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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.

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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.

400 Bellevue Parkway  
Wilmington, Delaware 19809

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2002

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting (the "Meeting") of Stockholders of Jardine Fleming China Region Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") will be held at One Liberty Plaza, 39th Floor Conference Center, New York, New York 10006, on Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- (1) to elect one director of the Fund to hold office for the term indicated and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified;
- (2) to amend the Fund's investment policies to require the Fund under normal conditions to invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities issued either by China Region companies or China Region associated companies and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities issued by China Region companies; and
- (3) to consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Thursday, February 28, 2002, was fixed by the Board of Directors as the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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John P. Falco  
Assistant Secretary

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 8, 2002

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Please execute and return the enclosed proxy promptly,  
whether or not you plan to attend the Fund's Annual Meeting.

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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.  
400 Bellevue Parkway  
Wilmington, DE 19809

PROXY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Jardine Fleming China Region Fund, Inc. (the "FUND") of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "MEETING") of the Fund to be held at One Liberty Plaza, 39th Floor Conference Center, New York, NY 10006, on Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., and at any adjournments thereof, for the following purposes:

- (1) to elect one director of the Fund, to hold office for the term indicated and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified;
- (2) to amend the Fund's investment policies to require the Fund under normal conditions to invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities issued either by China Region companies or China Region associated companies and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities issued by China Region companies; and
- (3) to consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The enclosed proxy and this Proxy Statement are first being sent to the Fund's stockholders on or about April 8, 2002.

The cost of soliciting proxies and preparing the proxy materials will be borne by the Fund. In order to ensure that sufficient shares of Common Stock are represented at the Meeting to permit approval of the proposals outlined in the Proxy Statement, the Fund has retained the services of MacKenzie Partners, Inc., to assist it in soliciting proxies for a fee of \$6,000 plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, the Fund will request securities brokers, custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries to forward solicitation material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record and will reimburse them for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding such solicitation material. In addition, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone or telegram by directors, officers, and employees of the Fund without additional compensation to them.

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The Board of Directors has selected John P. Falco and JoAnne Bennick, and each of them, to act as proxies with full power of substitution. All properly executed proxies received prior to the Meeting will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon or otherwise as provided therein. Unless instructions to the contrary are marked, shares represented by the proxies will be voted "FOR" all the proposals. Any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the exercise thereof by submitting another proxy bearing a later date or by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Fund at the Wilmington, Delaware address indicated above or by voting in person at the Meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on February 28, 2002, as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. At that date, there were outstanding and entitled to vote 4,688,824 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Stockholders of the Fund on that date will be entitled one vote on each matter to be voted for each share held (and one such vote for each director to be elected), with no shares having cumulative voting rights. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" (as

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defined below) are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present for purposes of convening the meeting. "Broker non-votes" are shares held by a broker or nominee for which an executed proxy is received by the Fund but are not voted as to one or more proposals because instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote, and the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as "votes cast" on any proposal and will have no effect on the result of the votes conducted during the Meeting.

The principal executive offices of the Fund are located at 400 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809, USA.

### PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

Although the Fund does not have information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares held in the names of DTC Participants, as of February 28, 2002, to the knowledge of the Fund, the following owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

TITLE OF CLASS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER	AMOUNT OF RECORD SHARES HELD
Common Stock	Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Safekeeping 4 Corporate Place Piscataway, NJ 08854	892,963
Common Stock	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 63 Wall Street 8th Floor New York, NY 10005	380,067
Common Stock	State Street Bank & Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive No. Quincy, MA 02171	373,955
Common Stock	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	307,950

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Newport Financial Center  
111 Pavonia Avenue East, 3rd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07310

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Common Stock	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citibank Center Tampa, FL 33610	266,596
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PROPOSAL NO. 1  
ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

There are four members on the current Board of Directors. Mr. A. Douglas Eu was elected the President of the Fund on May 12, 1999, while The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer, the former President, continues to be the Chairman and a director of the Fund. One of the current members of the Board of Directors has been nominated to serve for terms as indicated below and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Mr. Julian M.I. Reid was last elected by the stockholders at the 1999 Annual Meeting on May 13, 1999, to serve as a Class III director for a term of three years. In accordance with the terms of that election, his term expires at the 2002 Annual Meeting. Mr. Reid has been nominated to serve as a Class III director for a three-year term and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

It is intended that all proxies received, unless otherwise indicated, will be voted "FOR" the election of the nominee referred to above. The affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares present at the Meeting (at which a quorum is present) is required to elect the nominee. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE NOMINEE.

The Board knows of no reason why the nominee listed will be unable to serve. If the nominee should become unable to serve, the proxies will be voted for the election of such person as may be designated by the Board to replace such nominee.

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There have been no purchases or sales by any director or nominee for election as director of securities of the Fund's investment adviser, JF International Management, Inc. (the "INVESTMENT ADVISER") or its parents, or subsidiaries of either 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of such entities since January 1, 2001.

Mr. A. Douglas Eu has been the Chief Operations Officer and the Secretary of the Investment Adviser since 1992, and he is considered an "interested person" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act because of his employment with the Investment Adviser.

No other director or nominee for election as director or officer of the Fund, or member of their immediate family, is or was during the past five years, an officer, employee, director, general partner, or shareholder of the Investment Adviser. No director or nominee for election as director or officer owns any securities or has had during the past five years any other material direct or indirect interest in the Investment Adviser or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Investment Adviser.

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No other director or nominee for election as director has had during the past five years any material direct or indirect interest in the Fund's administrator FFPC Inc. (the "ADMINISTRATOR").

No other director or nominee for election as director has, or has had, any material relationship, any material interest, direct or indirect, in any material transactions, or in any proposed material transactions, to which the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, or any parent or subsidiary of such entities was or is to be a party.

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which any director or nominee for election as director or affiliated person of any director or nominee for election as director is a party adverse to the Fund or any of its affiliated persons or has a material interest adverse to the Fund or any of its affiliated persons.

The following table presents information concerning the current Board of Directors and Officers of the Fund. The information includes their positions and principal occupations during the last five years. Each director who is an "interested person" (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 ACT")) is indicated by an asterisk ("\*") preceding his name.

NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND (1)	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED (1)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMB PORTFO FUN COMP OVERS DIRE
----- DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS -----				
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer 6, Sloane Terrace Mansions, London, SW1X 9DG United Kingdom Age: 55	Chairman and Director, Class I	Since 1994	Chief Executive Officer of Cromer Associates Limited; Chairman of LG China Fund Limited, Philippine Discovery Investment Company Limited, Cambridge Asia Fund Limited and Somerset Business Link Limited	
Alexander Reid Hamilton Flat E, 15th Floor, Gold Ning Mansion, 5 Tai Hang Drive, Hong Kong Age: 60	Director, Class I	Since 1994	Director of Citic Pacific Limited, The Swank Shop Limited, Cosco International Holdings Limited, Cosco Pacific Limited, Esprit Holdings Limited, DBS Kwong On Bank Limited, Man Sang International Limited, Boto International Holdings Limited and Shangri-La Asia	

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Julian M. I. Reid 10 Frere Felix de Valois St. Port Louis, Mauritius Age: 57	Director, Class III	Since 1998	Chief Executive Officer of 3a Asset Management Limited
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INTERESTED DIRECTOR

A. Douglas Eu HK Parkview, Apt. 0863, Tower 10, 88 Tai Tam Reservoir Rd. Hong Kong Age: 40	President, Treasurer and Director, Class II	Since 1997	Chief Operations Officer and Secretary of the Investment Advisor
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OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS

Lauren Pan Age: 35	Secretary	Since 2001	Vice President of JF Asset Management Ltd. since July 2000. Prior to that, Manager of JF Asset Management Ltd.
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John P. Falco Age: 29	Assistant Secretary	Since 2001	Assistant Vice President and Manager, Regulatory Administration, PFPC Inc. since December 2000. Prior to that, Regulatory Administrator, PFPC Inc. (December 1997 to December 2000) and, prior to that, Legal Assistant at the law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
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The following table sets forth the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Director in the Fund and in all registered investment companies overseen by the Director within the Fund's family of investment companies on March 15, 2002:

NAME OF DIRECTOR	DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND (1)	AGGREGATED SECURITIES IN COMMON DIRECTORIAL OF INVESTMENT
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INTERESTED DIRECTOR

A. Douglas Eu

None

DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer

\$10,001-\$50,000

A. R. Hamilton

\$1-\$10,000

Julian M.I. Reid

\$1-\$10,000

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During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, the Board of Directors held a total of seven meetings. The Board has an Audit Committee, but does not have a Nominating or Compensation Committee. The Audit Committee met twice during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. At present, the Audit Committee members are Messrs. Hamilton and Reid, and The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer; Mr. Reid became an Audit Committee Member on January 31, 2002. The Audit Committee meets with the Fund's independent accountants to review whether satisfactory accounting procedures are being followed by the Fund and whether internal accounting controls are adequate to inform itself with regard to non-audit services performed by the independent accountants and to review fees charged by the independent accountants. The Audit Committee also recommends to the Board of Directors the selection of independent accountants. Other than Mr. Y.M. Ng, who resigned from the Board on June 19, 2001, all of the directors attended all the Board and Committee meetings (including committees other than the Audit Committee) for which they were eligible to attend.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A director or officer of the Fund who is also an officer or employee of the Investment Adviser receives no remuneration from the Fund. The directors of the Fund do not receive any pensions or retirement benefits from the Fund or the Investment Adviser.

The table below sets forth the compensation paid by the Fund to its directors who received such compensation for the year ended December 31, 2001:

NAME OF PERSON, POSITION	AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FROM FUND	PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACCRUED AS PART OF FUND EXPENSES	ESTIMATED ANNUAL BENEFITS UPON RETIREMENT	TO FUN WITH
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer, Chairman and Director	\$23,000	None	None	



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A. R. Hamilton, Director	\$19,000	None	None
Julian M.I. Reid, Director	\$17,500	None	None
Ng Yook Man, Director (resigned effective June 19, 2001)	\$14,351	None	None
Total	\$73,851	None	None

The directors' compensation from the Fund is comprised solely of directors' and attendance fees. The fees were paid on the basis of an annual fee of \$13,750 for directors and \$17,750 for the Chairman, plus \$750 per meeting attended. Mr. Eu does not receive such fees because of his affiliation with the Investment Adviser.

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None of the executive officers of the Fund received any compensation from the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2001.

### PROPOSAL 2

#### CHANGE IN INVESTMENT POLICY

It is our policy under normal conditions to invest at least 65% of our assets in common stock, preferred stock and equity-related securities (including convertible debt obligations, warrants and rights) and in the depositary receipts representing such stock and other securities (collectively, "equity securities"), issued by "China Region companies." We define China Region companies as companies (a) that are organized in a China Region country or for which the principal securities trading market is in the China Region or (b) that have 50% or more of their assets in, or derive 50% or more of their revenues or profits from, the China Region. The China Region is defined as the People's Republic of China, including Hong Kong and Macau, and the Republic of China (Taiwan). To the extent that the balance of the Fund's assets are not invested in equity securities issued by China Region companies, our policy is to invest in securities issued by "China Region associated companies," which we define as companies that do not meet the definition of a China Region company but whose current or expected performance the Fund's investment advisor believes is strongly associated with the China Region, and are exposed to significant risks of the China Region, and certain high-quality debt obligations.

A regulation recently adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission requires a fund with a name indicating an investment emphasis in a geographic region to adopt a policy to invest at least 80% of its assets in investments that are tied economically to the particular geographic region suggested by its name. While we have consistently invested over 80% of our assets in investments that are tied economically to the China Region, this practice has not been a stated fundamental policy of the Fund. But under normal conditions we intend to continue to be so invested.

Proposal No. 2 is intended to comply with the new rule by amending our investment policy to require that under normal circumstances at least 80% of our net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes be invested in equity securities issued by China Region companies or China Region associated companies and that at least 65% of our assets be invested in equity securities issued by China Region companies.

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Our investment policy, both as it currently exists and as it would be stated following the adoption of Proposal No. 2, applies only under normal conditions. We may, therefore, in certain circumstances invest a lower percentage of our assets in investments tied economically to the China Region. For example, we could, as a temporary defensive position invest a lower percentage in assets economically tied to the China Region in order to avoid losses in response to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions.

The Board of Directors believes that the current name of the Fund is consistent with the Fund's investment policy and helps to highlight our investment strategy.

The affirmative vote of a simple majority of shares present and voting at the Meeting is required to amend the investment policy. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE FUND'S INVESTMENT POLICY TO REQUIRE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES 80% OF ITS ASSETS TO BE INVESTED IN THE EQUITY SECURITIES ISSUED BY CHINA REGION COMPANIES OR CHINA REGION ASSOCIATED COMPANIES, AND 65% OF ITS ASSETS BE INVESTED IN EQUITY SECURITIES ISSUED BY CHINA REGION COMPANIES.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Fund's previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that might incorporate future filings made by the Fund under those statutes, the following report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any prior filings nor future filings made by the Fund under those statutes.

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#### (1) MEMBERSHIP AND ROLE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee consists of Mr. Alexander R. Hamilton, Mr. Julian M.I. Reid and The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent as defined under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, which is included in this Proxy Statement as Exhibit A.

The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Fund, the compliance by the Fund with legal and regulatory requirements, and the independence and performance of the Fund's external accountants. The Audit Committee met two (2) times during the year ended 2001.

#### (2) REVIEW OF THE FUND'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

The Audit Committee has conducted specific oversight activities with respect to the Fund's audited financial statements for year ended December 31, 2001. The Audit Committee has also reviewed and discussed them with the Investment Adviser. The Audit Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP ("PWC"), the Fund's independent accountants, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees).

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At its meeting on February 20, 2002, the Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from PWC required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussion with Audit Committees) and the Audit Committee has discussed the independence of PWC with that firm.

Based on the Audit Committee's review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001 be included in the Fund's annual report to shareholders required by Section 30(e) of the 1940 Act, and filed with SEC as required by Rule 30d(1) under the 1940 Act.

Audit Committee  
Alexander R. Hamilton, Chairman  
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer  
Julian M.I. Reid

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

PWC has been selected as the independent accountants by the Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act) to audit the accounts of the Fund for and during 2002. This firm served as independent accountants of the Fund for 2001. The Board does not know of any direct or indirect financial interest of PWC in the Fund.

A representative of PWC will be present at the Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if he desires to do so, and will be available to answer questions.

In 2001, PWC performed various professional services for the Fund, including the examination of the financial statements of the Fund for that year. PWC has also been engaged to assist with the preparation of corporate tax returns for 2001.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors recommended the selection of PWC as independent accountants for 2002 and approved and ratified both the audit and non-audit services provided by the firm and the related fees. The Committee considered the possible effect of the non-audit services on the independence of PWC and concluded there was no effect upon their independence.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, PWC billed the Fund, the Investment Adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Investment Adviser that provides services to the Fund as follows:

	US\$
Audit fees billed to the Fund	\$ 35,500
Non-audit fees billed to the Fund (1)	\$ 7,672
Audit fees billed to the Fund's Investment Adviser	\$ 5,100
Non-audit fees billed to the Fund's Investment Adviser	\$ 0
Total	\$ 48,272

(1) Comprise of \$5,450 tax service fee paid to PWC and \$2,222 tax agent fee

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paid to PWC Taipei, an affiliate of the Fund's independent accountants.

There are no financial information systems design and implementation fees billed by PWC to the Fund, its Investment Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Investment Adviser that provides services to the Fund.

The Audit Committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services by PWC is compatible with the maintenance of its independence.

### THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Fund's Investment Adviser is JF International Management, Inc., which was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands in 1992 and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act. The Investment Adviser's principal address is 47th Floor, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong.

### THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Fund's Administrator is PFPC Inc., whose address is 400 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809.

### DEADLINE FOR STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Stockholder proposals intended to be presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Fund must be received by November 15, 2002, to be included in the Proxy Statement. A Stockholder seeking to have a proposal considered at the 2003 Annual Meeting where the proposal is not received by November 15, 2002, should notify the

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Fund no later than January 31, 2003. If notice is not received by January 31, 2003, then the persons appointed as proxies may vote on the proposal as they see fit notwithstanding that stockholders have not been advised of the proposal in the Proxy Statement. Any proposal submitted by stockholders must comply in all respects with the following: (1) the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission; (2) the provisions of the Fund's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws; and (3) Maryland law. The Fund expects the 2003 Annual Meeting will be held in May of 2003.

### OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no other matters to be presented for action at the Meeting other than those mentioned above; however, if any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is intended that the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote on such other matters in accordance with their judgment of the best interests of the Fund.

All proxies received will be voted in favor of all of the proposals unless otherwise directed therein.

THE COMPANY WILL FURNISH, WITHOUT CHARGE, COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

EquiServe Trust Company, N.A.  
P.O. Box 8200  
Boston, MA 02266-8200  
800-426-5523

EXHIBIT A

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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.  
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board to assist the Board in monitoring (1) the integrity of the financial statements of the Fund, (2) the compliance by the Fund with legal and regulatory requirements and (3) the independence and performance of the Fund's external accountants.

The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three directors. The members of the Audit Committee shall meet the independence and experience requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board.

The Audit Committee shall have the authority to retain special legal, accounting or other consultants to advise the Committee. The Audit Committee may request any officer or employee of the Fund or the Fund's outside counsel or independent accountant to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee.

The Audit Committee shall make regular reports to the Board.

The Audit Committee shall:

1. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
2. Review the annual audited financial statements with the Fund's manager, including major issues regarding accounting and auditing principles and practices as well as the adequacy of internal controls that could significantly affect the Fund's financial statements.
3. Review an analysis prepared by the Fund's manager and the independent accountant of significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Fund's financial statements.
4. Review with the Fund's manager and the independent accountant the Fund's annual financial statements prior to the filing of its Form N-SAR.
5. Review major changes to the Fund's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the independent accountant or the Fund's manager.
6. Recommend to the Board the appointment of the independent accountant, which independent accountant is ultimately accountable to the Audit Committee and the Board.
7. Recommend to the Board the fees to be paid to the independent accountant.
8. Receive periodic formal written reports from the independent accountant regarding the accountant's independence and delineating all relationships between the accountant and the Fund, discuss such reports with the accountant, and if so determined by the Audit Committee, recommend that the Board take appropriate action to satisfy itself of the independence of the

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accountant.

9. Evaluate together with the Board the performance of the independent accountant and, if so determined by the Audit Committee, recommend that the Board replace the independent accountant.
10. Confer with the independent accountant prior to the audit the planning and staffing of the audit.
11. Obtain from the independent accountant assurance that Section 10A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 has not been implicated.

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12. Discuss with the independent accountant the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the conduct of the audit.
13. Review with the independent accountant any problems or difficulties the accountant may have encountered and any management letter provided by the accountant and the Fund's response to that letter. Such review should include any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information.
14. Prepare the report required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Fund's annual proxy statement.
15. Advise the Board with respect to the Fund's Code of Ethics.
16. Review with the Fund's counsel legal matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements.
17. Confer at least annually with the independent accountant in an executive session.

While the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Fund's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the responsibility of the Fund's manager and the independent accountant. Nor is it the duty of the Audit Committee to conduct investigations, to resolve disagreements, if any, between the Fund's manager and the independent accountant or to assure compliance with laws and regulations and the Fund's Code of Ethics.

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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.

Dear Stockholder,

Please take note of the important information enclosed with this Proxy Ballot. There are two issues related to the management and operation of your Fund that requires your immediate attention and approval. They are discussed in detail in the enclosed proxy materials.

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Your vote counts, and you are strongly encouraged to exercise your right to vote your shares.

Please mark the box on this proxy card to indicate how your shares will be voted. Then sign the card, detach it and return your proxy vote in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Your vote must be received prior to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, May 9, 2002.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jardine Fleming China Region Fund, Inc.

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[X] PLEASE MARK VOTE  
AS IN THIS EXAMPLE

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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.  
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE  
"FOR" PROPOSAL 1.

1	Election of Director	Withhold	For
(01)	Julian M. I. Reid	[ ]	[ ]
2	To amend the Fund's investment policies to require the Fund under normal conditions to invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities issued either by China Region companies or China Region associated companies and at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities issued by Region companies.	Withhold	For
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JARDINE FLEMING CHINA REGION FUND, INC.

Proxy Solicited On Behalf Of The Board Of Directors

THE UNDERSIGNED STOCKHOLDER of Jardine Fleming China Region Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") hereby appoints John P. Falco and JoAnne Bennick, and each of them, the lawful attorneys and proxies of the undersigned with full power of substitution to vote, as designated below, all shares of Common Stock of the Fund which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at One Liberty Plaza, 39th Floor Conference Center, New York, New York 10006, and at any and all adjournments thereof with respect to the matters set forth below and described in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement dated April 8, 2002, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and any other matters arising before such Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Properly executed proxies will be voted (or the vote on such matters will be withheld on specific matters) in accordance with instructions appearing on the proxy. In the absence of specific instructions, proxies will be voted FOR the election of the nominee as director, FOR the proposal to amend the Fund's investment policies and in the best discretion of the proxyholders as to any other matters. Please refer to the Proxy Statement for a discussion of the proposal.

PLEASE VOTE, DATE AND SIGN ON REVERSE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

Please sign exactly as name(s) appear(s) hereon. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by president or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

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