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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number: 811-05617

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

17th Floor
167 Fu Hsing North Road
Taipei, Taiwan
Republic of China
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Citigate Financial Intelligence
62 West 45th Street
4th Floor
New York, New York 10036
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-343-9567

Date of fiscal year end: DECEMBER 31, 2002

Date of reporting period: JUNE 30, 2003

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND www.roctaiwanfund.com

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### OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:

Chi-Chu Chen, Chairman and Trustee
Michael Ding, President and Trustee

Edward B. Collins, Trustee and Audit Committee Member

Alex Hammond-Chambers, Trustee and Audit Committee
Member

Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski, Trustee and Audit Committee Member

David N. Laux, Trustee and Audit Committee Member

Robert P. Parker, Trustee and Audit Committee Member

Cheng-Cheng Tung, Trustee
Peggy Chen, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary

### CUSTODIAN:

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## DEAR STOCKHOLDERS

The Fund's net asset value per share (NAV) gained 8.7% in the second quarter compared to the 12.7% rise in the Taiwan Stock Exchange Index (TAIEX). The New Taiwan dollar appreciated 0.4% against the U.S. dollar during the period.

Marred only by a couple of sell-offs due to concerns about the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and its effect on the economy, Taiwan's market moved steadily upward in the quarter. The prospect of a quick U.S. triumph in its war against Iraq boosted share prices early in the period. At the same time, upbeat forecasts issued by technology giants Dell and Intel underpinned a brighter outlook for Taiwan's technology companies. export-driven economies of Asi These factors helped the market gain almost 8% by mid-April. Investor confidence plunged, however, following an outbreak of SARS infections within a Taipei hospital. The government quarantined more than 1,000 persons within the facility and closed another hospital when the virus spread there. As a result, a new round of cluster infecti the TAIEX declined 4% in April as a whole.

The market regained its positive momentum as improving fundamentals for some of Taiwan's biggest companies and indications that the U.S. economy would pick up after the American victory over Iraq restored investor enthusiasm. Reports of strong revenue growth came from technology companies ranging from contract chip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg. to notebook computer producer Quanta and electronic

components manufacturer Lite-c exceeded market expectations i period that is usually conside Not to be outdone, such tradit enjoyed solid sales gains, in China.

Several measures of U.S. manuf signaled an upturn in business that the American economic rec the rally on Wall Street and b were also heavy buyers of Taiw about \$4 billion in May and Ju

Mid-May saw another bout of in effects of the illness, the go growth forecast for the year. severe than the previous month cases peaked in May and quickl efforts to contain the disease Health Organization lifted its mid-June.

The economy slowed under the i increase in foreign demand pre exports, which are equivalent

to roughly 40% of gross national product, rose 3.7% in the second SARS, meanwhile, has already be quarter from the corresponding quarter in 2002. Most of this growth came from an almost 12% increase in shipments to China (including Hong Kong), which continued to absorb about a third of sales, for instance, grew 8.3% all Taiwan's exports. Domestic demand suffered more keenly from the effects of SARS, even though the stock market's strong gains in the last two months of the period and the mid-June removal of Taiwan from WHO's travel alert list may have helped prevent a decline in private consumption. Private investment most likely contracted, as indicated by a fall in imports of capital goods at invest about half of the portf a double-digit rate. We estimate that the economy grew 2% in the second quarter from the year earlier period. The end of the SARS epidemic should unleash pent-up demand in the second half of the

activity in Taiwan and the req China, where the economy has r indicates that consumer spendi economy hardest hit by SARS, h the second quarter. Under thes remain fully invested in a wid being more selective in stock with strong business ties to C

We appreciate your support and

year, and we are forecasting economic growth of 3.1% for 2003.

The Fund's gain during the rally in the last two months of the second quarter outpaced the TAIEX, but was not enough to make up for our wider loss in April due to our holdings in Taiwanese companies with growing China business. This concentration in stocks with a China exposure had a greater vulnerability to the effect of SARS on the market during late April.

The American economic recovery should see significant strengthening in the fourth quarter--if not earlier. The recovery July 23, 2003 from

market outlook and portfolio s

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael Ding

Michael Ding President

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PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS Three months Ended June 30, 2003		
KEY STATISTICS		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Change in N.A.V. (\$4.03 to \$4.38)	\$0.35	Percent of Net Assets
	43.4 Million	
		Common Stocks
		Short-term Investments
		Total Investments
		Other Assets Less Liabilities
		Net Assets
TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS		INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION
Company	Percent of Net Assets	
CMC Magnetics Corp.	5.20%	Electronics
Pihsiang Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4.96	Plastics
Yieh Phui Enterprise Co., Ltd.	4.90	Banking
Lite-on Technology Corp.	4.49	Computers & Office Equipment
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	4.11	Steel & Other Metals
Synnex Technology International Corp.	3.95	Semiconductors

MediaTek Inc.	3.92	Chemical
Quanta Computer Inc.	3.75	Transportation
BenQ Corp.	3.61	Telephone Services
Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	3.48	Retailing

	FUND edule of Investments (Unaudited)/June 30, 2003	
COMMON STOCKS 9	01.88%	0
Automobile 1.95	% 	% c Net A
1,400,000	shs. * China Motor Corp  * Yulon Motor Co., Ltd	1. 0.
Banking 7.99%		
4,768,860	* Fu Bon Financial Holding Co., Ltd	2.
8.000,000	* Bank of Kaohsiung Co., Ltd	2.
164 5,000,000	* Sinopac Holdings Co  * Chinatrust Financial Holding Company Ltd	0. 2.
Other Financials	2.26%	
6,200,290	* Yuan Ta Securities Co., Ltd	2.
Chemicals 4.96%	; 	
2,400,626	* Pihsiang Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd	4.
-	ce Equipment 7.36%	
4,560,000 2,600,000	BenQ Corp*  * Quanta Computer Inc	3. 3.
Electrical & Mach	ninery 1.74%	
3,046,000	* China Metal Products Co., Ltd	1.
Electronics 19.	80%	
6,000,000	* Lite-on Technology Corp	4.
500	* Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd	0.
10,000,000	* CMC Magnetics Corp	5.
500,000	* Chicony Electronics Co., Ltd	0.

3,500,000	* Everlight Electronics Co., Ltd	2.
4,500,000	* Glotech Industrial Corp	0.
2,800,000	* Optimax Technology Corp	3.
900,000	* XAC Automation Corp	1.
1,300,000	* I-Sheng Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd	1.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Transportation	4.29%	% c Net A
4,000,000 8,500,000	shs. * Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd	1. 2.
Plastics 9.18	8	
2,809,578 4,602,149 3,800,000	Formosa Plastics Corp	2. 3. 2.
Retailing 3.9	5%	
4,041,675	* Synnex Technology International Corp	3.
Semiconductors	7.10%	
837 560,560 2,700,000	* United Microelectronics Corp  * MediaTek Inc  * Sonix Technology Co., Ltd.	0. 3. 3.
Steel & Other Me	tals 7.17%	
4,694,677 8,000,000	* China Steel Corp	2.
Telephone Servic		
4,000,000	* Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd	4.
Textiles 2.59%		
18,000,000	Tainan Spinning Co., Ltd	2.
Others 7.43%		

3,700,000 2,400,000 10	* Great China Metal Industry Co., Ltd	1. 1. 0.
4,800,000 2,300,000	* Taiwan Paiho Limited  * Giant Manufacturing Co., Ltd	3. 1.
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	S (COST \$131,923,554)	
*Non-income produci	ing: these stocks did not pay a cash dividend during the six-month perio	od.
See accompanying no	otes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report	ē.
THE R.O.C. TAIWAN E	FUND ule of Investments (Unaudited)(continued)/June 30, 2003	
SHORT-TERM INVESTME	ENTS 7.05%	
Commercial Paper -	7.00%	% o Net A
Principal Amount	Issuer (Guarantor)	
\$1,444,586	Anshin Card Services Co. (Cathay United Bank),	
1,444,586	1.00%, Due 07/04/03	1.
2,889,171	1.00%, Due 07/04/03 Eternal Chemical Co., Ltd. (Credit Lyonnais Bank),	1.
1,444,586	0.90%, Due 07/04/03	2.
2,889,171	1.03%, Due 07/05/03	1.
<b>-,</b> ,	bea: (oferbank N. 11.)	2.
TOTAL SHORT-TERM IN	0.89%, Due 09/01/03	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 1		
AT MARKET	0.89%, Due 09/01/03	98.
	0.89%, Due 09/01/03	98
OTHER ASSETS (LESS	0.89%, Due 09/01/03	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report.

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities June 30, 2003 (Unaudited) (Expressed in US Dollars)
ASSETS
Investments in securities at market value (Notes 2B, 2C, 3 and 6):  Common stocks (cost \$131,923,554)
Short-term investments (amortized cost \$10,106,720)
Total investments in securities at market value (cost \$142,030,274)
Cash Dividends receivable
Other prepaid expense Other receivables
Total assets
LIABILITIES
Management fee payable (Note 4)
Other payables
Total liabilities
Net assets
COMPONENTS OF NET ASSETS (NOTE 2)  Par value of shares of beneficial interest (Note 7)  Additional paid-in capital
Net assets
Net asset value per share (32,698,976 shares issued and outstanding, par value \$0.01)
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report.

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 (Unaudited) (Expressed in US Dollars)
INVESTMENT INCOME (NOTE 2C) Dividends Interest
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAXES (NOTE 2G)
EXPENSES  Management fee (Note 4)  Custodian fee (Note 5)  Professional fees  Administrative fee  Insurance expenses  Trustee fees  Other expenses
Net investment loss
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES (NOTES 2D AND 6)  Net realized loss on:  investments  foreign currency transactions
Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions  Net changes in unrealized appreciation on:  investments
Net realized and unrealized gain from investments and foreign currencies
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report.

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003, and the Year Ended December 31, 2003 (Expressed in US Dol

	Six Ended 2003 (U
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	
Net investment loss  Net realized loss on investments and foreign	\$ (1
currency transactions	(19
Net changes in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments  Net changes in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	20
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	
Net assets, beginning of period	142
Net assets, end of period	\$143 ====
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review repo	rt.

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND Consolidated Financial Highlights (Expressed in US Dollars)

	Six Months Ended		Year
	June 30, 2003 (Unaudited)	2002	2001
Per share operating performance:			
Net asset value, beginning of period	4.37	5.40	5.78
Net investment loss	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	0.03	(1.02)	0.06
Net changes in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on			
translation of foreign currencies	0.02	0.05	(0.39)
Total from investment operations	0.01	(1.03)	(0.38)

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:

Capital  Net investment income  Net realized gain on investments	  	 	
Nee rearraca garn on investments			
Total distributions*			
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	4.38	4.37	5.40
PER SHARE MARKET PRICE, END OF PERIOD	3.85	4.05	4.75
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN (%)**:  Based on the Trust's market price  Based on the Trust's net asset value	(4.94) 0.23	(14.74) (19.07)	
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:  Net assets, end of period (in thousands)  Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%)  Ratio of net investment loss to	143,372 2.56+	142,936 2.19	176,526
average net assets (%)  Portfolio turnover ratio (%)**	(1.79)+ 35	(1.23) 107	(1.01) 173

- See Note 2F for information concerning the Trust's distribution policy.
- Investment return and portfolio turnover ratio are calculated for the six months ended June each of the five years ended December 31, 2002.
- Annualized

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and accountants' review report.

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THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements / June 30, 2003 (Expressed in US Dollars)

NOTE 1 -- ORGANIZATION AND ACQUISITION OF THE TAIWAN (R.O.C.) B -- Valuation of investments FUND

The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund (the "Trust") is a Massachusetts business in which case the Trust's Boa trust formed in July 1988 and registered with the U.S.

Securities and Exchange Commission as a diversified, closed-end the closing market price, or, management investment company under the Investment Company Act period, generally at the last of 1940 of 1940.

The Trust was formed in connection with the reorganization (the "Reorganization") of The Taiwan (R.O.C.) Fund (the "Fund"). The accrued into income on a stra Fund, which commenced operations in October 1983, was established maturity. under the laws of the Republic of China as an open-end contractual investment fund pursuant to an investment contract C -- Security transactions are between International Investment Trust Company Limited ("IIT") transactions are recorded on

securities that are traded on ----- Taiwan over-the-counter marke constrained by collars impose use of fair valuation procedu Short-term investments are va approximates market value. Un

and the Central Trust of China, as custodian. Pursuant to the Reorganization, which was completed in May 1989, the Trust acquired the entire beneficial interest in the assets constituting the Fund.

As required by the Trust's "Declaration of Trust," if the shares trade on the market at an average discount to NAV of more than 10% in any consecutive 12-week period after the most recent such vote, the Trust must submit to the shareholders for a vote at its next annual meeting a binding resolution that the Trust be converted from a closed-end to an open-end investment company. The affirmative vote of a majority of the Trust's outstanding shares is required to approve such a conversion.

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### NOTE 2 -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A -- Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation --The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Trust and the Fund. All significant inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

entered into (the trade date) the ex-dividend date, and int accrual basis as it is earned

D -- Realized gains and losse securities transactions are d purposes using the average-co investments. For federal inco losses on securities transact first-in, first-out method. F 31, 2002, the Trust generated which includes a post-October \$7,449,824, and maintained a carryover of \$89,141,756, res carryover of \$105,731,250. Th used to offset any future cap and, if unused, \$89,141,756 c 31, 2009, and \$16,589,494 of 31, 2010. In addition, the Tr 2002, net capital loss of \$23 recognize this loss on Januar will expire on December 31, 2

THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements / June 30, 2003 (Expressed in US Dollars)

E -- Foreign currency translation--Substantially all of the Trust's income is earned, and its expenses are largely paid, in on cash dividends and interes New Taiwan Dollars ("NT\$"). The cost and market value of securities, currency holdings, and other assets and liabilities which are denominated in NT\$ are reported in the accompanying financial statements after translation into United States Dollars based on the closing market rate for United States Dollars in Taiwan at the end of the period. At June 30, 2003, this rate was approximately NT\$34.612 to \$1.00. Investment income and expenses are translated at an average exchange rate for the period. Currency translation gains or losses are reported as a separate component of changes in net assets resulting from operations.

The Trust does not separately record that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments.

F -- Distributions to shareholders -- It is the Trust's policy to distribute all ordinary income and net capital gains

The Republic of China ("R.O.C investments in R.O.C. securit levied based on the par value which have resulted from capi received by the Trust. For th 2003, total par value of stoc

Realized gains on securities income tax in the R.O.C.; ins of 0.3% of the market value of 0.1% of the market value of b sold or transferred, is levie investments are net of securi approximately \$165,332 for th

H -- Use of estimates -- The in conformity with accounting the United States of America estimates and assumptions that the financial statements and results could differ from tho

calculated in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations. Such calculations may differ from those based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of NOTE 3 -- INVESTMENT CONSIDER America ("GAAP"). Permanent book and tax differences primarily relate to the treatment of the Trust's gains from the disposition of passive foreign investment company shares as well Because the Trust concentrate as the nondeductibility of net operating losses for U.S. federal traded equity and debt securi income tax purposes. As a result, accumulated net investment income has been increased and additional paid in capital has been decreased to reflect the impact of the aforementioned permanent differences in accordance with GAAP. Such reclassification does not impact the net asset value of the fund. Temporary book and tax differences are primarily due to differing treatments for certain foreign currency losses.

G -- Taxes -- The Trust intends to continue to elect and to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). If the Trust complies with all of the applicable requirements of the Code, it will not be subject to U.S. federal income and excise taxes provided that it distributes all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gains to its shareholders.

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its portfolio involves consid with investing in U.S. securi more susceptible to factors a economy than a fund not conce same extent. Since the Trust' primarily denominated in New relationship of the New Taiwa also significantly affect the earnings of the Trust.

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#### NOTE 4 -- INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

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Pursuant to an investment contract (the "Investment Contract"), The Trust's "Declaration of TIIT (the "Manager"), an R.O.C. corporation, is responsible, an unlimited number of shares among other things, for investing and managing the assets of the Trust and administering the Trust's affairs. The Trust pays the Manager a fee in NT\$, which is accrued daily and paid monthly in outstanding at present. At Ju arrears, at the annual rate of 1.35% of the net asset value ("NAV") with respect to Trust assets held in Taiwan under the Investment Contract up to NT\$6 billion, 1.15% of such NAV in excess of NT\$6 billion up to NT\$8 billion, 0.95% of such NAV in excess of NT\$8 billion up to NT\$10 billion, and 0.75% of such NAV in excess of NT\$10 billion.

NOTE 5 -- CUSTODIAN

Pursuant to the Investment Contract, the Central Trust of China ("CTC") serves as custodian of the assets of the Trust held in the R.O.C. CTC owns 7.74% of the outstanding capital stock of IIT. The Trust pays CTC a monthly fee in NT\$, at the annual rate of 0.15% of the NAV with respect to Trust assets held in Taiwan under the Investment Contract up to NT\$6 billion, 0.13% of such

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NAV in excess of NT\$6 billion up to NT\$8 billion, 0.11% of such NAV in excess of NT\$8 billion up to NT\$10 billion, and 0.09% of investment manager. He has we such NAV in excess of NT\$10 billion, subject to a minimum annual fee of NT\$2.4 million.

NOTE 6 -- INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

NOTE 7 -- SHARES OF BENEFICIA \_\_\_\_\_

additional classes of other s value of \$0.01, and no other outstanding.

The Fund and its predecessor, been certified as distributing Revenue of the United Kingdom inception to December 31, 200

such status for succeeding ac

-----Michael Ding has been portfol 1999, its President since Sep June 2001. He had been the Fu 1999. Mr. Ding is also the Pr Officer of International Inve IIT, where he was previously

Mr. Ding served as chief econ Citicorp International Securi


Purchases and proceeds from sales, excluding bonds and short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2003, included approximately \$47,077,934 for stock purchases and approximately \$54,891,102 for stock sales.

At June 30, 2003, the cost of investments, excluding bonds and The Fund's policy with regard short-term investments, for U.S. federal income tax purposes was portfolio is to vote in accor approximately equal to the cost of such investments for financial reporting purposes. At June 30, 2003, the unrealized Investment Trust Co., the Fun depreciation of \$198,453 for financial reporting purposes consisted of \$8,774,898 of gross unrealized appreciation and \$8,973,351 of gross unrealized depreciation.

1999 and as head of research China region at McKinsey & Co

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Institutional Shareholder Ser to the contrary, in which eve will be made by the Executive Trustees.

### 2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

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On June 24, 2003, the Fund held an annual meeting to:

- 1. Elect three trustees.
- Consider whether to convert the Fund from a closed-end investment company into an open-end i Declaration of Trust required a shareholder vote on this question because the Fund's shares of more than 10% to its net asset value over a 12-week-period beginning after the most recen
- Consider whether to adopt a shareholder proposal by Laxey Partners Limited, owner together w approximately 12.2%, of the Fund's outstanding shares as of the record date of the meeting, advisory contract with International Investment Trust Company Limited (IIT).

The results of the stockholder votes are shown below. Proxies representing 24,651,201, or 75.39%, outstanding were voted in respect of the election of trustees. The trustees of the Fund recommend the conversion proposal, which would have required the affirmative vote of a majority of the outs representing approximately 23.4% of the outstanding shares were voted for conversion. The trustee stockholders vote against the termination proposal, the passage of which would have required (in Company Act of 1940) the affirmative vote of the lesser of (1) a majority of all outstanding shar shares present or represented by proxy so long as a majority of the outstanding shares were presented Proxies representing approximately 21.7% of the outstanding shares were voted in favor of termina

	 FOR	 WITHHELD
NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
Edward P. Collins	17,516,051	7,135,150
Alex Hammond-Chambers	17,546,938	7,104,263

Cheng-Cheng Tung 14,862,302 9,788,899

Messrs. Chi-Chu Chen, Michael Ding, Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski, David N. Laux and Robert P. Parker, who remained trustees.

FOR AGAINST

CONVERSION OF THE FUND FROM A CLOSED-END

7,664,190

11,198,396

TO AN OPEN-END INVESTMENT COMPANY

Proxies covering 5,724,609 shares, or 23.22% of the shares represented at the meeting, were not v

FOR AGAINST

TERMINATION OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH IIT

7,111,522

9,877,100

Proxies covering 7,645,173 shares, or 31.01% of the shares represented at the meeting, were not v

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KPMG Certified Public Accountants 6th Fl., No. 156, Sec. 3, Min-Sheng East Road, Taipei, 105, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Independent Accountants' Review Report

The Trustees and Shareholders of The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities of The R.O.C. business trust (the "Trust"), including the consolidated schedule of investments, as of June 30, statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the consolidated financial highlights face 30, 2003. These consolidated financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibilities.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Cer of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opini

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the cofinancial highlights referred to above in order for them to be in conformity with accounting print United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the Unite

consolidated statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2002, and the coneach of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2002, and in our report dated Januar unqualified opinion on those consolidated statement of changes in net assets and financial highli

/s/ KPMG

Taipei, Taiwan July 17, 2003

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 8. [RESERVED]

ITEM 9. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report based on their evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal half-year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 10. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) CODE OF ETHICS:

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

(a) (2) CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY RULE 30A-2 (A) UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940:

See Exhibit 99.Cert attached hereto.

(b) CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY RULE 30A-2(B) UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 13A-14(B) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934:

See Exhibit 99.906Cert attached hereto.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund

By: /s/ Michael Ding

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Name: Michael Ding

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 29, 2003

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Michael Ding

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Name: Michael Ding

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Peggy Chen

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Name: Peggy Chen

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 29, 2003