

JAPAN EQUITY FUND INC  
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UNITED STATES  
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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# **THE JAPAN EQUITY FUND, INC.**

**To Be Held On:**

**June 4, 2012 at 3:45 p.m.**

**Daiwa Capital Markets America Holdings Inc., Financial Square,  
32 Old Slip, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10005**

**COMPANY NUMBER**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**

**CONTROL NUMBER**

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Please visit <http://www.amstock.com/proxyservices/viewmaterial.asp?CoNumber=14192>, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
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**- OR -**

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**- OR -**

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1. To elect Directors of the Fund, each to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualifies.

<b>NOMINEES:</b>	Martin J. Gruber	Class I
	Yoshihiro Fujisawa	Class I

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