

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 declines 12.4pt m-m to 39.6

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 39.6 in June, a decline of 12.4pt from May. The Nikkei Average reference level (1 June 2015 close) was 20,569.87, up 1,277.88 from the previous survey (7 May 2015 close of 19,291.99), and more survey respondents appear to feel the market is overheated.

(2) Increased investor interest in forex

Respondents were asked to select the factor most likely to impact the stock market in the next three months. The most-watched factor was again international affairs, but its response rate fell 5.4ppt m-m. Forex trends saw the largest rise in response rate among all the factors, of 7.8ppt m-m. This came against a backdrop of USD/JPY moving up through its June 2007 high (of 124.14) on 28 May to reach its weakest level against the dollar since 2002.

(3) Appeal of financials sector rises sharply, of consumer goods falls sharply

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(4) Expectations of yen appreciation against dollar fall for first time in five months

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 54.2%, down 2.3ppt from the previous month and marking first decline in five months. The response rate for "fall of about ¥10 against the dollar" saw the largest m-m rise, of 1.9ppt. The response rate for "fall of about ¥5 against the dollar" rose 0.3pt. The response rate for "rise of about ¥5 against the dollar" fell 1.9ppt, the largest decline for all the options. Overall, the number of investors expecting the yen to strengthen against the dollar declined.

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(6) Japanese equities remain 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. Japanese equities remained the most appealing financial instrument this month, but its DI declined for the third straight month, by 2.7pt m-m.

(7) Rise in proportion of respondents expecting prices one year out to be higher

When asked for their outlook for prices of regularly purchased goods and services one year out, 63.7% of respondents said they expected prices to be higher, up 8.4ppt from the previous month. The response rate for "no change" fell 8.5ppt m-m. The response rate for "rise of 2% up to 5%" rose 6.1ppt to 20.1%.

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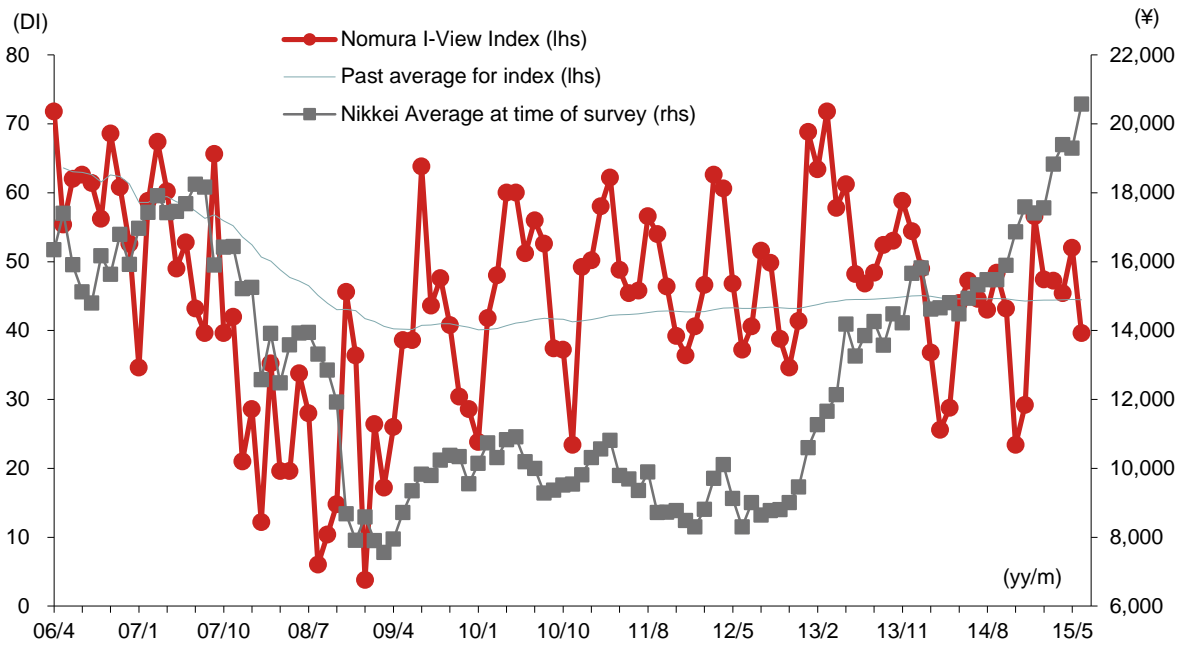
2. Survey results

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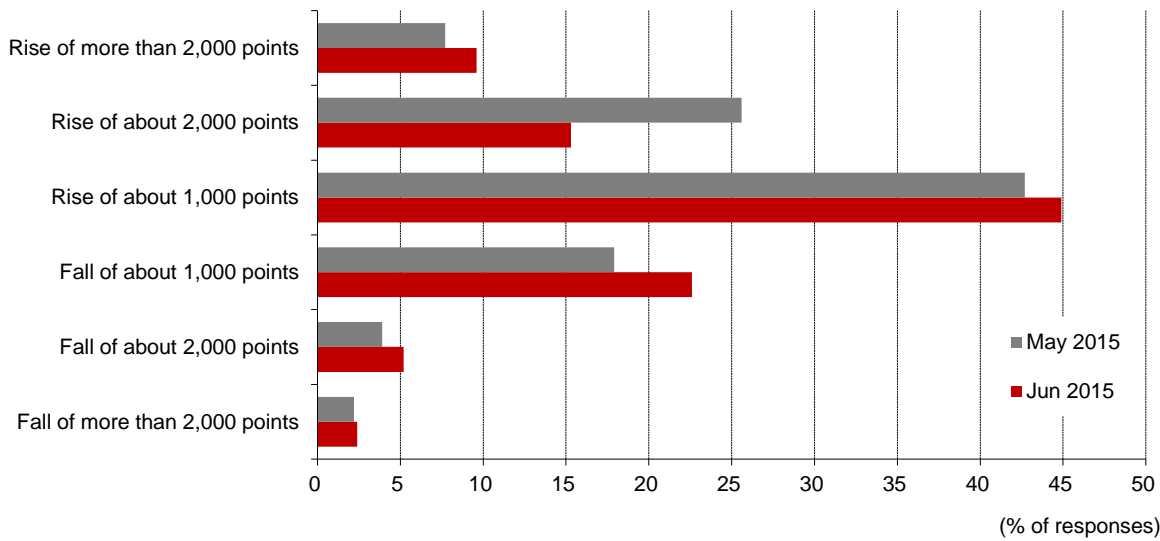
Fig. 1: The Nomura I-View Index and reference level of Nikkei Average at time of survey



Note: (1) The Nomura I-View Index is based on data collected by this survey and expressed as a 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 Jan 2010 used here excludes those respondents who projected that the Nikkei Average 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.

The combined proportion of respondents expecting the Nikkei Average to rise over the next three months was 69.8%, down 6.2ppt from the last survey. The proportion of respondents expecting a "rise of about 2,000 points" was down 10.3ppt m-m, the only response to see a m-m decline in response rate. "Fall of about 1,000 points" saw the largest m-m rise in response rate, of 4.7ppt m-m to 22.6% (Figure 2).

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

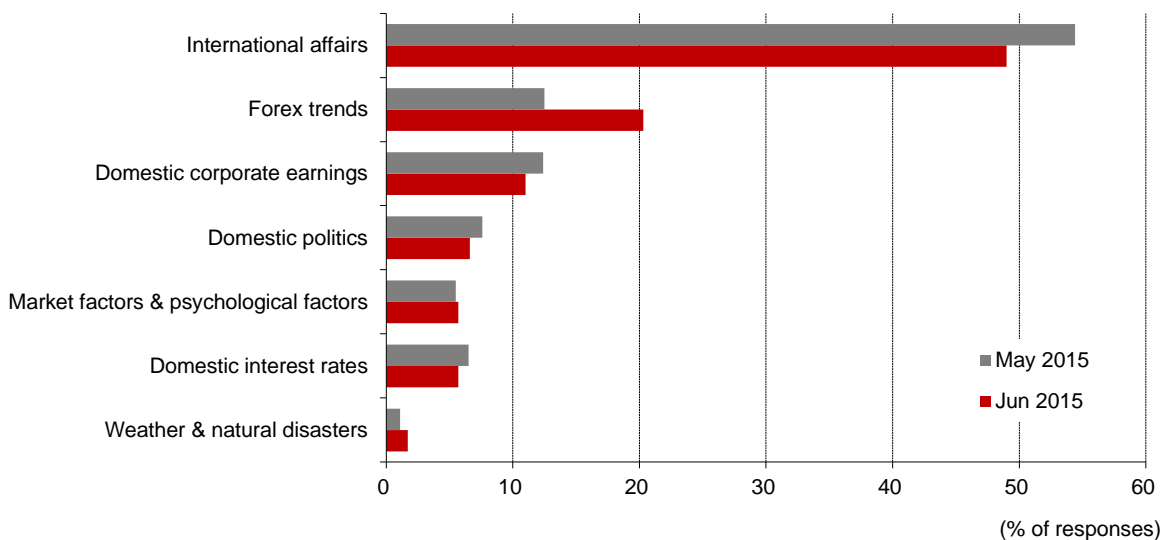


Note: Respondents were asked to share their outlook for the Nikkei Average during the next three months based on the 1 June close of 20,569. Respondents could choose one answer from a possible six responses ranging from a rise of more than 2,000 points to a fall of more than 2,000 points, with 1,000-point increments in between.

(2) Increased investor interest in forex trends

Respondents were asked to select the factor most likely to impact the stock market in the next three months. The most-watched factor was again international affairs, but its response rate fell 5.4ppt m-m. Forex saw the largest rise in response rate among all the factors, of 7.8ppt m-m (Figure 3). This came against a backdrop of USD/JPY moving up through its June 2007 high (of 124.14) on 28 May to reach its weakest level against the dollar since 2002.

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.

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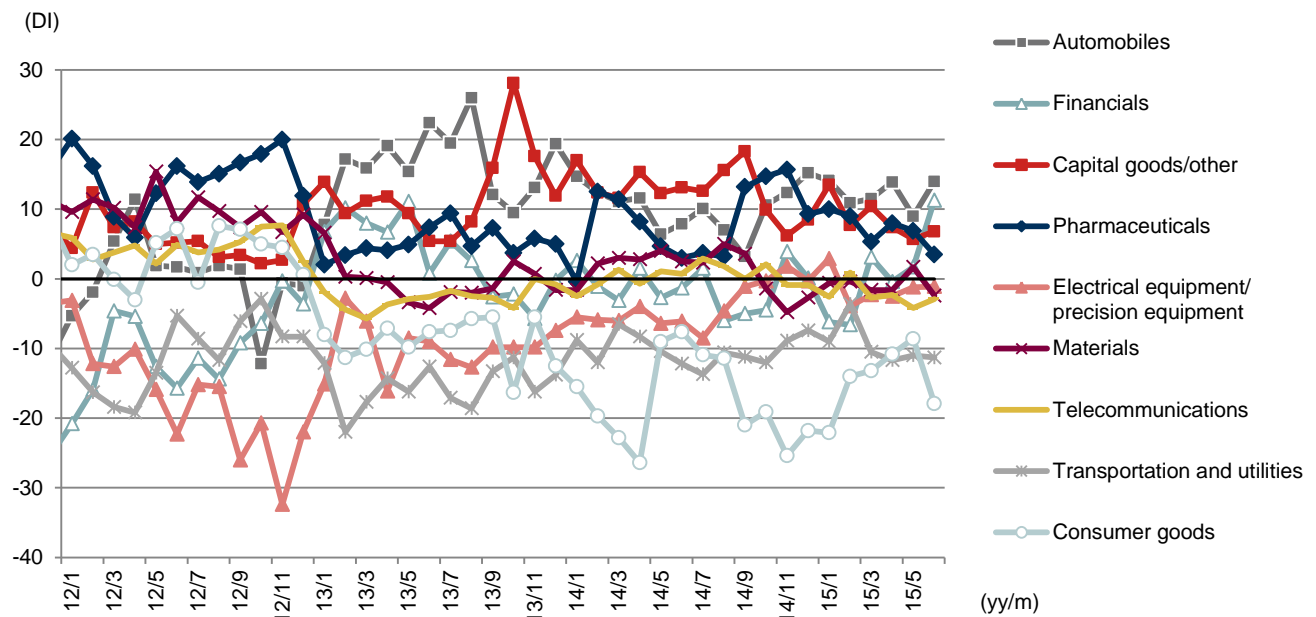
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Fig. 4: Investment appeal by sector

Sector	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref) Previous DI
		Appealing	Unappealing	
Automobiles	14.0	18.8	4.8	9.0
Financials	11.3	18.7	7.4	1.7
Capital goods/other	6.8	11.3	4.5	5.7
Pharmaceuticals	3.5	9.9	6.4	6.9
Electrical equipment/precision equipment	-1.1	10.1	11.2	-1.2
Materials	-2.4	11.0	13.4	1.7
Telecommunications	-2.9	4.1	7.0	-4.2
Transportation and utilities	-11.3	6.2	17.5	-11.0
Consumer goods	-17.9	9.9	27.8	-8.6

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 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 financial 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: 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 in Figure 6.

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

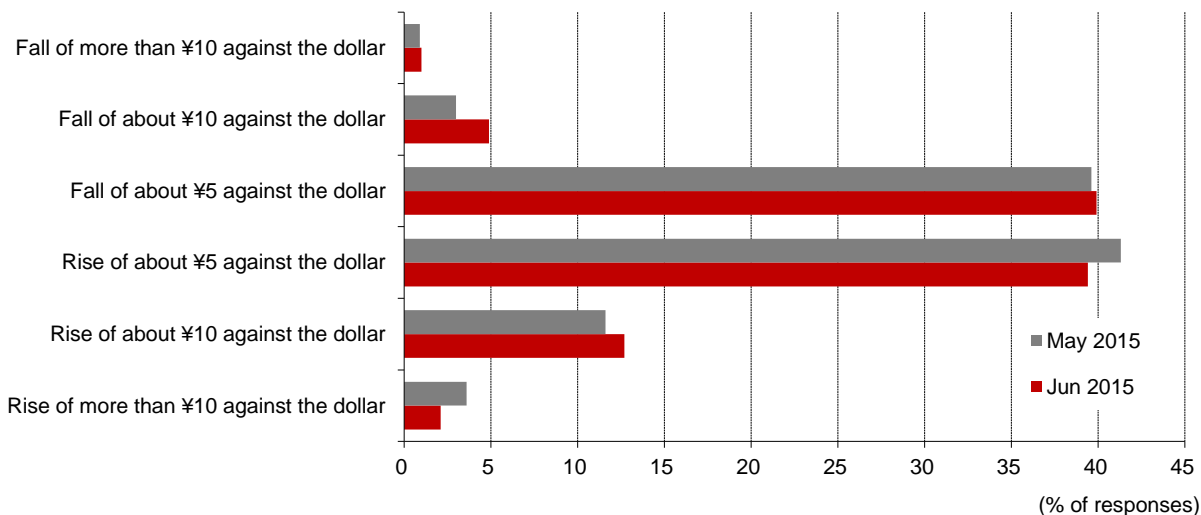
Code	Company	No. of respondents	Code	Company	No. of respondents
7203	Toyota Motor	145	2811	Kagome	8
8411	Mizuho Financial Group	39	3402	Toray Industries	8
8306	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	31	8316	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	7
9984	Softbank	21	7261	Mazda Motor	7
6752	Panasonic	19	2931	Euglena	7
6502	Toshiba	17	7270	Fuji Heavy Industries	7
4661	Oriental Land	17	8031	Mitsui & Co	6
9202	ANA Holdings	15	9432	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone	6
8604	Nomura Holdings	14	7201	Nissan Motor	6
8267	Aeon	14	5401	Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal	6
8058	Mitsubishi Corp	11	2914	Japan Tobacco	6
6501	Hitachi	11	9861	Yoshinoya Holdings	6
4901	Fujifilm Holdings	9	9501	Tokyo Electric Power	6
6758	Sony	9	7751	Canon	6
6954	Fanuc	9			

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

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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 a 1 June 2015 indicative rate of 124.07. They could choose one answer from a possible six 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.

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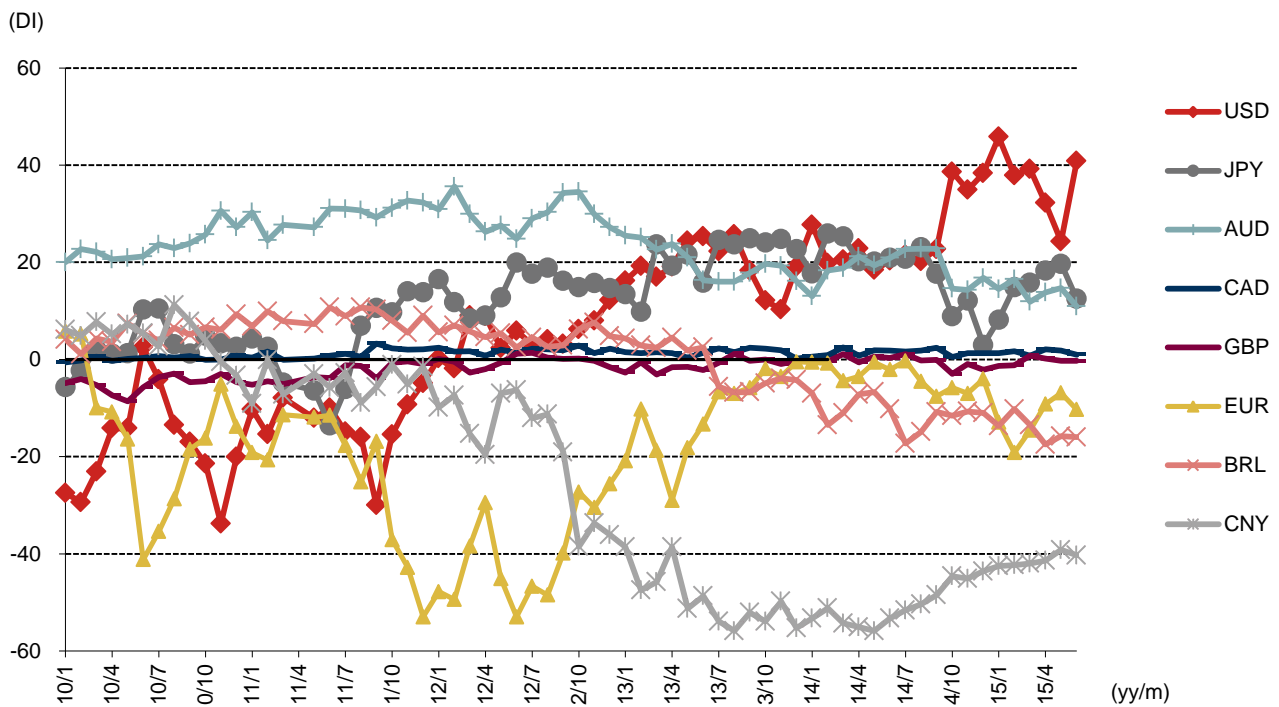
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Fig. 8: Investment appeal by currency

Currency	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref) Previous DI
		Appealing	Unappealing	
US dollar	40.8	46.8	6.0	24.3
Japanese yen	12.5	24.4	11.9	19.7
Australian dollar	10.9	13.7	2.8	14.7
Canadian dollar	1.0	1.9	0.9	1.8
Pound sterling	-0.3	2.3	2.6	-0.3
Euro	-10.3	4.5	14.8	-6.9
Brazilian real	-16.0	2.4	18.4	-15.8
Chinese yuan	-40.3	1.8	42.1	-39.2

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. 9: Trend in DIs for investment appeal of selected currencies



(7) Japanese equities remain the most appealing financial instrument

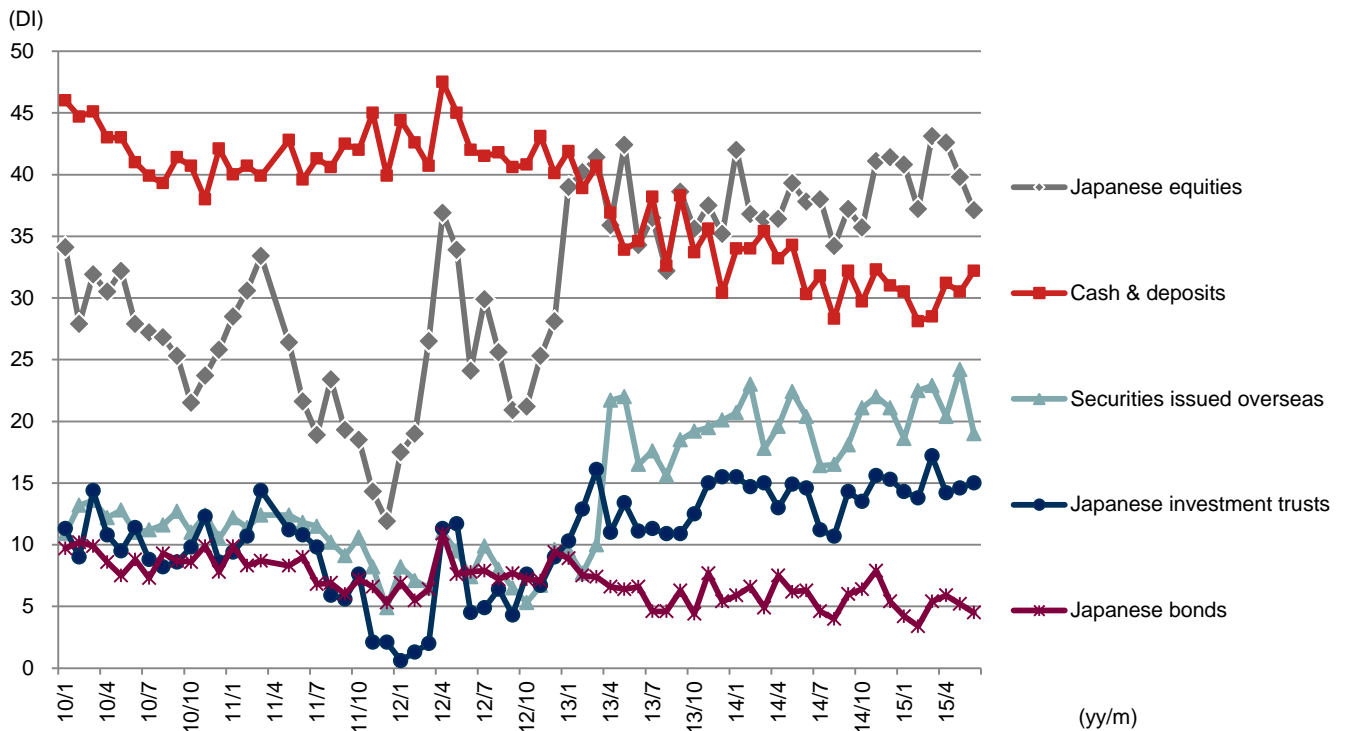
To give an indication of plans for holding financial instruments, we calculate DIs for each financial instrument by subtracting the percentage of respondents planning to cease holding the instrument or decrease their holding from the percentage planning to hold the instrument for the first time or increase their holding. Japanese equities remained the most appealing financial instrument this month, but its DI declined for the third straight month, by 2.7pt m-m (Figures 10 and 11).

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

Financial instrument	DI	Breakdown of DI (% of responses)		(Ref) Previous DI
		Plan to increase	Plan to decrease	
Japanese equities	37.1	49.9	12.8	39.8
Cash & deposits	32.2	37.1	4.9	30.5
Japanese investment trusts	15.0	19.9	4.9	14.6
Foreign equities	8.0	8.9	0.9	10.3
Gold	6.6	6.9	0.3	6.8
Foreign investment trusts	6.6	7.6	1.0	8.5
Japanese bonds	4.5	6.3	1.8	5.2
Foreign bonds	4.4	4.7	0.3	5.4
Hybrid securities	1.4	1.5	0.1	2.4
Other	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.1
None	-47.8	29.7	77.5	-49.1

Note: Respondents were given a selection of nine financial instruments and asked to choose those 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 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 Feb 2012 survey. From the Apr 2013 survey, we have divided the former category of "Securities issued overseas" into foreign equities, foreign investment trusts, and foreign bonds.

Fig. 11: 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) Rise in proportion of investors expecting prices one year out to be higher

When asked for their outlook for prices of regularly purchased goods and services one year out, 63.7% of respondents said they expected prices to be higher, up 8.4ppt from the previous month. The response rate for "no change" fell 8.5ppt m-m. The response rate for "rise of 2% up to 5%" rose 6.1ppt to 20.1% (Figure 12).

Fig. 12: Outlook for prices one year out

	Choices	% of responses	(Ref) Previous % of responses
1	Fall of 5% or more	2.7	3.3
2	Fall of 2% up to 5%	6.2	4.9
3	Fall of less than 2%	4.6	5.2
4	No change (0%)	22.8	31.3
5	Rise of less than 2%	39.2	38.5
6	Rise of 2% up to 5%	20.1	14.0
7	Rise of 5% or more	4.4	2.8
	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) Awareness of capital efficiency at Japanese companies

For this month's spot question, we asked investors about their stance on capital efficiency at Japanese companies, and what impact this might have on their investment approach. In response to the question, "do you think that Japanese companies have become more aware of capital efficiency considering that the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies came into effect on 1 June?," the highest response rate, of 27.2%, was for "awareness has not grown, but will do so in the future" (Figure 13). In a similar survey in June 2014, the highest response rate (of 25.0%) was for "awareness has grown, but will not last long," suggesting a change in perceptions among individual investors about companies' awareness of capital efficiency.

Fig. 13: Awareness of capital efficiency at Japanese companies

	Choices	% of responses	(Ref): % of responses in previous survey (Jun 2014)
1	Awareness has grown, and will do so more in the future	19.7	20.8
2	Awareness has grown, but will not last long	18.8	25.0
3	Awareness has not grown, but will do so in the future	27.2	23.0
4	Awareness has not grown, and will not do so in the future	9.8	9.2
5	Don't know	24.5	22.0
	Total	100.0	100.0

Note: Respondents were asked to select one of the above five responses to the question: "Do you think that Japanese companies have become more aware of capital efficiency considering that the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies came into effect on 1 June?"

In response to our second question, "if more Japanese companies adopt a stronger focus on capital efficiency, what impact will this have on your investment approach?," the highest response rate was for "no change in investment approach (no impact)," at 43.2%, virtually unchanged from the June 2014 survey (Figure 14). The response rate for "more active approach to equity investment" was 35.6%, marking the largest rise from last year's survey, of 2.2ppt.

Fig. 14: Impact on investment approach if Japanese companies adopt stronger focus on capital efficiency

	Choices	% of responses	(Ref): % of responses in previous survey (Jun 2014)
1	More active approach to equity investment	35.6	33.4
2	More passive approach to equity investment	7.2	9.0
3	No change in investment approach (no impact)	43.2	43.0
4	Don't know	14.0	14.6
	Total	100.0	100.0

Note: Respondents were asked to select one of the above four responses to the question: "If more Japanese companies adopt a stronger focus on capital efficiency, including dividend hikes and investment in new businesses as well as share buybacks, what impact will this have on your investment approach? Please select the option that best describes the impact on your investment approach."

3. Nomura Individual Investor Survey

With the aim of better understanding investing activity by individuals and providing information on those trends, Nomura Securities conducts a monthly survey—the Nomura Individual Investor Survey. The results of the survey have been published monthly since April 2006.

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

Survey target: 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 1 June, with deadline for responses on 2 June.

Survey content: 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 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 month and queries about their personal profiles.

4. Nomura Individual Investor Survey (June 2015) respondents

Gender: Male (82.8%), Female (17.2%)

Age: Under 30 (0.5%), 30–39 (8.1%), 40–49 (25.4%), 50–59 (33.3%), 60 and above (32.7%)

Occupation: Self-employed/fisheries, agriculture, forestry (8.5%), professional (physician/medical professional, lawyer, etc) (3.1%), company management/corporate officer (3.8%), company employee/public servant (50.0%), student (0.2%), full-time homemaker (7.7%), part-time worker/casual worker/job-hopper (3.7%), unemployed/pensioner (21.8%), other (1.2%)

Region: Kanto (51.4%), Kinki (19.6%), Tokai/Koshinetsu/Hokuriku (15.2%), Hokkaido/Tohoku (4.2%), Chugoku/Shikoku/Kyushu (9.6%)

Financial assets held: Less than ¥1,000,000 (5.3%), ¥1,000,000–¥2,999,999 (7.8%), ¥3,000,000–¥4,999,999 (12.9%), ¥5,000,000–¥9,999,999 (18.3%), ¥10,000,000–¥29,999,999 (28.8%), ¥30,000,000–¥49,999,999 (11.8%), ¥50,000,000 or more (15.1%)

Value of domestic stocks held: Less than ¥500,000 (9.3%), ¥500,000–¥999,999 (11.3%), ¥1,000,000–¥2,999,999 (23.6%), ¥3,000,000–¥4,999,999 (15.6%), ¥5,000,000–¥9,999,999 (15.3%), ¥10,000,000–¥29,999,999 (16.9%), ¥30,000,000 or more (8.0%)

Investment experience: Less than three years (2.5%), three years to less than five years (5.5%), five years to less than 10 years (26.7%), 10 years to less than 20 years (31.7%), 20 years or more (33.6%)

Investment plan for domestic stocks: Mainly for long-term holding (49.4%), pursuit of gains from short-term appreciation (13.7%), pursuit of dividends and shareholder perks (24.6%), no particular plan (12.3%)

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The next Nomura Individual Investor Survey (July 2015) is scheduled for release on Thursday, 16 July 2015.

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