

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC. (THE 'FUND')

IN BRIEF



The Martin Currie
Shanghai team

Net asset value per share	US\$16.03
Market price	US\$14.18
Premium/(discount)	(11.54%)
Fund size	US\$297.8m

Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company.

At July 31, 2010	Fund* %	US\$ return TSE Index† %
One month	8.0	6.2
Three months	(2.7)	(5.2)
One year	14.8	12.3
Three years % pa	(7.8)	(5.1)

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*Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company. NAV performance.
†Source for index data: TWSE.

MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

Taiwan's stockmarket rally gathered momentum in July, with a gain of 6.2% over the month. This came as the implications of the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA), the new free-trade agreement between Taiwan and mainland China, were explored and signs of a mild slowdown on the mainland assuaged fears of further tightening measures there.

In a further indication of how the political and economic landscape in Taiwan is changing, Taiwan's Investment Committee approved 14 inward investments by Chinese companies. Legislative approval of ECFA is expected at a special meeting in August and should take effect from January 2011. But the increasing amount of cross-strait M&A rumors show that companies are not waiting for the starting gun. Examples abound in our portfolio. Sinopac's subsidiary has signed a brokerage consultant contract with Shanghai Securities, which belongs to the Shanghai City Government. And BOE, the largest Chinese TFT-panel-maker, has been approved by Taiwan to buy the assets of Tatung subsidiary Jean. Meanwhile, Taiwan Tea has signed a memorandum of understanding with Bright, a top Chinese dairy brand, to develop an outlet in Sanyi and is awaiting approval for Bright to buy an equity stake. Taiwan Development has invited Chinese capital to co-develop a shopping mall in Kimen, a small island just off Xiamen which will soon have a plebiscite to approve a casino. Fubon FHC believes that the earnings contribution from China will account for 50% of its total in the next 10 years. Finally, Aurora aims to spin off its China business to list in the A-share market, possibly in 2012. We believe that this is just the start and expect an acceleration of above-table activity after the local elections in December.

Economic indicators have generally been positive. CPI increased 1.18% in June – higher than the 0.75% in May, but still at a low level. Exports increased by 34% to reach US\$22 billion, 10% higher than the peak in 2009, even in a supposed slow season. This was thanks to the global recovery and preferential procurement from China. In June, sales of new cars grew by 8.6%, and retailing and wholesale figures increased by 4.8% year on year, showing that domestic consumption is gradually improving. Applications for construction licenses by floor area in the year to June have doubled compared with the same period last year, showing that construction is recovering. Taipei's city government recently offered higher plot ratios to metropolitan renewal projects, encouraging developers to rebuild apartments, another boost to property. Hsin Chuang, a rundown industrial suburb of Taipei, is the new 'hot' area, with some land there selling for a record price of NT\$2.2 million per ping*. The currency strengthened slightly to NT\$31.8/US\$1 during the month.

Following the agreement on economic cooperation, the Chinese military announced that it would reduce the number of missiles targeted on Taiwan. As it currently has an estimated 1,300 warheads facing in our direction, I guess we should be grateful for small mercies.

*The 'ping' is a traditional unit of area in Taiwan, equal to about 3.305 square meters.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund is 91% invested with holdings in 53 companies.

During July, we sold out of inherited positions in Mediatek and Formosa Petrochemical (ahead of its refinery explosion – phew!). We also reduced large positions in Taiwan Semiconductor and Hon Hai Precision to more manageable proportions. We are using the funds generated to add to existing positions (Chicony Electronics, WT Microelectronics, Syncmold Enterprise, Wah Lee Industrial, Test-Rite International, Tung Ho Steel Enterprise and Avermedia Technologies). Meanwhile, we started new positions in Jih Sun Financial (a financial holding company about to undertake a capital restructuring and actively seeking Chinese partners), Depo Auto Parts Industrial (a car-light-maker shifting emphasis from the US aftermarket to original equipment manufacturers in China) and Longwell (which makes specialist cables).

*Chris Ruffle, Martin Currie Inc**

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MCCL has appointed Martin Currie Investment Management Ltd (MCIM), or its affiliates, as investment manager of Martin Currie's China investment products. HCML has seconded both Chris Ruffle and Shifeng Ke to MCIM, or its affiliates, on a full time basis with the same roles and responsibilities as if they were full time employees.

FUND DETAILS

Market cap	US\$263.4m
Shares outstanding	18,575,112
Exchange listed	NYSE
Listing date	1986
Investment manager	Martin Currie Inc

Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company.

PERFORMANCE

	NAV %	Market price %
One month	8.0	7.8
Three months	(2.7)	(1.2)
Three years % pa	(7.8)	(7.3)

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(US\$ RETURNS)

SECTOR ALLOCATION

	Fund*	Benchmark†
Electronics	31.8%	54.2%
Financial	14.2%	12.9%
Wholesale and retail	10.4%	5.1%
Plastics	7.3%	7.1%
Construction	4.4%	1.8%
Electric and machinery	3.6%	1.1%
Foods	3.3%	1.5%
Steel and iron	3.0%	3.1%
Chemicals	2.7%	1.9%
Transportation	2.5%	2.6%
Textiles	2.3%	1.9%
Glass and ceramics	2.1%	0.4%
Rubber	1.5%	1.3%
Cement	0.9%	1.1%
Others	0.9%	2.0%
Other assets and liabilities	9.1%	—

*Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company.

†Source for index data: TWSE.

15 LARGEST HOLDINGS (43.1%)

		% of net assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Electronics	3.9%
Synnex Technology International	Electronics	3.4%
Nan Ya Plastics	Plastics	3.4%
Hon Hai Precision Industry	Electronics	3.2%
President Chain Store	Wholesale and retail	3.1%
Tung Ho Steel Enterprise	Steel and iron	3.0%
Cathay Financial Holding	Finance	2.9%
Fubon Financial Holding	Finance	2.9%
Far Eastern Department Stores	Wholesale and retail	2.8%
KGI Securities	Finance	2.7%
Yuanta Financial	Finance	2.5%
WPG Holdings	Electronics	2.4%
Uni-President Enterprises	Foods	2.4%
Chicony Electronics	Electronics	2.4%
Taiwan Glass Industrial	Glass and ceramics	2.1%

*Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company.

PERFORMANCE

	One month %	Three months %	Calendar year to date %	One year %	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa	Since launch % pa
The Taiwan Fund, Inc	8.0	(2.7)	(2.7)	14.8	(7.8)	4.3	(1.3)	8.9
TSE Index	6.2	(5.2)	(5.4)	12.3	(5.1)	4.1	(0.8)	9.0
TAIEX Total Return Index	8.8	(2.8)	(3.0)	16.2	(1.3)	8.3	na	na
MSCI Taiwan Index	9.6	(3.1)	(4.4)	13.4	(3.8)	4.9	0.0	na

Past performance is not a guide to future returns. Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company. Launch date December 23, 1986. 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 are annualized, except for periods of less than one year.

Source for index data: MSCI for the MSCI Taiwan Index and TWSE for the TAIEX Total Return Index and the TSE Index. For a full description of each index please see the index descriptions section.

Returns for the TSE Index are not total returns and reflect only changes in the share price but do not assume that cash dividends, if any, were reinvested, and thus are not strictly comparable to the Fund returns.

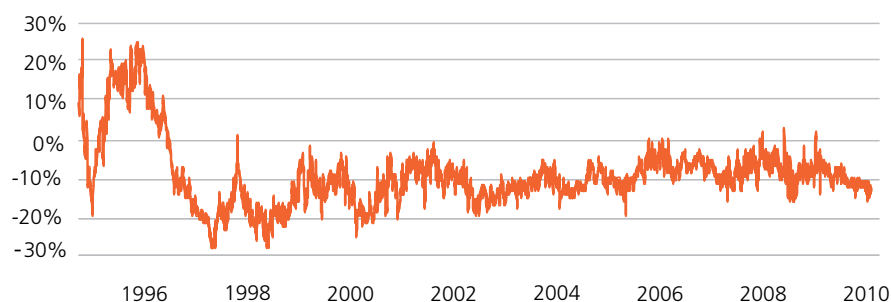
The TAIEX Total Return Index commenced January 1, 2003.

Sector	Company (BGB ticker)	Price	Holding	Value US\$	% of net assets	
Electronics					31.8	
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	2330 TT	NT\$62.4	5,994,426	\$11,673,262	3.9
	Synnex Technology International	2347 TT	NT\$73.0	4,500,000	\$10,251,689	3.4
	Hon Hai Precision Industry	2317 TT	NT\$129.0	2,334,005	\$9,396,185	3.2
	WPG Holdings	3702 TT	NT\$66.1	3,500,000	\$7,219,873	2.4
	Chicony Electronics	2385 TT	NT\$70.1	3,214,879	\$7,033,033	2.4
	WT Microelectronics	3036 TT	NT\$36.8	5,056,000	\$5,806,507	1.9
	Syncmold Enterprise	1582 TT	NT\$68.5	2,678,000	\$5,724,811	1.9
	Tatung	2371 TT	NT\$5.8	31,231,000	\$5,691,920	1.9
	Wah Lee Industrial	3010 TT	NT\$46.8	3,587,000	\$5,233,269	1.8
	Powercom	3043 TT	NT\$69.1	1,871,000	\$4,034,706	1.4
	Aurora	2373 TT	NT\$53.4	2,196,000	\$3,659,600	1.2
	Avermedia Technologies	2417 TT	NT\$41.4	2,690,000	\$3,471,266	1.2
	Clevo	2362 TT	NT\$67.4	1,650,000	\$3,470,595	1.2
	ST Shine Optical	1565 TT	NT\$280.0	392,000	\$3,425,344	1.2
	PC Home Online	8044 TT	NT\$106.0	922,125	\$3,050,392	1.0
	Soft-World International	5478 TT	NT\$156.0	555,000	\$2,701,952	0.9
	Longwell	6290TT	NT\$46.0	1,868,000	\$2,681,605	0.9
	MediaTek	2454 TT	NT\$433.5	1,400	\$18,940	0.0
Finance					14.2	
	Cathay Financial Holding	2882 TT	NT\$50.4	5,500,622	\$8,651,719	2.9
	Fubon Financial Holding	2881 TT	NT\$39.3	7,000,000	\$8,585,204	2.9
	KGI Securities	6008 TT	NT\$13.3	19,144,000	\$7,916,052	2.7
	Yuanta Financial	2885 TT	NT\$17.9	13,013,000	\$7,269,265	2.5
	Jih Sun Financial	5820TT	NT\$5.0	21,609,000	\$3,365,079	1.1
	China Life Insurance	2823 TT	NT\$28.5	3,683,000	\$3,275,719	1.1
	SinoPac Financial Holdings	2890 TT	NT\$10.8	9,135,000	\$3,064,623	1.0
Wholesale and retail					10.4	
	President Chain Store	2912 TT	NT\$105.0	2,840,000	\$9,306,099	3.1
	Far Eastern Department Stores	2903 TT	NT\$31.4	8,580,000	\$8,394,308	2.8
	Taiwan Tea	2913 TT	NT\$19.0	8,231,000	\$4,880,522	1.6
	Test-Rite International	2908 TT	NT\$18.4	8,328,000	\$4,782,099	1.6
	Mercuries & Associates	2905 TT	NT\$18.7	6,362,000	\$3,712,747	1.3
Plastics					7.3	
	Nan Ya Plastics	1303 TT	NT\$56.4	5,700,000	\$10,032,612	3.4
	China Petrochemical Development	1314 TT	NT\$17.3	11,711,000	\$6,304,391	2.1
	Formosa Chemicals & Fibre	1326 TT	NT\$69.7	2,500,000	\$5,437,920	1.8
Construction					4.4	
	Prince Housing & Development	2511 TT	NT\$15.0	9,519,000	\$4,441,121	1.5
	Taiwan Land Development	2814 TT	NT\$13.3	7,488,000	\$3,107,975	1.0
	Continental Holdings	3703 TT	NT\$12.3	7,468,000	\$2,854,963	1.0
	Hung Poo Real Estate Development	2536 TT	NT\$37.0	2,270,000	\$2,621,124	0.9
Electric and machinery					3.6	
	Depo Auto Parts Industrial	6605 TT	NT\$86.6	1,674,000	\$4,524,113	1.5
	Yungtay Engineering	1507 TT	NT\$35.2	3,274,000	\$3,591,402	1.2
	Awea Mechantronic	1530 TT	NT\$35.1	2,264,000	\$2,479,954	0.9
Foods					3.3	
	Uni-President Enterprises	1216 TT	NT\$38.1	6,000,000	\$7,124,690	2.4
	Lien Hwa Industrial	1229 TT	NT\$18.8	4,815,000	\$2,824,972	0.9
Steel and iron					3.0	
	Tung Ho Steel Enterprise	2006 TT	NT\$28.1	10,099,000	\$8,856,145	3.0
Chemicals					2.7	
	China Steel Chemical	1723 TT	NT\$96.3	1,600,000	\$4,808,463	1.6
	Excelsior Medical	4104 TT	NT\$71.5	1,421,000	\$3,170,737	1.1
Transportation					2.5	
	Eastern Media International	2614 TT	NT\$8.3	16,546,000	\$4,270,302	1.4
	Farglory F T Z Investment	5607 TT	NT\$30.7	3,322,000	\$3,177,534	1.1
Textiles					2.3	
	Far Eastern New Century	1402 TT	NT\$37.2	3,060,000	\$3,547,646	1.2
	Li Peng Enterprise	1447 TT	NT\$14.6	7,411,000	\$3,365,115	1.1

THE PORTFOLIO — IN FULL (CONTINUED)

JULY 31, 2010

Sector	Company (BGB ticker)	Price	Holding	Value US\$	% of net assets
Glass and ceramics					
Taiwan Glass Industrial	1802 TT	NT\$31.0	6,534,320	\$6,311,333	2.1
Rubber					
TSRC	2103 TT	NT\$46.6	3,057,000	\$4,440,943	1.5
Cement					
Wei Mon Industry	8925 TT	NT\$23.4	3,862,000	\$2,814,227	0.9
Others					
Globe Union Industrial	9934 TT	NT\$37.3	2,388,000	\$2,779,734	0.9
Other assets and liabilities				\$27,150,473	9.1



Source: State Street Bank and Trust Company as of July 31, 2010.

INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

MSCI Taiwan Index

The MSCI Total Return Taiwan Index is a free-float adjusted market capitalization index. The index represents Taiwanese companies that are available to investors worldwide. The index has a base date of December 31, 1987. As of June 24, 2010 it contained 117 constituents.

TSE Index

As of December 31, 2009, the Taiwan Stock Exchange had 741 listed companies.

TAIEX Total Return Index

The TWSE, or TAIEX, Index is a capitalization-weighted index of all listed common shares traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. The index was based in 1966. The index is also known as the TSEC Index.

OBJECTIVE

The Fund was launched on December 23, 1986 to allow US and other investors to access and participate in the growth of the economy and the stock market in Taiwan, the Republic of China. The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation primarily through investments in equity securities listed in Taiwan. The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol 'TWN'.

Taiwan, with its global market leadership in high technology goods and its significant investments throughout mainland China and Southeast Asian economies, is now an integral economic player in the Asia Pacific Region as well as around the world. Investing in Taiwan not only allows investors to capitalize on Taiwan's dynamic economy, but also allows investors to reap the growth and investment potential of the mainland China and other emerging economies of the region.

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- it should be noted that investment in the Fund is only suitable for sophisticated investors who are aware of the risk of investing in Taiwan and should be regarded as long term. Funds which invest in one country carry a higher degree of risk than those with portfolios diversified across a number of markets.
- investment in the securities of smaller and unquoted companies can involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investment in larger, more established, companies. In particular, smaller companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and their management may be dependent on a smaller number of key individuals. In addition, the market for stock in smaller companies is often less liquid than that for stock in larger companies, bringing with it potential difficulties in acquiring, valuing and disposing of such stock. Proper information for determining their value, or the risks to which they are exposed, may not be available.
- investments within emerging markets such as Taiwan can be of higher risk. Many emerging markets, and the companies quoted on their stock exchanges, are exposed to the risks of political, social and religious instability, expropriation of assets or nationalization, rapid rates of inflation, high interest rates, currency depreciation and fluctuations and changes in taxation which may affect the Fund's income and the value of its investments.
- the marketability of quoted shares may be limited due to foreign investment restrictions, wide dealing spreads, exchange controls, foreign ownership restrictions, the restricted opening of stock exchanges and a narrow range of investors. Trading volume may be lower than on more developed stockmarkets, and equities are less liquid. Volatility of prices can also be greater than in more developed stockmarkets. The infrastructure for clearing, settlement and registration on the primary and secondary markets may be undeveloped. Under certain circumstances, there may be delays in settling transactions in some of the markets.

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