

TAIWAN FUND INC
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**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**

November 1, 2001

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) **02110**

(Zip Code)

811-04893

(Commission
File Number)

042942862

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

(212) 662-2789

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Pursuant to Regulation FD Rules 100-103, The Taiwan Fund, Inc. (the Fund) furnishes the November 2001 Monthly Review on the Fund by the Fund's investment adviser.

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 28, 2001

By: /s/ Haichi Vicki Hau

Name: Haichi Vicki Hau
Title: Secretary

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC. REVIEW

NOVEMBER 2001

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Portfolio Review

Taiwan's stock market rebounded due to the continuous inflow of foreign portfolio investments and the low interest rate environment which helps to generate liquidity. Foreign portfolio investors were net buyers of NT\$65.7 billion (US\$1.9 billion) during November, NT\$300 billion (US\$8.7 billion) for the year to date. The stock market rebounded 13.97% in U.S. dollar terms, while the NT dollar appreciated slightly against the U.S. dollar by 0.17%. TAIEX and OTC electronics sectors were the leading sectors, increasing 21.48% and 33.74% in NT dollars, respectively. Retail, steel and paper were the worst performing sectors, declining 3.28%, 1.95% and 0.77% in NT dollars, respectively. The average daily turnover reached NT\$87.48 billion, compared to NT\$48.27 billion in October.

In the technology sector, the Fund continues to focus on the electronics sector, particularly the Integrated Circuit (IC) fabless design house related companies, as those companies continue to deliver both revenues and earnings growth. Also, the Fund increased its holdings in the IC foundries related stocks, as management of these companies have a positive outlook for the coming quarters due to increased demand for advanced process technology. Data networking related stocks were also added to the Fund's portfolio due to continuous demand for broadband devices, particularly after the events of September 11th. In addition to the technology sector, the Fund continues to increase its holdings in certain companies related to medical-mechanical devices.

*Pedro Tai***Core & Active Portfolio Asset Allocation**

| As of 11/30/01 | % of Core Portfolio | % of Active Portfolio | % of TAIEX |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Semiconductor | 24.00 | 12.23 | 24.32 |
| Electronics | 16.35 | 30.16 | 17.49 |
| PC & Peripherals | 14.40 | 23.85 | 14.23 |
| Banking | 12.78 | 0 | 11.59 |
| Telecommunications | 7.93 | 11.67 | 7.12 |
| Insurance | 3.88 | 0 | 4.72 |
| Plastics | 3.47 | 0 | 3.41 |
| Textile | 2.99 | 0 | 2.75 |
| Steel | 1.69 | 0 | 1.84 |
| Transportation | 1.35 | 0 | 1.55 |
| Retail | 1.31 | 0 | 0.98 |
| Auto | 1.12 | 0 | 0.76 |
| Chemical | 0.91 | 4.83 | 1.13 |

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| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Foods | 0.87 | 0 | 0.94 |
| *C. S. & Software | 0.76 | 2.26 | 0.77 |
| Others | 6.19 | 6.20 | 6.40 |
| Total | 100.00 | 91.20 | 100.00 |
| Cash | 8.80 | | |

Total Active Portfolio Net Asset: US\$68.59M

Total Core Portfolio Net Asset: US\$113.05M

Total Fund Asset Allocation

| As of 11/30/01 | % of Total Fund | % of TAIEX |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Electronics | 21.56 | 17.49 |
| Semiconductor | 19.56 | 24.32 |
| PC & Peripherals | 17.97 | 14.23 |
| Telecommunication | 9.35 | 7.12 |
| Banking | 7.82 | 11.59 |
| Insurance | 2.57 | 4.72 |
| Chemical | 2.39 | 1.13 |
| Plastics | 2.16 | 3.41 |
| Textile | 1.86 | 2.75 |
| *C. S. & Software | 1.32 | 0.77 |
| Steel | 1.05 | 1.84 |
| Transportation | 0.84 | 1.55 |
| Retail | 0.81 | 0.98 |
| Auto | 0.70 | 0.76 |
| Foods | 0.54 | 0.94 |
| Others | 6.18 | 6.40 |
| Total | 96.68 | 100.00 |
| Cash | 3.32 | |

Total Net Asset: US\$181.64M

(*)=Computer Service & Software

Top 10 Holdings of Active Portfolio

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| As of 11/30/01 | % of Active Portfolio |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mediatek Incorporation | 6.93 |
| United Micro Electronics | |
| 6.76 | |
| Accton Technology Corp | |
| 5.46 | |
| Pihsiang Machinery Mfg | |
| 4.83 | |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg | |
| 4.71 | |
| Realtek Semiconductor | |
| 4.66 | |
| Premier Camera Taiwan Ltd | |
| 4.58 | |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry | |
| 4.34 | |
| Ambit Microsystems | |
| 4.27 | |
| Faraday Technology Corp | |
| 3.90 | |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | |
| 50.44 | |

Top 10 Holdings of Total Fund Portfolio

| As of 11/30/01 | % of Total Portfolio |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| United Micro Electronics | 9.04 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg | |
| 8.69 | |
| Asustek Computer Inc. | |
| 4.15 | |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry | |
| 3.94 | |
| Quanta | |
| 3.41 | |
| Realtek Semiconductor | |
| 3.13 | |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co | |
| 2.72 | |
| Ambit Microsystems | |
| 2.67 | |
| Mediatek Incorporation | |
| 2.62 | |
| Cathay Life Insurance | |
| 2.11 | |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | |

42.48

Premium/Discount of TWN

NAV: US\$11.10
No. of Shares: 16.4M

Price: US\$10.60

Prem.: -4.50%

Performance Comparison

| (Return in US\$) | Total Returns As of 11/30/01 | | | | | | | Unit: % |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| | Last 1 Mth | Last 3 Mth | Last 6 Mth | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | |
| | TWN | 17.34 | 3.26 | -9.76 | -45.08 | 47.29 | -15.31 | |
| ROC | 11.08 | -2.17 | -16.17 | -39.94 | 35.86 | -18.42 | 9.70 | |
| Taipei | 13.47 | -6.49 | -18.21 | -50.94 | 13.87 | -11.90 | 6.94 | |
| Formosa | 14.66 | -4.24 | -22.07 | -51.04 | 19.57 | -13.85 | 8.56 | |
| Formosa Growth | 14.39 | -0.81 | -16.79 | -51.94 | 38.49 | -5.47 | 21.33 | |
| New Taipei | 18.56 | -1.98 | -19.30 | -45.59 | 33.91 | 2.40 | 14.65 | |
| Index | 13.97 | -1.26 | -13.32 | -46.53 | 34.16 | -20.31 | -0.55 | |

Taiwan Fund (Since Launch 1986/12/31): %

Performance Chart

Taiwan's Macro Economics Review

Growth Rates of Export vs Electronics Industry

01/1997 ~ 11/2001

Recent figures released by the government have shown moderate improvement in Taiwan's export growth. The export growth rate decreased 19.9% during the twelve-month period ended November 30, 2001. Total exports from January to November 2001 reached US\$112.7 billion, which represents a decline of 17.3% from the same period in 2000, while total imports reached US\$98.8 billion, a decrease of 23.8% since November 2000. The trade balance reached a surplus of US\$13.9 billion, an increase of 106.4% over last year.

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