calculate DIs for each type of financial instrument by subtracting the percentage of respondents planning to cease holding the instrument or decrease their holdings from the percentage planning to hold the instrument for the first time or increase their holdings. The DI for foreign investment trusts rose 3.6pt versus the previous survey to 14.6, while the DI for foreign equities rose 3.4pt to 18.6. Conversely, the DI for gold fell 1.8pt to 9.2 (Figure 10).

Fig. 10: Financial instruments for which investors are planning either to increase or to decrease their holdings

Financial instrument	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref) Previous DI
		Plan to increase	Plan to decrease	
Japanese equities	45.4	53.6	8.2	45.8
Japanese investment trusts	27.7	30.3	2.6	27.2
Cash & deposits	25.7	31.1	5.4	25.6
Foreign equities	18.6	20.2	1.6	15.2
Foreign investment trusts	14.6	15.3	0.7	11.0
Japanese bonds	10.0	11.3	1.3	7.5
Gold	9.2	9.8	0.6	11.0
Foreign bonds	3.8	4.0	0.2	4.1
Hybrid securities	2.4	2.6	0.2	1.6
Other	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3
None	-58.7	25.6	84.3	-57.5

Note: Respondents were given a list of 11 responses and asked to choose those financial instruments for which they planned to increase their holdings and those for which they planned to decrease their holdings (multiple responses were allowed). "Plan to increase" refers to financial instruments that investors plan to hold for the first time or for which they plan to increase their holdings, while "plan to decrease" refers to instruments that investors plan to cease holding or for which they plan to decrease their holdings. Hybrid securities and gold were added to the list of choices from the February 2012 survey. Since the April 2013 survey, we have divided the former category of "Securities issued overseas" into "foreign equities", "foreign investment trusts", and "foreign bonds".

Fig. 11: DIs for financial instruments in which investors are planning either to increase or to decrease their holdings



Note: "Securities issued overseas" is the total for "foreign equities," "foreign investment trusts," and "foreign bonds."

(8) Rise in percentage of respondents expecting prices to fall one year out

When asked for their outlook for prices of regularly purchased goods and services one year out, 18.1% of respondents selected a "fall" response, up 3.7ppt from last time. The percentage of respondents selecting the "no change" response rose 0.9ppt to 9.9%. The percentage of respondents selecting a "rise" response fell 4.6ppt to 72.0% (Figure 12).

Fig. 12: Outlook for prices one year out

	Choices	% of responses	(Ref) Previous % of responses
1	Fall of 5% or more	7.8	3.7
2	Fall of 2% up to 5%	7.4	7.5
3	Fall of less than 2%	2.9	3.2
4	No change (0%)	9.9	9.0
5	Rise of less than 2%	19.2	27.1
6	Rise of 2% up to 5%	35.0	35.8
7	Rise of 5% or more	17.8	13.7
	Total	100.0	100.0

Note: Respondents were asked to select one response to the question: "How do you expect prices of regularly purchased goods and services to differ from current levels one year out?"

(9) Exercise of voting rights, investment behavior during bull markets

This survey included spot questions about the exercise of voting rights and investment behavior during bull markets.

First, we asked investors about their policies for exercising voting rights at general shareholders' meetings. The most common response, at 42.7%, was "I plan to exercise my voting rights for all the companies in which I hold shares", up 0.2ppt versus the June 2025 survey. The next most common response, at 24.0%, was "I plan not to exercise my voting rights for any company in which I hold shares", down 1.0ppt (Figure 13).

Fig. 13: Intentions regarding the exercise of voting rights at general shareholders' meetings

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses	Previous survey June 2025 (%)
1.	I plan to exercise my voting rights for all the companies in which I hold shares	427	42.7	42.5
2.	I plan to exercise my voting rights for only some of the companies in which I hold shares	152	15.2	16.0
3.	I plan not to exercise my voting rights for any of the companies in which I hold shares	240	24.0	25.0
4.	Undecided	181	18.1	16.5
Total		1,000	100.0	100.0

Note: Respondents were asked to select the response that best reflected their view regarding the exercising of voting rights at upcoming general shareholders' meetings.

Of the respondents saying they planned to exercise their voting rights (those selecting response 1 or 2 in Figure 13; 579 this time, versus 585 in June 2025), 47.0% said they intended to vote in favor of all resolutions, up from last year's figure of 46.8%. Of resolutions respondents said they might oppose (multiple responses allowed), response rates were highest for director compensation (20.9%), retirement bonuses for directors (20.6%), and dividends (use of surplus funds) (20.2%) (Figure 14).

Fig. 14: Resolutions respondents might vote against

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses	Previous survey Jun 2025 (%)
1.	I plan to vote in favor of all resolutions (and oppose none)	272	47.0	46.8
2.	Dividends (use of surplus funds)	117	20.2	17.1
3.	Director compensation	121	20.9	21.9
4.	Retirement bonuses for directors	119	20.6	21.4
5.	Stock options	62	10.7	11.3
6.	Appointment of directors/auditors (including auditors at companies with supervisory committee)	70	12.1	15.4
7.	Takeover defense measures	29	5.0	6.7
8.	Change in the number of directors (increase, decrease, setting of upper limit, etc)	40	6.9	8.2
9.	Change in the maximum number of issuable shares	39	6.7	8.4
10.	Share buybacks	22	3.8	6.0
11.	Other	3	0.5	1.5
Total		579	-	-

Note: Investors who chose response 1 or 2 to the question in Figure 13 ("I plan to exercise my voting rights for all the companies in which I hold shares" and "I plan to exercise my voting rights for only some of the companies in which I hold shares") were asked to select all of the resolutions from among those given that they might vote against (multiple responses allowed).

Of respondents who said they did not plan to exercise their voting rights (those selecting response 3 in Figure 13; 240 this time), the highest response rate for reasons why they did not plan to do so (multiple responses allowed) was for "Because my vote would have little impact, or would be meaningless" at 48.3%. There were also high response rates for "Because it is a hassle" (34.6%) and "I have no interest in exercising voting rights" (22.5%) (Figure 15).

Fig. 15: Reasons for not planning to exercise voting rights

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses	Previous survey Jun 2025 (%)
1.	Because my vote would have little impact, or would be meaningless	116	48.3	56.8
2.	Because it is a hassle	83	34.6	30.0
3.	Because I have no interest in exercising my voting rights	54	22.5	22.0
4.	Because none of the resolutions requires me to express an opinion	25	10.4	14.0
5.	Because I cannot attend the general meeting or I have no time to complete the paperwork or internet forms	26	10.8	6.4
6.	Because my investment style is mainly short term or aimed at capital gains, so I do not view exercising my voting rights as important	14	5.8	6.8
7.	Because I do not have the time to study the resolutions	17	7.1	6.8
8.	Because I do not understand the resolutions well	16	6.7	7.6
9.	Other	0	0.0	0.8
Total		240	-	-

Note: Investors who chose response 3 to the question in Figure 13 ("I plan not to exercise my voting rights for any of the companies in which I hold shares") were asked to select all of the answers from among those given that described their reasons for not planning to exercise voting rights.

Next, we asked investors about their investment behavior in the wake of sustained rises in Japanese equities since April 2026. The most common response, at 38.0%, was "I continued with regular contributions, or did nothing in particular", up from 36.6% in the September 2025 survey. The next most common response, at 33.1%, was "I traded Japanese equities, but the value of my holdings has not changed appreciably" (Figure 16).

Fig. 16: Investment behavior when share prices rose sharply

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses	Previous survey Sep 2025 (%)
1.	I increased the value of my holdings of Japanese equities (excluding regular contributions)	205	20.5	19.7
2.	I reduced the value of my holdings of Japanese equities	69	6.9	8.0
3.	I traded Japanese equities, but the value of my holdings has not changed appreciably	331	33.1	34.4
4.	I continued with regular contributions, or did nothing in particular	380	38.0	36.6
5.	Other	15	1.5	1.3
Total		1,000	100	100

Note: Respondents were asked the question: "Share prices have continued to rise since April 2026. What kind of investment actions have you taken regarding Japanese stocks (including investment trusts) as a result? (one response allowed)"

Next, we asked the 205 respondents who replied in Figure 16 that they had increased the value of their Japanese equities holdings (excluding regular contributions) about the Japanese equities (including investment trusts) they had additionally purchased. The most common response, at 45.9%, was high dividend yield stocks (Figure 17).

Fig. 17: Japanese equities (including investment trusts) that were additionally purchased

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses	Previous survey Sep 2025 (%)
1.	Investment trusts that track the Nikkei 225, TOPIX or another stock index	64	31.2	25.9
2.	Bank stocks (on prospects for earnings to grow as interest rates rise in Japan)	31	15.1	28.4
3.	Stocks related to IT or semiconductors (on prospects for generative AI demand or growth in corporate IT spend)	77	37.6	20.8
4.	High dividend yield stocks	94	45.9	58.9
5.	Other	5	2.4	4.6
Total		205	-	-

Note: Respondents were asked the question: "If you answered that you increased the value of your Japanese equities holdings (excluding regular contributions) in response to changes in share prices of Japanese equities since April 2026, please tell us which of the following Japanese equities (including investment trusts) you additionally purchased? (multiple choices allowed)"

Next, we asked the 69 respondents who replied in Figure 16 that they had reduced the value of their Japanese equities holdings about their investment behavior if the Nikkei 225 were to approach 50,000 again. The most popular response, at 53.6%, was "I would reduce the value of my holdings of Japanese equities" (Figure 18).

Fig. 18: What investment approach would you take next?

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses
1.	I would reduce the value of my holdings of Japanese equities	37	53.6
2.	I would continue with regular contributions, or do nothing in particular	21	30.4
3.	I would increase the value of my holdings of Japanese equities (excluding regular contributions)	11	15.9
4.	Other	0	0.0
Total		69	100

Note: Respondents who chose response 2 ("I reduced the value of my holdings of Japanese equities") to the question in Figure 16 "Share prices have continued to rise since April 2026. What kind of investment actions have you taken regarding Japanese stocks (including investment trusts) as a result?" were asked what they would do if the Nikkei 225 were to approach 50,000 again: (one response allowed)"

Finally, we asked respondents other than the 69 who replied that they had reduced the value of their Japanese equities holdings, as shown in Figure 16, about the Nikkei 225 level at which they would consider buying Japanese equities again. The most common response, at 57.5%, was "I would continue to make (ongoing) cumulative investments regardless of fluctuations in the Nikkei 225" (Figure 19).

Fig. 19: Nikkei 225 level at which respondents are considering buying Japanese equities again

Choices		No. of respondents	% of responses
1.	¥45,000 or lower	98	10.5
2.	¥50,000	90	9.7
3.	¥55,000	92	9.9
4.	¥60,000	95	10.2
5.	I would continue to make (ongoing) cumulative investments regardless of fluctuations in the Nikkei 225	535	57.5
6.	Other	21	2.3
Total		931	100

Note: Respondents other than those who replied "I reduced the value of my holdings of Japanese equities" to the question in Figure 16 "Share prices have continued to rise since April 2026. What level of the Nikkei average would you consider increasing your holdings of Japanese stocks again? (one response allowed)"

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Number of responses: 1,000 (survey closed when 1,000 responses received)

Survey period: Survey distributed on 1 June 2026, with deadline for responses on 2 June 2026

Survey content: Questions included each time are: (1) share price outlook; (2) factors expected to impact the stock market; (3) attractive sectors and stocks; (4) USD/JPY outlook and attractive currencies; (5) financial instruments for which investors plan to change their holdings; and (6) inflation outlook (since July 2013). Respondents are also asked spot questions each time and queried about their personal profiles.

3. Nomura Individual Investor Survey (June 2026) respondents

Gender: Male (86.8%), female (13.2%)

Age: Under 29 (0.6%), 30–39 (5.6%), 40–49 (12.6%), 50–59 (24.0%), 60 and above (57.2%)

Occupation: Self-employed/fisheries, agriculture, forestry (6.0%), professional (physician/medical professional, lawyer, etc) (2.8%), company management/board member (4.5%), company employee/public servant (41.2%), student (0.0%), full-time homemaker (6.1%), part-time worker/casual worker/job-hopper (7.1%), unemployed/pensioner (30.1%), other (2.2%)

Region: Kanto (49.2%), Kinki (17.1%), Tokai/Koshinetsu/Hokuriku (15.8%), Hokkaido/Tohoku (6.4%), Chugoku/Shikoku/Kyushu (11.5%)

Financial assets held: Less than ¥1,000,000 (6.5%), ¥1,000,000–¥2,999,999 (8.7%), ¥3,000,000–¥4,999,999 (7.6%), ¥5,000,000–¥9,999,999 (15.2%), ¥10,000,000–¥29,999,999 (26.7%), ¥30,000,000–¥49,999,999 (13.5%), ¥50,000,000 or more (21.8%)

Value of Japanese stocks held: Less than ¥500,000 (9.4%), ¥500,000–¥999,999 (10.0%), ¥1,000,000–¥2,999,999 (18.4%), ¥3,000,000–¥4,999,999 (13.6%), ¥5,000,000–¥9,999,999 (18.4%), ¥10,000,000–¥29,999,999 (18.3%), ¥30,000,000 or more (11.9%)

Investment experience: Less than three years (5.9%), at least three years but less than five years (7.3%), at least five years but less than 10 years (15.8%), at least 10 years but less than 20 years (23.4%), 20 years or more (47.6%)

Investment plan for Japanese stocks: Mainly for long-term holding (50.0%), pursuit of gains from short-term appreciation (10.0%), high dividend yields (24.4%), shareholder perks (12.2%), recent investment themes (2.0%), other (1.4%)

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