Nomura Individual Investor Survey

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

1. Survey overview

(1) Nomura I-View Index up 4.0pt m-m, to 52.4

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 52.4 for September, up 4.0pt mm from 48.4 in August. The proportion of respondents expecting a rise of "more than 2,000 points" increased by 2.5ppt m-m and the proportion expecting a rise of "about 2,000 points" increased by 1.9ppt, while the proportion expecting a rise of "about 1,000 points" declined by 2.4ppt. It appears that an increasing number of individual investors are now expecting substantial increases in share prices.

(2) Attention shifts sharply toward international affairs

Respondents were asked to select the factor most likely to impact the stock market in the next three months. International affairs became the most-watched factor this month on the back of a 12.8ppt m-m increase in its response rate. We think the sharp rise in its response rate reflects growing tensions over Syria. The response rate for forex trends, which was last month's most-watched factor, fell by 11.5ppt m-m—the largest decline among all factors.

(3) Capital goods/other becomes most attractive sector

Respondents were asked to choose one sector as an "appealing" investment target and one as "unappealing" over a timeframe of about three months. We calculated a diffusion index for each sector by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." Capital goods/other became the most appealing sector this month, with its DI rising 7.7pt, the largest increase of any sector. Having previously held the top spot for seven straight months, the automobiles sector slid to second place this month, with its DI recording the largest fall of any sector, of 13.9pt.

(4) More respondents expecting yen to strengthen against dollar

On the outlook for the USD/JPY rate over the next three months, the percentage of respondents expecting the yen to strengthen against the dollar was 58.1%, up 14.2ppt from the previous month's reading of 43.9%. This is the first time since November 2012 that the percentage of respondents expecting the yen to strengthen against the dollar has exceeded the 50% mark. There was a 13.8ppt m-m rise to 45.1% in the percentage of respondents expecting a rise of "about ¥5 against the dollar". Meanwhile, the proportion of respondents forecasting a fall of "about ¥5 against the dollar" fell sharply, by 11.0ppt.

(5) Yen becomes most appealing currency

Respondents were asked to choose one currency as an "appealing" investment target and one as "unappealing" over an approximately three-month timeframe. We calculated a diffusion index for each currency by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." This month the yen became the most appealing currency. At the other end of the spectrum, the Chinese yuan was the least appealing currency for the 12th straight month, although its DI showed the greatest improvement among all currencies, rising by 3.8pt m-m. The US dollar fell back to second place this month, with its DI falling 7.4pt—the largest decline among all the currencies.

(6) Japanese equities seen as the most appealing financial instrument

To give an indication of plans for holding financial instruments, we calculate DIs for each financial instrument by subtracting the percentage of respondents planning to cease holding the instrument or decrease their holding from the percentage planning to hold the instrument for the first time or increase their holding. The DI for Japanese equities climbed 6.4pt m-m, the biggest rise of any category, making it the most appealing financial instrument this month. DIs increased m-m for all financial instruments except Japanese investment trusts (flat m-m) and foreign investment trusts (-0.7pt).

(7) Price outlook

Asked for their outlook for prices of regularly purchased goods and services one year out, 64.7% of respondents said they expected prices to rise, an increase of 2.3ppt from last month. "Rise of less than 2%" again had the highest response rate, at 37.3%, and it also had the largest increase among the possible responses, rising 4.4ppt m-m.

(8) Views on the new stock price index

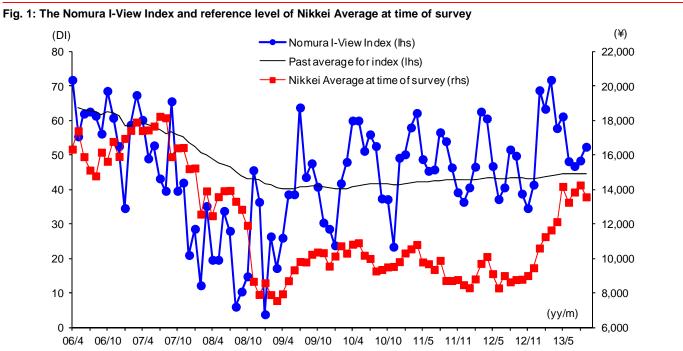
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2. Survey results

(1) Nomura I-View Index up 4.0pt m-m, to 52.4

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The Nikkei Average reference level (2 September close) was 13,572.92, down by 685.12pt from the previous survey (5 August close of 14,258.04).



Note: (1) The Nomura I-View Index is based on data collected by this survey and expressed as a diffusion index. The calculation method is as follows: [(Number of responses indicating expected rise in share prices in the next three months) minus (number of responses indicating expected fall in share prices in the next three months) divided by number of respondents] x 100. The figure for January 2010 used here excludes respondents who projected the Nikkei Average would be flat. (2) The Nomura I-View Index ranges from –100 to +100. The closer to +100 the figure is, the more bearish the outlook held by individual investors. The closer to -100 the figure is, the more bearish the outlook held by

Looking at data for the two years from September 2011, we can observe a loose positive correlation between the monthly change in the Nomura I-View Index and the reference level of the Nikkei Average at the time of survey versus its month-earlier level (Figure 2). It appears to us that individual investors' share price outlook tends to be easily influenced by recent share price trends. This month, however, the Nomura I-view Index rose m-m despite there having been a fall in share prices.

In this month's survey, our question on plans for holding financial instruments revealed a sharp rise in the DI for Japanese equities, which became the most appealing financial instrument (see section (7)). If we look at data for the Nomura I-View Index and the DI for Japanese equities since January 2010, a correlation between the two can be observed during much of this period (Figure 3), suggesting that increasing appetite for investment in individual stocks is reflected in rises in the Nomura I-View Index.

Fig. 2: M-m change in Nomura I-View Index and m-m change in reference level of Nikkei Average at time of survey

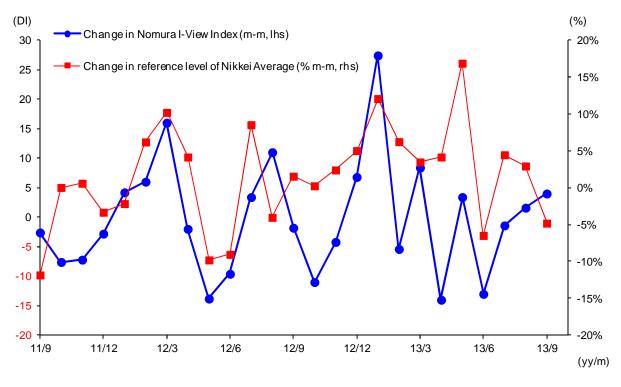
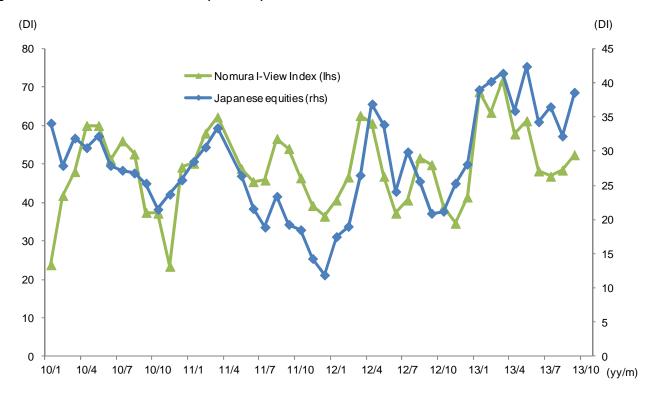


Fig. 3: Nomura I-View Index and DI for Japanese equities



The combined proportion of respondents expecting the Nikkei Average to rise over the next three months was 76.2%, up 2.0ppt from 74.2% in the last survey. The proportion of respondents expecting a rise of "more than 2,000 points" increased by 2.5ppt m-m and the proportion expecting a rise of "about 2,000 points" increased by 1.9ppt, while the proportion expecting a rise of "about

1,000 points" declined by 2.4ppt. The Nikkei Average rebounded and continued to make gains during the survey period (2-3 September), but it appears that an increasing number of individual investors are expecting further considerable rises in share prices (Figure 4).

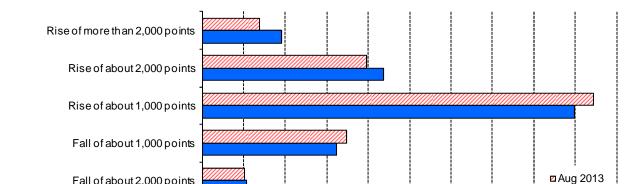


Fig. 4: Outlook for Nikkei Average during the next three months

Note: Respondents were asked to share their outlook for the Nikkei Average during the next three months based on a 2 September closing figure of 13,572. 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

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(2) Attention shifts sharply toward international affairs

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Fall of about 2,000 points

Fall of more than 2,000 points

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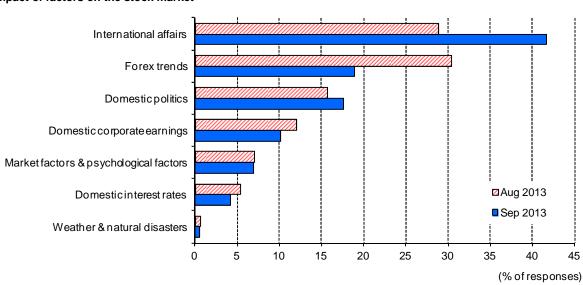


Fig. 5: Impact of factors on the stock market

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.

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(% of responses)

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(3) Capital goods/other becomes most attractive sector

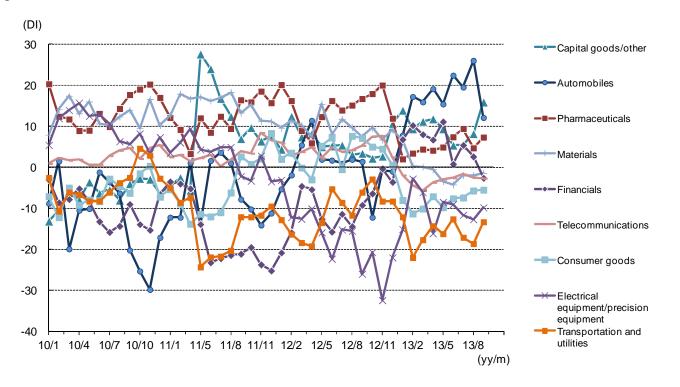
Respondents were asked to choose one sector as an "appealing" investment target and one as "unappealing" over a timeframe of about three months. We calculated a diffusion index for each sector by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." Capital goods/other became the most appealing sector this month, with its DI rising 7.7pt m-m, the largest increase of any sector. Although transportation and utilities remained the least appealing sector for the fifth straight month, its DI increased by 5.3pt m-m, the second largest increase after that for capital goods/other. Having previously held the top spot for seven straight months, the automobiles sector slid to second place this month, with its DI falling by of 13.9pt—the largest fall of any sector. The DI for financials turned negative this month owing to a 5.2pt deterioration (Figures 6, 7).

Fig. 6: Investment appeal by sector

| Conton | ы | Breakdown of DI | (Ref) | |
|--|-------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sector | DI | Appealing | Unappealing | Previous DI |
| Capital goods/other | 15.9 | 19.7 | 3.8 | 8.2 |
| Automobiles | 12.1 | 17.6 | 5.5 | 26.0 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 7.3 | 12.4 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Materials | -1.4 | 12.5 | 13.9 | -2.0 |
| Financials | -2.6 | 9.4 | 12.0 | 2.6 |
| Telecommunications | -2.7 | 3.8 | 6.5 | -2.5 |
| Consumer goods | -5.5 | 12.0 | 17.5 | -5.7 |
| Electrical equipment/precision equipment | -9.8 | 7.1 | 16.9 | -12.7 |
| Transportation and utilities | -13.3 | 5.5 | 18.8 | -18.6 |

Note: Respondents were given nine sectors and asked to choose one viewed as an appealing investment target and one viewed as unappealing. For each sector we calculated a diffusion index 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/others 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. 7: Trend in 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 below (Figure 8).

Fig. 8: Name a stock with appeal (1,000 valid responses)

| Code | Company | No. of respondents | Code | Company | No. of respondents |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7203 | Toyota Motor | 137 | 8306 | Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group | 11 |
| 9984 | Softbank | 42 | 7751 | Canon | 10 |
| 4661 | Oriental Land | 24 | 6752 | Panasonic | 9 |
| 4502 | Takeda Pharmaceutical | 18 | 8604 | Nomura Holdings | 9 |
| 8058 | Mitsubishi Corp | 17 | 9437 | NTT Docomo | 9 |
| 8267 | Aeon | 17 | 8031 | Mitsui & Co | 8 |
| 9202 | All Nippon Airways | 17 | 1801 | Taisei | 7 |
| 7267 | Honda Motor | 15 | 6502 | Toshiba | 7 |
| 2811 | Kagome | 14 | 7011 | Mitsubishi Heavy Industries | 7 |
| 2702 | McDonald's Holdings (Japan) | 13 | 8750 | Dai-ichi Life Insurance | 7 |
| 6758 | Sony | 13 | 1803 | Shimizu | 6 |
| 8411 | Mizuho Financial Group | 13 | 2327 | NS Solutions | 6 |
| 9501 | Tokyo Electric Power | 13 | 9064 | Yamato Holdings | 6 |

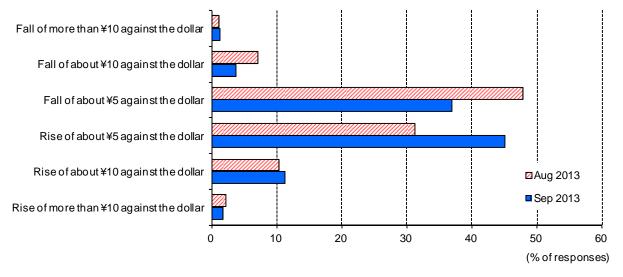
Note: Not included in valid responses were answers of "none" or clearly mistaken responses.

(5) More respondents expecting yen to strengthen against dollar

On the outlook for the USD/JPY rate over the next three months, the percentage of respondents expecting the yen to strengthen against the dollar was 58.1%, up 14.2ppt from the previous month's reading of 43.9%. This marks the first time since November 2012 that the percentage of respondents expecting the yen to strengthen against the dollar has exceeded the 50% mark. The yen weakened against the US dollar during the survey period (2-3 September), but the majority of individual investors now expect the yen to strengthen against the dollar. The percentage of respondents expecting a rise of "about ¥5 against the dollar" was 45.1%, an increase of 13.8ppt m-m. Conversely, there was a sharp decline, of 11.0ppt, in the proportion of respondents expecting a fall of "about ¥5 against the dollar" (Figure 9).

At the time of the latest survey (2 September), the noon indicative USD/JPY rate was 98.53, indicating a slightly stronger yen than at the time of the previous survey (98.79) as of 5 August.

Fig. 9: Respondents' three-month outlook for the USD/JPY rate $\,$



Note: Respondents were asked to share their outlook for the USD/JPY rate over the next three months, referencing a 2 September 2013 indicative rate of US\$1=\\text{\$\frac{4}}\)8.53. They could choose one answer from a possible six responses ranging from a rise of more than \\text{\$\frac{4}}\)10 against the dollar to a fall of more than \\\text{\$\frac{4}}\)10 against the dollar, with \\\\text{\$\frac{45}{5}}\) increments in between

(6) Yen becomes most appealing currency

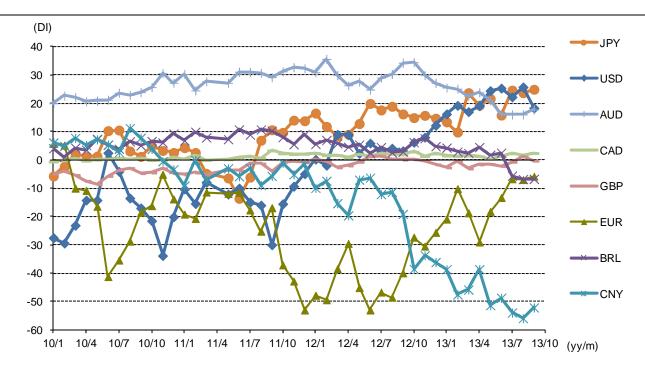
Respondents were asked to choose one currency as an "appealing" investment target and one as "unappealing" over an approximately three-month timeframe. We calculated a diffusion index for each currency by subtracting the percentage of responses for "unappealing" from that for "appealing." This month the yen became the most appealing currency. Elsewhere, the Chinese yuan was the least appealing currency for the 12th straight month, although its DI showed the greatest improvement among all currencies, rising by 3.8ppt m-m. The US dollar fell back to second place this month, with its DI falling 7.4pt—the largest decline among all the currencies (Figures 10, 11).

Fig. 10: Investment appeal by currency

| C | 51 | Breakdown of D | (Ref) | |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Currency | DI | Appealing | Unappealing | Previous DI |
| Japanese yen | 24.9 | 32.8 | 7.9 | 23.7 |
| US dollar | 18.3 | 26.9 | 8.6 | 25.7 |
| Australian dollar | 17.8 | 20.6 | 2.8 | 16.0 |
| Canadian dollar | 2.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| Pound sterling | -0.3 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.2 |
| Euro | -5.8 | 6.3 | 12.1 | -7.0 |
| Brazilian real | -6.7 | 5.0 | 11.7 | -6.8 |
| Chinese yuan | -52.1 | 1.4 | 53.5 | -55.9 |

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

Fig. 11: Trend in DIs for investment appeal of selected currencies



(7) Japanese equities seen as the most appealing financial instrument

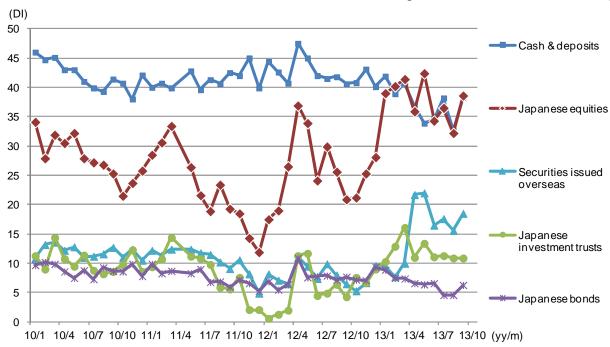
To give an indication of plans for holding financial instruments, we calculate DIs for each financial instrument by subtracting the percentage of respondents planning to cease holding the instrument or decrease their holding from the percentage planning to hold the instrument for the first time or increase their holding. The DI for Japanese equities climbed 6.4pt m-m, the biggest rise of any category, making it the most appealing financial instrument this month. DIs increased m-m for all financial instruments except Japanese investment trusts (flat m-m) and foreign investment trusts (-0.7pt) (Figures 12, 13).

Fig. 12: Financial instruments for which investors are either seeking to increase or decrease their holdings

| Financial instrument | DI | Breakdown of DI (% of responses) | | (Ref) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Financial instrument | DI DI | Plan to increase | Plan to decrease | Previous DI |
| Japanese equities | 38.6 | 51.8 | 13.2 | 32.2 |
| Cash & deposits | 38.3 | 41.7 | 3.4 | 32.6 |
| Gold | 12.4 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 9.3 |
| Japanese investment trusts | 10.9 | 17.9 | 7.0 | 10.9 |
| Foreign equities | 8.6 | 9.7 | 1.1 | 6.8 |
| Japanese bonds | 6.3 | 8.5 | 2.2 | 4.6 |
| Foreign bonds | 5.0 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 3.2 |
| Foreign investment trusts | 4.9 | 7.4 | 2.5 | 5.6 |
| Hybrid securities | 2.6 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Other | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| None | -49.6 | 25.6 | 75.2 | -43.0 |

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

Fig. 13: Trend in DIs for financial instruments in which investors are either seeking to increase or decrease their holdings



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

(8) Price outlook

Asked for their outlook for prices of regularly purchased goods and services one year out, 64.7% of respondents said they expected prices to rise (responses 5-7 in Figure 14), an increase of 2.3ppt from last month. "Rise of less than 2%" again had the highest response rate, at 37.3%, and it also had the largest increase among the possible responses, at 4.4ppt m-m (Figure 14).

Fig. 14: Outlook for prices one year out

| | Choices | % of responses | (Ref) Previous % of responses |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Fall of 5% or more | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| 2 | Fall of 2% up to 5% | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| 3 | Fall of less than 2% | 4.5 | 3.3 |
| 4 | No change (0%) | 20.6 | 23.2 |
| 5 | Rise of less than 2% | 37.3 | 32.9 |
| 6 | Rise of 2% up to 5% | 22.5 | 23.5 |
| 7 | Rise of 5% or more | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| | Total | 100 | 100 |

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) Views on the new stock price index

For this month's spot question, we asked individual investors about the new stock price index for which the outline was recently announced. According to the index's developers, the new index "focuses on the importance of management conducted with an awareness of capital efficiency, profitability, and investor viewpoints. Its most unique attribute is the selection of constituents based on corporate performance indicators, such as ROE." When we asked individual investors their views on using these criteria to formulate a share price index, 48.9% said they thought it was a good idea or probably a good idea, while more than 30% of respondents said they were unsure (Figure 15). When asked how they thought the new index would be regarded by investors in relation to the TOPIX and the Nikkei Average, the most common response was "I don't know", at 39.4%, followed by "I think the new index will come to be used in conjunction with the TOPIX and the Nikkei Average", at 35.8% (Figure 16). Our impression is that awareness of the new index was not yet widespread among individual investors.

Fig. 15: Views on the new stock price index

| | Choices | % of responses |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Good idea | 8.2 |
| 2 | Probably a good idea | 40.7 |
| 3 | Probably not a good idea | 14.5 |
| 4 | Not a good idea | 3.4 |
| 5 | Unsure | 33.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

Note: We asked individual investors the following question: "On 30 July, the Japan Exchange Group, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and Nikkei announced the outline of a new stock price index that they have developed together. According to the index's developers, the new index 'focuses on the importance of management conducted with an awareness of capital efficiency, profitability, and investor viewpoints. Its most unique attribute is the selection of constituents based on corporate performance indicators, such as ROE.' From the five options shown above, choose the response that best matches your views on using these criteria to formulate a stock price index."

Fig. 16: How do you think the new index will be viewed in relation to the TOPIX and the Nikkei Average?

| | Choices | % of responses |
|---|--|----------------|
| 1 | It will likely replace the TOPIX and the Nikkei Average as the representative index of the Japanese stock market | 10.1 |
| 2 | It will likely be used in conjunction with the TOPIX and Nikkei Average | 35.8 |
| 3 | The TOPIX and the Nikkei Average will likely remain the representative indices of the Japanese stock market, and the new index is unlikely to be used much | 14.7 |
| 4 | Don't know | 39.4 |
| | Total | 100 |

Note: From the four possible responses above, we asked individual investors to choose the one that best matched their view on how the new index, which will comprise stocks selected on the basis of the criteria mentioned in the previous question, is likely to be regarded by investors in relation to the TOPIX, which comprises all TSE-1 stocks, and the Nikkei Average, which comprises 225 stocks based on market liquidity.

3. Nomura Individual Investor Survey

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<u>Survey method:</u> Questionnaire conducted electronically using the internet monitor questionnaire service administered by Nomura Investor Relations Co., Ltd.

<u>Survey target:</u> Survey sent to 3,000 individual investors randomly selected from the approximately 24,000 with equity investment experience participating in Nomura Investor Relations' internet monitor questionnaire service.

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

Survey period: Survey distributed on 2 September with deadline for responses on 3 September.

<u>Survey content:</u> Questions included each month are (1) share price outlook, (2) factors expected to impact the stock market, (3) attractive sectors and stocks, (4) USD/JPY rate outlook and attractive currencies, and (5) financial instruments for which investors plan to change their holdings. Respondents are also queried each month on their personal profiles.

4. Nomura Individual Investor Survey (September 2013) respondents

Gender: Male (78.2%), Female (21.8%)

Age: Under 30 (1.7%), 30-39 (13.3%), 40-49 (28.2%), 50-59 (26.6%), 60 and above (30.2%)

Occupation: Self-employed/fisheries, agriculture, forestry (8.6%), Professional (physician/medical professional, lawyer, etc) (3.1%), Company management/corporate officer (4.4%), Company employee/public servant (48.8%), Student (0.0%), Full-time homemaker (10.6%), Part-time worker/casual worker/job-hopper (5.6%), Unemployed/pensioner (17.4%), Other (1.5%)

Region: Kanto (49.2%), Kinki (17.9%), Tokai/Koshinetsu/Hokuriku (17.7%), Hokkaido/Tohoku (5.7%), Chugoku/Shikoku/Kyushu (9.5%)

Financial assets held: Less than $\pm 1,000,000$ (6.9%), $\pm 1,000,000 - \pm 2,999,999$ (10.1%), $\pm 3,000,000 - \pm 4,999,999$ (14.4%), $\pm 5,000,000 - \pm 9,999,999$ (20.3%), $\pm 10,000,000 - \pm 29,999,999$ (28.6%), $\pm 30,000,000 - \pm 49,999,999$ (12.5%), $\pm 50,000,000$ or more (7.2%)

<u>Investment experience:</u> Less than three years (5.2%), Three years to less than five years (10.1%), Five years to less than 10 years (28.3%), 10 years to less than 20 years (29.9%), 20 years or more (26.5%)

<u>Investment plan for domestic stocks:</u> Mainly for long-term holding (45.0%), Pursuit of gains from short-term appreciation (11.8%), Pursuit of dividends and shareholder perks (26.9%), No particular plan (16.3%)

Notice

The next Nomura Individual Investor Survey (October 2013) is scheduled for release on Thursday, 10 October 2013.

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