

ABERDEEN JAPAN EQUITY FUND, INC.
Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS
OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number:	811-06142
Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:	Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.
Address of principal executive offices:	1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103
Name and address of agent for service:	Ms. Andrea Melia Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. 1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:	866-839-5205
Date of fiscal year end:	October 31
Date of reporting period:	July 31, 2014

Item 1. Schedule of Investments - The schedule of investments for the three-month period ended July 31, 2014 is filed herewith.

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

As of July 31, 2014

Shares	Description	Value (US\$)
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 99.2%(a)		
COMMON STOCKS 99.2%		
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 16.6%		
26,500	Aisin Seiki Co. Ltd.	\$ 1,029,204
95,000	Asics Corp.	2,016,136
35,200	Denso Corp.	1,623,620
81,000	FCC Co. Ltd.	1,452,752
92,200	Honda Motor Co. Ltd.	3,209,580
89,000	Resorttrust, Inc.	1,838,149
14,900	Shimano, Inc.	1,739,437
70,800	Toyota Motor Corp.	4,180,033
97,500	USS Co. Ltd.	1,703,279
		18,792,190
CONSUMER STAPLES 19.7%		
67,000	Calbee, Inc.	1,989,711
127,700	Japan Tobacco, Inc.	4,490,892
73,100	Mandom Corp.	2,675,574
56,000	Pigeon Corp.	3,216,925
59,000	San-A Co. Ltd.	1,914,529
109,000	Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd.	4,536,097
57,000	Unicharm Corp.	3,490,265
		22,313,993
FINANCIALS 11.1%		
56,000	AEON Financial Service Co. Ltd.	1,276,257
481,000	Bank of Yokohama Ltd. (The)	2,736,953
176,000	Daibiru Corp.	1,942,124
26,600	Daito Trust Construction Co. Ltd.	3,205,991
90,000	Mitsubishi Estate Co. Ltd.	2,200,777
59,000	Suruga Bank Ltd.	1,150,420
		12,512,522
HEALTH CARE 10.2%		
52,600	Asahi Intecc Co. Ltd.	2,181,503
251,500	Astellas Pharma, Inc.	3,410,491
125,200	Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	4,167,019
45,300	Systemex Corp.	1,758,568
		11,517,581
INDUSTRIALS 18.0%		
348,000	Amada Co. Ltd.	3,380,144
34,300	Daikin Industries Ltd.	2,355,688
47,300	East Japan Railway Co.	3,789,063
27,000	FANUC Corp.	4,666,417
33,600	Makita Corp.	1,987,340
187,000	Nabtesco Corp.	4,224,913
		20,403,565
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 10.6%		
148,700	Canon, Inc.	4,864,757
11,400	Keyence Corp.	4,966,350
485,000	Yahoo Japan Corp.	2,194,498

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			12,025,605
MATERIALS	10.5%		
183,000		Kansai Paint Co. Ltd.	3,066,652
120,000		Nippon Paint Co. Ltd.	2,764,997

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

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	95,400	Shin-Etsu Chemical Co. Ltd.	\$	6,051,046
				11,882,695
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 2.5%				
	49,400	KDDI Corp.		2,839,654
		Total Long-Term Investments 99.2% (cost \$103,046,621)		112,287,805
Par Amount		Description		Value (US\$)
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT 0.3%				
\$	390,000	Repurchase Agreement, Fixed Income Clearing Corp., 0.00% dated 07/31/2014, due 08/01/2014 repurchase price \$390,000, collateralized by U.S. Treasury Bond, maturing 02/15/2041; total market value of \$401,450		390,000
		Total Short-Term Investment 0.3% (cost \$390,000)		390,000
		Total Investments 99.5% (cost \$103,436,621) (b)		112,677,805
		Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities 0.5%		538,086
		Net Assets 100.0%	\$	113,215,891

- (a) Unless otherwise noted, all securities are fair valued. Fair Values are determined pursuant to procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. See Note (a) of the accompanying Notes to Portfolio of Investments.
- (b) See Notes to Portfolio of Investments for tax unrealized appreciation/depreciation of securities.

See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

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Notes to Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Security Valuation:

The Fund values its securities at current market value or fair value consistent with regulatory requirements. Fair value is defined in the Fund's valuation and liquidity procedures as the price that could be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between willing market participants without a compulsion to contract at the measurement date.

Equity securities that are traded on an exchange are valued at the last quoted sale price on the principal exchange on which the security is traded at the Valuation Time subject to application, when appropriate, of the valuation factors described in the paragraph below. The Valuation Time is as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). In the absence of a sale price, the security is valued at the mean of the bid/ask quoted at the close on the principal exchange on which the security is traded. Securities traded on NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are valued at the market price of the security at the Valuation Time. A security using any of these pricing methodologies is determined to be a Level 1 investment.

Foreign equity securities that are traded on foreign exchanges that close prior to the Valuation Time are valued by applying valuation factors to the last sale price or the mean price as noted above. Valuation factors are provided by an independent pricing service provider. These valuation factors are used when pricing the Fund's portfolio holdings to estimate market movements between the time foreign markets close and the time the Fund values such foreign securities. These valuation factors are based on inputs such as depositary receipts, indices, futures, sector indices/ETFs, exchange rates, and local exchange opening and closing prices of each security. When prices with the application of valuation factors are utilized, the value assigned to the foreign securities may not be the same as quoted or published prices of the securities on their primary markets. A security that applies a valuation factor is determined to be a Level 2 investment because the exchange-traded price has been adjusted. Valuation factors are not utilized if the independent pricing service provider is unable to provide a valuation factor or if the valuation factor falls below a predetermined threshold; in such case, the security is determined to be a Level 1 investment.

In the event that a security's market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable (for reasons other than because the foreign exchange on which it trades closes before the Valuation Time), the security is valued at fair value as determined by the Fund's Pricing Committee, taking into account the relevant factors and surrounding circumstances using valuation policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. A security that has been fair valued by the Pricing Committee may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 depending on the nature of the inputs.

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the Fund discloses the fair value of its investments using a three-level hierarchy that classifies the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy assigns Level 1 measurements to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, Level 2 measurements to valuations based upon other significant observable inputs, including

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adjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, and Level 3 measurements to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, which are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three-level hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments;

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, and credit risk); or

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Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of July 31, 2014 in valuing the Fund's investments at fair value. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Please refer to the Portfolio of Investments for a detailed breakout of the security types:

Investments, at Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments	\$	\$ 112,287,805	\$	\$ 112,287,805
Short-Term Investment		390,000		390,000
Total	\$	\$ 112,677,805	\$	\$ 112,677,805

Amounts listed as - are \$0 or round to \$0.

The Fund held no Level 3 securities at July 31, 2014.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing transfers at the end of each period. During the period ended July 31, 2014, there were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3. For the period ended July 31, 2014, there have been no significant changes to the fair valuation methodologies.

(b) Repurchase Agreements:

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements under the terms of a Master Repurchase Agreement. It is the Fund's policy that its custodian/counterparty segregate the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. The repurchase price generally equals the price paid by the Fund plus interest negotiated on the basis of current short-term rates. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the collateral is valued on a daily basis to determine its adequacy. Under the Master Repurchase Agreement, if the counterparty defaults and the value of the collateral declines, or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the counterparty of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. Repurchase agreements are subject to contractual netting agreements with the counterparty, Fixed Income Clearing Corp. The Fund held a repurchase agreement of \$390,000 as of July 31, 2014. The value of the related collateral exceeded the value of the repurchase agreement at July 31, 2014.

(c) Federal Income Taxes:

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The U.S. federal income tax basis of the Fund's investments and the net unrealized appreciation as of July 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Cost		Appreciation		Depreciation		Net Unrealized Appreciation
\$	103,436,621	\$	11,066,093	\$	(1,824,909)	\$	9,241,184

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Item 2. Controls and Procedures

a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c)) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

b) There were no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits

(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.302CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

By: */s/ Alan Goodson*
Alan Goodson,
Principal Executive Officer of
Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 25, 2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: */s/ Alan Goodson*
Alan Goodson,
Principal Executive Officer of
Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 25, 2014

By: */s/ Andrea Melia*
Andrea Melia,
Principal Financial Officer of
Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 25, 2014
