

TAIWAN FUND INC
Form 8-K
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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**

February 1, 2003

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)

811-04893
(Commission
File Number)

042942862
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

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

02110
(Zip Code)

(212) 662-2789
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Pursuant to Regulation FD Rules 100-103, The Taiwan Fund, Inc. (the Fund) furnishes the February 2003 Monthly Review on the Fund 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: March 20, 2003

By: /s/ Benny Hu

Name: Benny Hu

Title: President

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Portfolio Review

The TAIEX lost substantially all of its January gains, posting a return of -11.62% in February (in NT\$ terms). The technology sector was February's winner, while non-technology sectors and the finance sector were losers. The Fund performed in line with the market in February. While our overweight position in non-technology sectors (in commodity areas such as plastics, textile, chemical, and paper & pulp) did not yield satisfactory results, our underweight position in the finance sector helped sustain the Fund's performance. Stronger performance of our hedges in the technology sector, such as TFT-LCD and digital camera related stocks, also benefited the Fund.

We will continue to favor non-technology sectors in March. After significant corrections in February, non-technology sectors are looking attractive again, given their continued fundamental support. In particular, we will increase our weightings in auto-related stocks under the China Harvest theme. We believe consolidations in such areas are about to come to an end, and that better performance can be expected.

The investment outlook for March is not very favorable. The expectation of a war is likely to cause investors to be more cautious and may bring more selling pressure to the market. However, we see current market weakness as a great opportunity for investors. A relief rally could be strong following the war. In our view, the fundamental economic situation is not as bad as investors currently perceive it to be.

Core & Active Portfolio Sector Allocation

As of 02/28/03	% of Core Portfolio	% of Active Portfolio	% of TAIEX
Semiconductor	21.89	9.22	19.63
Banking	17.74	14.35	19.32
PC & Peripherals	12.74	12.73	14.32
Telecommunication	9.12	6.04	8.33
Plastics	7.91	10.77	7.18
Electronics	7.67	15.15	8.42
Textile	2.99	1.18	2.02
Transportation	2.96	9.58	2.54
Steel	2.89	3.76	3.51
Auto	2.02	1.98	1.92
Electricals	1.64	1.50	1.47
Chemical	1.55	3.14	1.53
Wire & Cable	1.32	0.00	1.02
Paper & Pulp	1.07	3.73	0.54
Rubber	0.81	1.46	0.86
Others	5.68	5.41	7.39
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tech	52.13	43.13	51.23
Non-Tech	30.13	42.52	29.45
Financial	17.74	14.35	19.32

Total Active Portfolio Net Asset: US\$54.17M
Total Core Portfolio Net Asset: US\$99.35M
Cash: US\$8.02M

Total Fund Asset Allocation

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As of 02/28/03	% of Total Fund	% of TAIEX
Semiconductor	16.56	19.63
Banking	15.72	19.32
PC & Peripherals	12.10	14.32
Electronics	9.80	8.42
Plastics	8.48	7.18
Telecommunication	7.63	8.33
Transportation	5.03	2.54
Steel	3.04	3.51
Textile	2.23	2.02
Chemical	2.01	1.53
Paper & Pulp	1.91	0.54
Auto	1.90	1.92
Electricals	1.51	1.47
Rubber	0.99	0.86
Wire & Cable	0.81	1.02
Others	5.32	7.39
Total	95.04	100.00
Cash	4.96	
Tech	46.53	51.23
Non-Tech	37.75	29.45
Financial	15.72	19.32

Total Net Asset: US\$161.54M

Top 10 Holdings of Active Portfolio

As of 02/28/03	% of Active Portfolio
Yangming Marine Transport Corp.	7.25
AU Optronics Corp.	6.04
Cosmos Bank , Taiwan	3.80
Cathay Financial Holdings	3.69
Formosa Chemicals	3.62
Asia Optical Co., Inc.	3.14
Taiwan Polypropylene Co., Ltd.	3.00
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.94
Formosa Plastics	2.76
Zyxel Communications Corp.	2.65
Total	38.89

Top 10 Holdings of Total Fund Portfolio

As of 02/28/03	% of Total Portfolio
Taiwan Semiconductor	6.78
Cathay Financial Holdings	3.62
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	3.46
United Micro Electronics	3.17
AU Optronics Corp.	3.06
Yangming Marine Transport	3.01
Formosa Chemicals	2.51
Formosa Plastics	2.48

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Hon Hai Precision Industry	2.28
China Steel Common	2.10
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Total	32.47

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NAV: US\$9.87
No. of Shares: 16.4M

Price: US\$8.38

Prem.: -15.10%

Performance Comparison

(Return in US\$)	Total Returns			Unit: %			
	As of 02/28/03						
	Last 1 Mth	Last 3 Mth	Last 6 Mth	2002	2001	2000	1999
TWN	-12.07	-8.48	-12.71	-23.23	6.58	-45.23	47.25
ROC	-11.91	-10.58	-11.91	-19.07	-6.57	-39.94	35.86
Taipei	-13.28	-10.25	-18.54	-34.33	-15.69	-50.94	13.87
Formosa	-10.58	-9.96	-15.92	-27.73	9.35	-51.04	19.57
Formosa Growth	-10.04	-10.13	-17.06	-25.13	4.46	-51.94	38.49
New Taipei	-13.46	-12.96	-21.06	-32.84	2.33	-45.59	33.91
Index	-11.84	-4.43	-8.31	-19.23	10.42	-46.53	34.16

Taiwan Fund (Since Launch 1986/12/23): 137.37%

Performance Chart

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** Effective from 1st November 1999, the daily NAV of the Fund is available at Lipper and CDA Weisenberger, or you may call toll free (800)636-9242.*

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** The % of Active portfolio is classified into 100% for easier comparison with core portfolio and Index.*

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Deputy Fund Manager: Jovi Chen