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# **Record of Changes**

DATE	Changes
2016/12/14	First Edition
2017/12/27	Clarified criteria for exclusion from the pool of eligible constituents in the
	periodic review
2018/12/17	• Revised criteria used for determining qualitative scores (effective as of the next
	periodic review (August 2019))
	$\cdot$ Revised the selection process for the periodic review (effective as of the next
	periodic review (August 2019))
2019/12/18	Clarified criteria for exclusion from the pool of eligible constituents in the
	periodic review (effective as of the next periodic review (August 2020))
	Added a description about the financial data (effective as of the next periodic
	review (August 2020))
	• Revised the data period used for determining qualitative scores and added a
	description thereof (effective as of the next periodic review (August 2020))
	Revised the date for adjusting base market value following the shortening of
	stock settlement cycle to T+2
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	Added information and some rule clarifications in connection with the change
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	methodology change in line with the restructuring on April 4, 2022
	$\cdot$ Revised the process for deciding the ranking of final scores (effective as of
	the next periodic review (August 2022))
	$\cdot$ Revised the selection procedure for additional issues in the periodic review
	(effective as of the next periodic review (August 2022))
	$\cdot$ Revised the criteria and data used for determining qualitative scores (effective
	as of the next periodic review (August 2022))
	$\cdot$ Added revisions with regard to the business transfer to JPXI (applied on April
	1, 2022 retroactively)
	Revised for clarification
2023/2/13	$\cdot$ Revised removal criteria for constituents on the base date (effective as of the
	next periodic review (August 2023))
	$\cdot$ Clarified the treatment of issues for which submissions of companies' securities
	reports in the periodic review of the free float weight ratio are delayed
	· Clarified annotation regarding changes in number of shares used for index

	calculation			
2024/1/31	Revised criteria used for determining qualitative scores (effective as of the next			
	periodic review (August 2024))			
	<ul> <li>"Securities on Alert" was renamed to "Securities on Special Alert".</li> </ul>			
	· Added the share delivery where the share-delivery subsidiary is an			
	unlisted company for changes in Number of Shares Used for Index			
	Calculation.			
	$\cdot$ Clarification of the treatment of "Changes in Number of Shares Used for Index			
	Calculation" if the adjustment date is significantly close to the date of the			
	announcement in "Sho-ho" (TSE Notice).			

## Introduction

- JPX Market Innovation & Research, Inc. (JPXI) and Nikkei Inc. (Nikkei) (hereinafter JPXI and Nikkei are collectively referred to as "the Index Provider") calculate and publish JPX-Nikkei Mid and Small Cap Index (hereafter "JPX-Nikkei Mid Small") in accordance with the methods described in this document. If an event not specified in this document occurs, or if the Index Provider determines that it is difficult to apply the methods described in this document, the Index Provider may use an alternative method of index calculation and management as it deems appropriate.
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- The Index Provider calculates both price and total return versions of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small.

## I. Outline of the Index

- JPX-Nikkei Mid Small is composed of common stocks whose main market is the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) Prime Market, Standard Market or Growth Market (In addition, the Index Provider may include equivalent issues whose inclusion it deemed is particularly necessary.). Constituents shall be selected by the Index Provider based on market capitalization, trading value, ROE and other factors. Please refer to III. JPX-Nikkei Mid Small Constituent Selection for more details.
- The number of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituents shall be 200, as a general rule. This
  base number of constituents shall be used in the periodic review occurring in August. The
  number of constituents may temporarily fall below the base number due to delisting and
  other factors between reviews.
- · A periodic review of constituents will be conducted once a year (August).
- The base date for index calculation is August 31, 2016. The base value is 10,000.

# **II. Index Calculation**

## 1. Outline

• JPX-Nikkei Mid Small is calculated using free-float adjusted market value weighting. The index is denominated in points and is calculated to the second decimal place (values beyond the second decimal are rounded).

# 2. Formula

Index =  $\frac{CMV}{BMV} \times Base Point$ 

CMV = Current market value

BMV = Base market value

**Current Market Value** 

 $= \sum (\text{Number of Shares for Each Constituent} \\ \times \text{Stock Price for Each Constituent})$ 

# 3. Stock Price Used for Calculation

• The stock prices used for calculating JPX-Nikkei Mid Small are determined by the following order of priority:

(1) Special Quote Price or Sequential Trade Quote Price, (2) Contract Price, (3) Base Price for Index Calculation (determined in the following order: (i) Theoretical Ex-rights Price, (ii) Most Recent Special Quote Price or Sequential Trade Quote Price on or before the previous trading day, (iii) Most Recent Contract Price on or before the previous trading day.)

## 4. Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation

• The number of shares used for index calculation is determined by multiplying the total number of listed shares by the free-float weight (FFW) ratio following cap-adjustment.

Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation for Each Stock

= Total Number of Listed Shares  $\times$  FFW Ratio following cap-adjustment

- The number of listed shares used for index calculation is the number of shares obtained through processes specially arranged for index calculation, based on the number of listed shares. Regularly, the number of each issue's listed shares used for index calculation is equivalent to that of each issue's outstanding shares, however, in the case of a stock split, for example, a temporary difference could occur between the two figures. This is because the number of listed shares changes on the listing change date, while the number of listed shares for index calculation changes on the ex-rights date.
- FFW ratio used in JPX-Nikkei Mid Small shall be the FFW ratio after cap-adjustment (FFW ratio x cap-adjustment ratio) with a maximum 1.5% constituent ratio based on market capitalization weight on the periodic selection base date. In cases where the cap maximum is exceeded following periodic selection, the cap-adjustment ratio shall not be altered until the periodic selection application date of the following year.
- However, in cases where there is a remarkable change in the constituent weight due to, for example, periodic review of the FFW described below or corporate consolidation, merger, acquisition, etc. of a JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituent, an extraordinary revision of the cap-adjustment ratio of constituents may be conducted.

# 5. Free-Float Weight

(1) Outline

- Free-float weight (FFW) is the percentage of listed shares deemed to be available for trading in the market. The Index Provider calculates FFW for each listed company and uses this value in index calculation. The FFW of Company A may be different from that of Company B.
- A FFW is calculated by first estimating the number of non-free-float shares (listed shares deemed not to be available for trading in the market) using published materials such as securities reports, etc. (including data prepared by TOYO KEIZAI INC. based on annual securities reports. The same applies hereinafter.) Next, the non-FFW (Non-free-float shares / total listed shares) is calculated, then the FFW is obtained by subtracting the non-free-float factor from 1 (1 Non-FFW). FFW is expressed as a figure in the range of 0.00000 to 1.00000 in increments of 0.00001.
- FFW is reviewed in order to reflect the latest share ownership distribution. The timing of the FFW review varies depending on when earnings are announced. In addition to the

periodic review, extraordinary reviews are conducted at the Index Provider's discretion if FFW changes significantly due to events such as third-party allotment.

- (2) Periodic Review
- In principle, the announcement date and effective date of the periodic FFW review varies according to when listed companies announce earnings as below:

Announcement Date	Effective Date*			
Fifth business day of October	Last	business	day	of
	Octob	er		
Fifth business day of January	Last	business	day	of
	Janua	ary		
Fifth business day of April	Last business day of April		il	
Fifth business day of July	Last business day of July			
	Fifth business day of October Fifth business day of January Fifth business day of April	Fifth business day of October       Last         October       October         Fifth business day of January       Last         Januar       Januar         Fifth business day of April       Last business	Fifth business day of October       Last business         Fifth business day of January       Last business         Fifth business day of April       Last business day	Fifth business day of October       Last       business       day         October       October       day         Fifth business day of January       Last       business       day         January       January       Last       business       day

\*Adjustments will be made before markets open.

- At the periodic review, FFW is rounded up to the nearest 0.05 as below after subtracting the non-FFW from 1 (1 – Non-FFW).
- For stocks whose FFW could not be calculated by the announcement date in the table above due to delays in submitting the securities report, they will be reviewed at the timing of the first periodic review after the calculation becomes possible, regardless of the accounting period.
- FFW for periodic review

1 – Non FFW	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.10	≤ 0.15	≤ 0.20	≤ 0.25	≤ 0.30	≤ 0.35	≤ 0.40	≤ 0.45
FFW	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45

≤ 0.50	≤ 0.55	≤ 0.60	≤ 0.65	≤ 0.70	≤ 0.75	≤ 0.80	≤ 0.85	≤ 0.90	≤ 0.95	≤ 1.00
0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75	0.80	0.85	0.90	0.95	1.00

## (3) Extraordinary Review

• The Index Provider may review FFW in the following cases where it deems that the existing FFW is expected to be significantly affected.

Third-party allotment, conversion of preferred shares or exercise of subscription warrants, demerger, merger/stock swap, take-over bid (TOB) and other events deemed applicable by the Index Provider.

### (4) Estimation of non-free-float shares

a. Documents

Published materials such as securities reports, etc.

b. Estimation of non-free-float shares

The Index Provider considers the following to be non-free-float shares:

Shares held by the top 10 major shareholders, treasury and other similar stock (including "Cross-Shareholdings" (shares with limited voting rights as specified in Article 308 (1) of the Companies Act)), shares held by board members and other representatives, shares held by other listed companies for investment purposes other than pure investment (hereinafter "Specified Equity Securities"), and other shares deemed by the Index Provider to be unavailable for trading in the market.

- The Index Provider may treat shares held by the top 10 major shareholders as freefloat shares set out in the below table (the list below is not exclusive.)
- Securities deemed to be held, as indicated in the section on the state of corporate governance, etc. in the securities report, will not be included in the estimation of nonfree-float shares.

Condition	Major shareholder
Shares considered as free-float as a general rule	Securities finance companies,
	securities depositories,
	nominees for depository
	receipts
Shares likely to be deemed as free-float.	Trust banks, master trusts,
Cases where any of the following conditions are met and	global custodians, insurance
the Index Provider deems it appropriate to consider*	companies, securities
such shares as free-float.	companies, etc.
- There are descriptions in the Securities Report on the	
type of trust, the purpose of purchase of shares, etc.	
- It is clear that shares are held by several beneficiaries	
and managed centrally	
- It is clear that shares are held for margin transactions	

\*There are cases where the need to restrain extreme movements in FFW may be taken into account.

(5) Other (transition to the new FFW in line with the restructuring on April 4, 2022)

Transition stage	Announcement date	Implementation date*
1 <sup>st</sup>	April 7, 2022	April 28, 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Same as above	May 31, 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Same as above	June 30, 2022

Changes in FFW due to the revision of the calculation method will be carried out as below.

\*Adjustments will be made before markets open.

In addition, the transition will be carried out as follows.

- For stocks whose FFW before cap-adjustment based on the current calculation methodology minus the FFW before cap-adjustment based on the revised calculation methodology exceeds 0.1, the upper limit of the fluctuation during the transition period will be set to 0.1.
- The same upper limit will be applied to post-transition periodic reviews of the FFW, which will be carried out according to the fiscal year end of each company after July 2022.
- The regular periodic reviews carried out at the end of April 2022, for listed companies with fiscal years ending July, August and September 2021, will also use the three-stage transition as above.

# III. JPX-Nikkei Mid and Small Cap Index Constituent Selection

## 1. Initial Selection and Periodic Review

## (1) Outline

- Initial selection shall be conducted according to (2) Selection Criteria, with a base date of June 30, 2016.
- Periodic review of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituents (addition/removal) shall be conducted according to (2) Selection Criteria, based on market capitalization, etc. of issues on the base date.
- The base date for periodic review shall be the final business day of June of each year. The list of issues to be added/removed shall be released on the 5th business day of each August, and calculation of the index using the new constituents shall commence from the final business day of the August following the periodic review.

## (2) JPX-Nikkei Mid and Small Cap Index Selection Criteria

- The selection process shall be conducted as follows. The "market capitalization" indicated below is based on the number of listed shares used for index calculation.
- i. Selection of eligible constituents
  - (a) Common stocks

Common stocks whose main market is the TSE Prime Market, Standard Market or Growth Market on the base date (for dual-listed foreign stocks, as a general rule, only when their trading value at TSE in the most recent year from the base date is greater than that on their other listed exchanges) are regarded as eligible constituents.

However, at the initial selection stage, common stocks whose main market is the TSE 1st Section, 2nd Section, Mothers, or JASDAQ market on the base date (for dual-listed foreign stocks, as a general rule, only when their trading value at TSE in the most recent year from the base date is greater than that on their other listed exchanges) are regarded as eligible constituents.

(b) Non-common stocks

Issues other than common stocks may be included into the eligible constituents if they are regarded equivalent to common stocks and their inclusion is deemed particularly necessary by the Index Provider.

- ii. Issues which fall under any of the following items shall be removed from the pool of eligible constituents.
  - (a) Listed for under 3 years on the base date (excluding cases of a company which underwent technical listing and was listed for 3 or more years prior to delisting)
  - (b) Non-disclosure of the latest earnings reports as stipulated in 4.(1)(a) below or internal control reports, except in cases that the Index Provider deems this to be unavoidable.
  - (c) Liabilities in excess of assets at the beginning or end of any of the periods in 4.(1)(a) below.
  - (d) Operating deficit in all of the periods in 4.(1)(a) below (for companies which have not disclosed operating profits, a deficit for the profits used in 4.(1)(c) below.
  - (e) Overall deficit in all of the earnings periods in 4.(1)(a) below.
  - (f) Notes regarding the going concern assumption in financial statements, etc. in the most recent earnings period of those in 4.(1)(a) below (including the quarterly financial statements, etc. submitted following such).
  - (g) Statement that there is a significant insufficiency that should be disclosed or that it is not possible to release appraisal of internal controls in the internal control report pertaining to the most recent earnings period of those in 4.(1) (a) below.
  - (h) Falling under any of the following on the base date:
    - (i) Security to be Delisted
    - (ii) Security on Special Alert
  - (i) Falling under any of the following within 1 year from the base date where the reason is significant
    - (i) Subject to public announcement measures
    - (ii) Requested to submit an improvement report for public inspection (including cases of resubmission)
    - (iii) Subject to payment of listing agreement violation penalty
  - Note: Circumstances for eligible constituents between the base date and the time of selection may also be considered as needed for (f) through (i) above.
- iii. Of the issues that remain after ii., those that constitute the top 20% of market capitalization on the base date will be removed. However, for constituents of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small on the base date, the top 14% will be removed.
- iv. Of the issues that remain after iii., issues with a market capitalization of 10 billion yen

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or less on the base date and those with a total trading value of 15 billion yen or less in the year from the base date shall also be removed.

However, if the number of issues eligible for inclusion falls below 500 as a result of this removal procedure, the market capitalization and trading value criteria will each be lowered by one billion yen at a time until the number of eligible stocks exceeds 500.

In cases of an absorption-type merger/stock swap during the relevant period, as a general rule, the trading value of the surviving company following the merger or the new parent company following the stock swap shall be used prior to such merger/stock swap.

In cases of technical listing via a stock transfer, merger for creating a new company, or demerger, the trading value of the company which the Index Provider deems the subject of the corporate action pertaining to such technical listing in 4.(1)(a) below shall be used prior to the technical listing.

- v. Overall scores are calculated after ranking scores are given to the issues in iv. above according to the following items. (For what data is used, please refer to 4. Handling of Data used for Selection)
  - (a) 3-year average ROE ranking (highest: same number of points as the number of issues in iv. pts. –lowest: 1 pt.)
  - (b) 3-year cumulative operating profit ranking (highest: same number of points as the number of issues in iv. pts. –lowest: 1 pt.)

Overall Score $0.7 \times$ (a) 3-year average ROE ranking score+ $0.3 \times$ (b) 3-year cumulative operating profit ranking score

vi. Qualitative scores shall be given to the issues in iv. above in consideration of the following matters. (The score is determined so that at most around 10 constituents are different from those chosen with only quantitative score in v. above.) Matters used for determining qualitative scores may change considering the fulfillment situation, etc.

ltem		Criteria	Reference Material
Appointment	of	- Out of the total number of	Corporate
independent	directors	directors, a majority are	Governance Report

Item	Criteria	Reference Material
and female board	independent directors.	and Securities Report
members/executive	- Out of board members and	
officers	executive officers, the ratio of	
	female at least 30% as	
	disclosed in "members of the	
	board and executive officers"	
	in the Securities Report.	
Adoption of IFRS	Creation of the earnings report	TDnet
	according to international	
	financial reporting standards	
	(IFRS), or disclosure of plans	
	to apply IFRS	
Disclosure of English	English documents regarding	TDnet
earnings information	the earnings information	
and/or Corporate	and/or Corporate Governance	
Governance Report	Report are disclosed via TDnet	
	(Company Announcements	
	Distribution Service in English)	

vii. The scores of above v. and vi. are added to determine the final scores.

Final Score = Overall score in v. above + Qualitative score in vi. above

Ranking of final scores shall be made from highest to lowest. However, issues whose 3-year average ROE and most recent ROE are both in the bottom 10% of the issues in iv. above or negative, or whose 3-year cumulative operating profit is negative shall be ranked lowest. In cases of issues with the same final score, ranking preference shall be given to the issue with the higher v. (a) 3-year average ROE ranking.

- viii. Selection shall be conducted as below, based on the final scores in vii. above.
  - (a) Initial Selection

The top 200 issues shall be selected according to the rankings in vii. above.

- (b) Periodic Review
  - (i) The constituents of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small on the base date shall continue to be selected if they are ranked in the top 250 in vii. above.

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- (ii) If the number of selected stocks falls below 200 in the preceding paragraph
   (i), the top ranking issues according to the rankings in vii. above that meet the two conditions indicated below shall be selected until the number of constituents reaches 200.
  - Either 3-year average ROE or latest ROE surpasses the median ranking in iv. above
  - Ranking is at or within the top ranking 200 issues in vii. above
- (iii) If the number of selected issues falls below 200 even after selection according to the preceding paragraph (ii), then the top- ranking 200 issues in vii. that were not selected shall be selected according to the rankings of 3year average ROE until the number of constituents reaches 200.
- ix. If, as a result of the selection process above, the 200 constituents contain issues that will be delisted due to stock transfer, etc., adjustments for the final constituents may be conducted where deemed necessary.

Additionally, in cases where the Index Provider deems a selected issue significantly inappropriate as a constituent of the JPX-Nikkei Mid Small, said issue may not be added.

#### 2. Non-Periodic Removal

- In cases where constituents are delisted, designated as Securities to be Delisted, or designated as Securities on Special Alert, they shall be removed from JPX-Nikkei Mid Small (see Chapter IV).
- Additionally, in cases where the Index Provider deems the continued inclusion of a constituent to be significantly inappropriate, said issue shall be removed from JPX-Nikkei Mid Small.

#### 3. Non-Periodic Inclusion

 In cases where constituents are delisted due to conducting a stock transfer, stock swap, merger for the creation of a new company, or demerger pursuant to the former Commercial Code (shareholder-directed spinoff), and the newly created, surviving, or succeeding company resulting from said stock transfer, etc. is listed without delay, said newly created company, etc. shall be added only if the company that the Index Provider deems to be the subject of the newly created company (determined in consideration of allotment ratio, market value, trading value etc.) was a JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituent (see Chapter IV).

 Even if the number of constituents in JPX-Nikkei Mid Small decreases between periodic reviews due to the removal of constituents by means other than the periodic review as described in the previous item 2., no supplementary inclusions are made to meet the intended number of constituents (inclusions to meet the intended number of constituents are only made during the periodic review in August).

## 4. Handling of Data used for Selection

As a general rule, the following data is used for selection of the JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituents.

- (1) Financial Data
  - (a) General Rules pertaining to Financial Data
    - The earnings reports of a listed company from the fiscal year ended in April 3 years prior to the year in which the base date falls to the fiscal year ended in March immediately preceding the base date shall be used.

(Ex.) For selection in August 2016, earnings reports from the fiscal year ended April 2013 to the fiscal year ended March 2016 will be used.

- Consolidated earnings figures will be given preference. In cases of a fiscal year in which only non-consolidated earnings figures were disclosed, nonconsolidated figures shall be used.
- In cases of an absorption-type merger/stock swap during the relevant period, as a general rule, the information of the surviving company following the merger or the new parent company following the stock swap shall be used for the fiscal years prior to such merger/stock swap.
- In cases of technical listing via succession due to a stock transfer, merger for the creation of a new company, or demerger, etc., the information of the company which the Index Provider deems the subject of the corporate action pertaining to said technical listing shall be used for the fiscal years prior to the technical listing (to be determined in consideration of factors such as stock transfer ratio, trading value, market capitalization, and other factors).
- The figures as of the end of the previous fiscal year shall be used as those for the beginning of the target fiscal year.

#### (b) 3-year average ROE

For companies using Japanese general accounting standards, the 3-year average ROE shall be calculated as below.

3 year average ROE =  $\frac{\text{Total Net Income in past 3 years}}{\text{Total equity capital (beginning to end of year average) in past 3 years}} \times 100$ 

• For companies that prepare consolidated financial statements (Japanese standards), from the beginning of consolidated fiscal year started in April 1, 2015 "net income attributable to owners of the parent company" shall be used in place of "net income".

• For companies using IFRS/modified international accounting standards, "net profit of parent company holder" shall be used in place of net income, and "total equity (of parent company holder)" shall be used in place of total equity capital.

• For companies using US accounting standards, "net income of shareholders" shall be used in place of net income and "shareholders' equity" shall be used in place of total equity capital.

• In cases where the number of months included in the fiscal years referred to in (1)(a) above exceeds or falls below 36 due to an irregular accounting period, related figures shall be adjusted to be equivalent to those for a 36-month period.

#### (c) 3-year cumulative operating profit

3-year cumulative operating profit shall be calculated as below.

3 year cumulative operating profit = Total operating profit in past 3 years

• Companies which do not disclose operating profit shall use ordinary profit or income before taxes (in that order).

• In cases where the number of months included in the fiscal years referred to in (1)(a) above exceeds or falls below 36 due to an irregular accounting period, related figures shall be adjusted to be equivalent to those for a 36-month period.

#### (2) Data pertaining to matters for calculating qualitative score

(a) Corporate Governance Reports

The most recent Corporate Governance Report submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> business day of July following the base date, after the end date of the most recent fiscal year of those in (1)(a) above shall be used (in cases where no report was submitted during such period, no qualitative score will be given pertaining to the appointment

of independent outside directors).

#### (b) Tdnet

• The qualitative score for "Adoption of IFRS" shall be determined using information registered at the time of the base date.

• The qualitative score for "Disclosure of English earnings information" will be determined using information registered by the end of the  $3^{rd}$  month after the end date of the most recent fiscal year of those in (1)(a) above.

• The qualitative score of "Disclosure of English Corporate Governance Report" will be determined using information registered in the past one year before the base date.

• In cases where no information is registered as of the relevant time or during the relevant time period, no qualitative score will be given for the item in question.

(c) Securities Report

• For appointment status of female board members and executive officers, information provided in "Members of the Board and Executive Officers" in the Securities Report will be used.

# IV. Adjustments to Base Market Value

Whenever the market value of the index changes due to an increase or decrease in constituent issues, capital raising, or similar events other than market fluctuations, the base market values for JPX-Nikkei Mid Small is adjusted as follows to maintain continuity.

## 1. Events that Require Adjustment

#### (1) Inclusion or Removal of Constituents

	1		1	I
		Event Requiring Adjustment	Adjustment Date	Stock Price Used for
				Adjustment
	New	listing of a newly established company	New listing date (*2)	Base Price
ငါ	resulti	ing from a stock transfer, etc. (*1) that results		
Inclusion	in a	JPX-Nikkei Mid Small constituent being		
ň	deliste	ed and the new company being included in		
	JPX-N	likkei Mid Small.		
	Period	dic review in August	Last business day of	Stock price on business
			August	day before adjustment
				date
R		New listing of a newly formed company	New listing date of the	Stock price on business
Removal		resulting from a stock transfer, etc. (*1) that	newly formed company	day before delisting date
VOI		results in a JPX-Nikkei Mid Small	(normally two business	(*3)
<u>a</u>	D	constituent being delisted and the new	days following delisting	
	Delisting	company being included in JPX-Nikkei Mid	date)	
	ing	Small		
		Delisting other than those stated above	Delisting date	Stock price on business
		(e.g. non-surviving company as a result of	-	day before adjustment
		merger/stock swap, etc.)		date
	Desig	nation as Securities to be Delisted or	Four business days	Stock price on business
	Secur	ities on Special Alert	after such a	day before adjustment
			designation (*4)	date
	Period	dic review in August	Last business day of	Stock price on business
			August	day before adjustment
			-	date

 Adjustments to the base market value are made after the end of trading on the business day before the adjustment date (i.e., before the market opens on the adjustment date). The same shall apply hereinafter.

- \*1: Stock transfer, stock swap, merger for the creation of a new company, or demerger
- \*2: Next business day when the new listing date falls on a holiday.
- \*3: During the period from the delisting date to the business day before the date of removal from the index, the price on the business day before the delisting date is used for index calculation.
- \*4: If the date of designation as Securities to be Delisted or Securities on Special Alert falls on a holiday, it will be the following business day.

# (2) Changes in Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation

Ev	vent Requiring Adjustment	Adjustment Date	Stock Price Used for
Change adjustme	of FFW ratio following cap- nt	Change date	Adjustment Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Public off	fering	Additional listing date (day after the payment date) (*1)	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Third-par	ty allotment	Five business days after additional listing date which is two business days after payment date	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Capital sharehol	increase through allotment to ders	Ex-rights date	Payment price per share
Exercise	of subscription warrants	Last business day of the month following exercise	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Conversi	on of preferred stock, etc.	Last business day of the month following conversion	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Cancella	tion of treasury stock	Last business day of the month following cancellation	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Merger /stock swap	Situations in which a constituent of JPXI-calculated indices (*2) is the non-surviving entity (mergers/stock swaps between two issues that are both constituents of an index calculated by JPXI)	Delisting date of the non-surviving entity	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
	Situations other than those described above (including the share delivery where the share- delivery subsidiary is an unlisted company)	Listing change date (effective date)	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Japan (N	hares held by the Government of lippon Telegraph and Telephone, bacco, and Japan Post Holdings	Date determined by the Index Provider (*3)	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Rights of	fering (*4)	Ex-rights date	Payment price per share
Demerge	r (absorption-type)	Additional listing date (effective date)	Stock price on business day before adjustment date
Other ad	justments (*5)	Last business day of the month in which the information announced in "Sho-ho" (TSE Notice) or the last business day of the following month	Stock price on business day before adjustment date

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- \*1: Next business day when the additional listing date falls on a holiday (the same apply hereafter)
- \*2: As a general rule, limited to constituents of JPXI-calculated indices which are common stocks.
- \*3: Generally the delivery date
- \*4: Capital increase through gratis allotment of subscription warrants (namely, rights offering) corresponds to an increase in shares by the number of shares calculated by multiplying the number of listed shares used for index calculation as of the last day with rights by the number of subscription warrants allotted per share.
- \*5: For example, situations in which an issuer of convertible bonds or other securities conducts a stock split; the number of shares calculated based on ratios for stock splits, reverse stock splits, or share allotments to shareholders, etc. is different than the final number of shares determined after the effective date; revisions have been made by listed companies after data has been reflected in index calculation; or in the case of shares held by the Government of Japan being sold, when the determination of the number of shares is announced in "Sho-ho" (TSE Notice) after the date of the additional listing.
- Since market value does not change when there is a stock price revision made due an increase (or decrease) in the number of shares used for index calculation such as a stock split or reverse stock split, etc., no adjustment is made to base market value (BMV).
- If the adjustment date in the table above is significantly close to the date of the announcement in "Shoho" (TSE Notice), as a general rule, the event requiring adjustment will be reflected as an "other adjustment" at a later date.

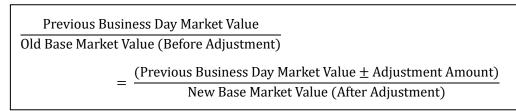
#### (3) Data Source

- Information on the reasons for base market value adjustments, details on the adjustment, adjustment dates and other data are available through the "Sho-ho" (TSE Notice) published daily by TSE based on reports, etc. submitted by issuers. (Please refer to Section II 5. for information on calculating FFW.)
- Even if the previously announced "Sho-ho" (TSE Notice) that resulted in an index adjustment is revised based on the issuer's report, retroactive index adjustments will NOT be made based on the revised contents.

#### 2. Adjustment Method

#### (1) Indices that do not reflect dividends (i.e. price indices)

- i. Adjustment Method
- The base market value will be adjusted according to the formula below in order to maintain the continuity of the index:



\*Adjustment Amount = Increase (Decrease) in Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation x Stock Price Used for Adjustment

Therefore,

New Base Market Value = (Old Base Market Value×(Previous Business Day Market Value ±Adjustment Amount))/(Previous Business Day Market Value)

#### ii. Adjustment Example

• If, for example, the old base market value is 200 trillion yen and the previous day's market value is 400 trillion yen, the index value on the previous day will be:

Previous Day's Index =  $\frac{1}{2}400 \text{ tn} \div \frac{1}{2}200 \text{ tn} \times 10,000 = 20,000.00$ 

Now, suppose that the number of listed shares of Stock A used for index calculation increases by 100 million shares due to a public offering. If its closing price on the previous day was ¥2,000, the adjustment amount is 100 million shares x ¥2,000 = ¥200 billion. The new base market value, therefore, is:

New Base Market Value =  $200 \text{ tn } \times (400 \text{ tn } + 200 \text{ bn}) \div 400 \text{ tn} = 200.1 \text{ tn}$ 

 As illustrated below, if there is no price change in any constituent, the value for the index today is the same as the previous day: 20,000 points. Thus, continuity in the index is maintained through adjustments to base market value even if the market value of constituents changes due to public offering.

(¥400 tn + ¥200 bn)÷¥200.1 tn ×10,000 = 20,000 points

#### (2) Total Return Index

- Dividends used in calculating the Total Return Index are gross (i.e. before tax)
- Since the dividend amount for the current period is not fixed as of the ex-dividend date, adjustments made to reflect dividends in the base market value are made in two stages:
   1) adjustment using estimated dividends and 2) minor adjustments made to reflect differences between estimated dividend and dividend amount announced in the earnings report, etc.

## a. Adjustments Using Estimated Dividends

- The total dividend amount for all constituents is calculated on ex-dividend dates using estimated dividends, and the base market value is adjusted as above. In principle, the estimated dividend amount used is as follows:
  - i. Dividend amount for the current period as announced in timely disclosure documents, if available.
  - ii. Dividend amount for the previous period if the dividend for the current period is not fixed (e.g. the dividend is not announced in disclosure documents as i. above, or the amount is not determined, etc.)
- The base market value adjustment method is basically as described in the previous section, except an adjustment is made to reflect dividends as follows:

New Base Market Value =

Old Base Market Value × (Previous Business Day Market Value – Total Dividends ± Adjustment Amount)
Previous Business Day Market Value

\*Dividends per Constituent = Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation on Business Day Before Ex-Dividend Date × Estimated Dividend Per Share

\*Total Dividends = Sum of Dividends for All Constituents
 \*Adjustment Amount = Increase (Decrease) in Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation × Share Price Used for Adjustment

# b. Minor Adjustment to Reflect Difference Between Estimated Dividend and Dividend Announced in the Earnings Report, etc.

• Minor adjustments are made with respect to those constituents for which the estimated dividend used on the ex-dividend date and the dividend announced in the earnings report or the notice of dividends of surplus (hereinafter the "earnings report, etc.") are different. Specifically, the total dividend adjustment amount is calculated and the base market value adjustments are made on the last business day of the month in which the dividend is announced in the earnings report, etc. (hereinafter the "publication date"; if the publication date is one business day before the last business day of the month or the last business day of the month, adjustments will be as a general rule, made on the last business day of the next month).

#### New Base Market Value =

Old Base Market Value × (Previous Business Day Market Value – Total Adjusted Dividends ± Adjustment Amount) Previous Business Day Market Value

- \* Adjusted Dividend per Constituent = Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation on Business Day Before Ex-Dividend Date × (Dividend Announced in Earnings Report, etc. - Estimated Dividend per Share)
- \* Total Adjusted Dividends = Sum of Adjusted Dividends for All Constituents
- \* Adjustment Amount = Increase (Decrease) in Number of Shares Used for Index Calculation × Stock Price Used for Adjustment

#### (3) Net Total Return Index

- In addition to the Total Return Index explained above, the Net Total Return Index which reflects the tax rate applied to constituent stock dividends is also calculated.
- The base market value adjustment to reflect the dividend amount is made at the same time as (2). But when calculating the base market value, the "total dividend amount" and the "total dividend minor adjustment amount" shall each be multiplied by (1 minus the dividend tax rate).
- The tax rate used in calculating the Net Total Return Index is withholding tax rate for listing shares (except for the local tax) at the adjustment date.

# V. Other

## 1. Publication/Dissemination of Index Data

## (1) Index Values

- The JPX-Nikkei Mid Small price index values are disseminated in real-time (every 1 second) through the Market Information System to securities companies, news media, and other institutions all over the country.
- Total return index value and Net total return index value of JPX-Nikkei Mid Small are calculated daily at market close.
- This index is calculated retroactively to August 30, 2006 on an end-of-day basis. As scoring based on qualitative factors and the preferential rule for existing constituents were not applied in the past, the retroactive calculation of the index value is not fully in line with the rule shown in "JPX-Nikkei Mid and Small Cap Index Guidebook".

## (2) Index Data

 Index data relating to JPX-Nikkei Mid Small (base market value, number of shares for each constituent, etc.) are provided for a fee through the Tokyo Market Information service and Nikkei Indexes "Premium Data Package"

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