

TAIWAN FUND INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

September 1, 2004

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

811-04893
(Commission
File Number)

042942862
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02110
(Zip Code)

(800) 426-5523

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Pursuant to Regulation FD Rules 100-103, The Taiwan Fund, Inc. (the Fund) furnishes the September 2004 Monthly Review of the Fund s performance by the Fund s investment adviser.

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SIGNATURES

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

Dated: December 2, 2004

By: /s/ Adelina Louie

Name: Adelina Louie

Title: Secretary and Treasurer

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September 2004

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Portfolio Review**Market overview and portfolio performance**

The Taiwan Stock Exchange Index (the TAIEX) gained slightly in September, it was up 1.6% month-over-month in U.S. dollar terms. In spite of concerns over the skyrocketed oil prices, ample liquidity and seasonality were the two factors drawing investor interest in bargain hunting for large market capitalization stocks. Foreign institutions, on the other hand, continued the consecutive fund inflows in September, in response to the positive sentiment backed by the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) re-weighting changes to the Taiwan market. In terms of sector performance for the month of September, the two best performing sectors were steel and textile, which gained 12% month-over-month and 11% month-over-month, respectively, followed by the financial sector, which increased 5%. However, the lackluster technology outlook and slowdown in the end-market demand resulted in the technology sector dropping 2.6% in September, reversing in part the 8% gain in August.

Market outlook and portfolio strategy

Looking ahead, we anticipate that the Taiwan stock market will continue a consolidation trading range, with some potential upside before the Chinese New Year. Our view is mainly based on the seasonal up-pick for the technology sector, healthy domestic demand and stronger-than-expected demand for the cyclical sectors. Our portfolio strategy will be to continue to increase weighting in the domestic demand sectors and industrial cyclical shares for those stocks with stable earnings in the coming quarters. In addition, we will continue to hold quality blue chips in downstream technology shares and continue to search for quality small cap stocks with growth potential going forward. In the mid-term, we will reduce the weighting in cyclical growth if there is a rebound and move to more defensive sectors.

Total Fund Sector Allocation**As of 09/30/04**

	% of Total Fund	% of TAIEX
Finance	20.20	20.43
PC & Peripherals	14.80	14.11
Semiconductor	13.80	14.24
Telecommunications	11.50	2.04
Electronics	10.90	12.15
Plastics	6.00	11.34
Iron & Steel	5.30	4.10
Retail	3.80	0.78
Textiles & Apparel	3.50	1.84
Others & Miscellaneous	2.30	9.76
Chemicals	1.70	1.41
Automobiles, Tires & Accessories	1.70	1.84

Shipping	1.60	2.99
Cement	0.10	0.97
Electrical Equipment	0.00	1.30
Wire & Cable	0.00	0.70
Total	97.20	100.00
Cash	2.80	
Tech	51.00	42.54
Non-Tech	28.80	37.03
Financial	20.20	20.43

Total Net Assets: US\$209.45Million

Top 10 Holdings of Total Fund Portfolio

As of 09/30/04	% of Total Portfolio
Chungwha Telecom Co. Ltd.	7.67
Asustek Computer, Inc.	6.15
China Steel Corp.	5.35
Cathay Financial Holding Co. Ltd.	5.08
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd.	4.81
Mega Financial Holding Co.	4.59
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.	4.45
Chinatrust Financial Holdings Co. Ltd.	4.43
Taishin Financial Holdings Co. Ltd.	4.16
President Chain Store Corp.	3.84
Total	50.53

NAV: US\$12.86 Price: US\$11.18 Discount: -13.06%
No. of Shares: 16.3Million

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	The Taiwan Fund, Inc.	Taiwan Stock Exchange Index
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One Month	0.63	1.60
Fiscal Year to Date**	0.63	1.60
One Year	0.86	3.56
Three Years	13.17	17.79
Five years	-8.51	-6.37
Ten Years	-2.68	-4.45
Since Inception	9.31	10.49

*Returns for the Fund are historical total returns that reflect changes in net asset value per share during each period and assume that dividends and capital gains, if any, were reinvested. Returns for the TAIEX are not total returns and reflect only changes in share price but do not assume that cash dividends, if any, were reinvested, and thus are not strictly comparable to the Fund returns. Past performance is not indicative of future results of the Fund. Returns are annualized, except for periods of less than one year which are not annualized.

** The Fund's fiscal year commences on September 1.

Premium/Discount of TWN**Market Data**

	As of 08/31/04	As of 09/30/04
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TAIEX	5765.54	5845.69
% change in NTD terms	6.36	1.39
% change in USD terms	-9.38	-1.38
NTD Daily avg. trading volume (In Billions)	62.57	76.34
USD Daily avg. trading volume (In Billions)	1.89	2.25
NTD Market Capitalization (In Billions)	12845.70	13125.40
USD Market Capitalization (In Billions)	388.65	386.27
FX Rate: (NT\$/US\$)	33.052	33.98

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The daily NAV of the Fund is available from Lipper and CDA Weisenberger, or you may obtain it by calling toll free (800) 636-9242.

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