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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04893

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THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

2 AVENUE DE LAFAYETTE,  
P.O. Box 5049  
BOSTON, MA 02206-5049  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(Name and Address of Agent for  
Service)

Copy to:

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c/o State Street Bank and Trust  
Company  
Attention: Elizabeth A. Watson,  
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 636-9242

Date of fiscal year end: August 31

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2009

ITEM 1: SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.

Schedule of Investments/November 30, 2009 (Showing Percentage of Net Assets)  
(unaudited)

|                     | SHARES | US\$<br>VALUE |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|
|                     | -----  | -----         |
| COMMON STOCKS --    | 92.7%  |               |
| BASIC INDUSTRIES -- | 31.5%  |               |

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|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| AUTOMOBILES, TIRES & ACCESSORIES -- 0.7% |           |              |
| Yulon Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. *           | 900,000   | \$ 1,991,361 |
|  |           | -----        |
| CEMENT -- 0.7%                           |           |              |
| Asia Cement Corp.                        | 2,000,500 | 2,126,141    |
|  |           | -----        |
| CHEMICALS -- 1.2%                        |           |              |
| China Steel Chemical Corp.               | 1,300,000 | 3,405,637    |
|  |           | -----        |
| CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE -- 1.2%       |           |              |
| Huaku Development Co., Ltd.              | 500,000   | 1,250,816    |
| Hung Sheng Construction Co., Ltd.        | 4,500,000 | 2,090,649    |
|  |           | -----        |
|  |           | 3,341,465    |
|  |           | -----        |
| ELECTRIC & MACHINERY -- 0.7%             |           |              |
| Yungtay Engineering Co., Ltd.            | 2,500,000 | 2,019,951    |
|  |           | -----        |
| FOOD -- 4.5%                             |           |              |
| Great Wall Enterprise Co., Ltd.          | 5,500,355 | 6,016,734    |
| Uni-President Enterprises Corp.          | 6,000,000 | 7,029,429    |
|  |           | -----        |
|  |           | 13,046,163   |
|  |           | -----        |
| GLASS -- 1.0%                            |           |              |
| Taiwan Glass Industrial Corp.            | 3,500,000 | 2,784,425    |
|  |           | -----        |
| IRON & STEEL -- 3.0%                     |           |              |
| China Steel Corp.                        | 9,000,500 | 8,488,927    |
|  |           | -----        |
| PAPER -- 1.0%                            |           |              |
| Chung Hwa Pulp Corp.                     | 6,000,000 | 2,946,021    |
|  |           | -----        |
| PETROLEUM SERVICES -- 3.4%               |           |              |
| China Petrochemical Development Corp.*   | 6,000,000 | 2,218,838    |
| Formosa Petrochemical Corp.              | 3,000,500 | 7,590,065    |
|  |           | -----        |
|  |           | 9,808,903    |
|  |           | -----        |
| PLASTICS -- 6.3%                         |           |              |
| Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp.          | 2,000,000 | 4,126,915    |
| Formosa Plastics Corp.                   | 2,300,000 | 4,567,265    |
| Nan Ya Plastics Corp.                    | 5,500,000 | 9,315,081    |
|  |           | -----        |
|  |           | 18,009,261   |
|  |           | -----        |
| RETAIL -- 2.9%                           |           |              |
| President Chain Store Corp.              | 2,840,000 | 6,663,352    |
| Ruentex Industries, Ltd. *               | 1,000,000 | 1,678,113    |
|  |           | -----        |
|  |           | 8,341,465    |
|  |           | -----        |
| RUBBER -- 2.6%                           |           |              |
| Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co., Ltd.     | 3,300,000 | 7,455,483    |
|  |           | -----        |
| TEXTILE -- 1.2%                          |           |              |
| Far Eastern Textile, Ltd.                | 3,060,000 | 3,575,500    |
|  |           | -----        |
| TRANSPORTATION -- 1.1%                   |           |              |
| U-Ming Marine Transport Corp.            | 1,600,000 | 3,172,255    |
|  |           | -----        |
| TOTAL BASIC INDUSTRIES                   |           | 90,512,958   |

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|   | SHARES     | US\$<br>VALUE |
|---|------------|---------------|
| FINANCE -- 10.2%                        |            |               |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10.2%             |            |               |
| Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd. *    | 5,500,622  | \$ 9,572,542  |
| China Life Insurance Co., Ltd. *        | 230,518    | 160,107       |
| First Financial Holding Co., Ltd.       | 10,000,512 | 5,920,313     |
| Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd. *     | 6,500,000  | 7,372,821     |
| Mega Financial Holding Co., Ltd.        | 4,500,000  | 2,538,146     |
| Shin Kong Financial Holding Co., Ltd. * | 9,000,000  | 3,635,911     |
| TOTAL FINANCE                           |            | 29,199,840    |
| MISCELLANEOUS -- 1.1%                   |            |               |
| ATHLETIC FOOTWARE -- 1.1%               |            |               |
| Pou Chen Corp.                          | 4,500,000  | 3,272,320     |
| TECHNOLOGY -- 49.9%                     |            |               |
| ELECTRONICS DISTRIBUTION -- 5.0%        |            |               |
| Synnex Technology International Corp.   | 4,500,000  | 9,047,826     |
| WPG Holdings Co., Ltd.                  | 3,800,000  | 5,384,879     |
|   |            | 14,432,705    |
| IC DESIGN -- 9.3%                       |            |               |
| ALI Corp.                               | 1,200,000  | 2,890,083     |
| MediaTek, Inc.                          | 700,400    | 11,035,234    |
| Novatek Microelectronics Corp. Ltd.     | 1,700,382  | 4,702,881     |
| Realtek Semiconductor Corp.             | 1,200,000  | 3,341,309     |
| RichTek Technology Corp.                | 501,250    | 4,688,656     |
|   |            | 26,658,163    |
| OPTOELECTRONICS -- 4.8%                 |            |               |
| Au Optronics Corp.                      | 6,800,715  | 6,995,359     |
| Everlight Electronics Co., Ltd.         | 800,239    | 2,476,889     |
| Innolux Display Corp.                   | 3,000,000  | 4,251,220     |
|   |            | 13,723,468    |
| OTHER ELECTRONIC -- 6.3%                |            |               |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.    | 4,300,005  | 18,173,364    |
| PC & PERIPHERALS -- 6.4%                |            |               |
| Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.            | 1,000,000  | 2,821,716     |
| Chicony Electronics Co., Ltd.           | 1,300,790  | 3,031,767     |
| Clevo Co. *                             | 1,650,000  | 2,343,299     |
| Lite-On Technology Corp.                | 3,000,000  | 4,018,149     |
| Quanta Computer, Inc.                   | 3,030,000  | 6,120,451     |
|   |            | 18,335,382    |
| SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING -- 9.9%     |            |               |
| Formosa Advanced Technologies Co., Ltd. | 1,000,000  | 1,211,971     |
| Siliconware Precision Industries Co.    | 3,000,074  | 3,952,986     |

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|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 11,200,426 | 21,266,851 |
| Transcend Information, Inc.                  | 600,000    | 1,883,216  |
|  |            | -----      |
|  |            | 28,315,024 |
|  |            | -----      |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS/ November 30, 2009 (unaudited) (continued)

|  | SHARES    | US\$<br>VALUE |
|--|-----------|---------------|
|  | -----     | -----         |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 8.2%               |           |               |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.               | 6,000,103 | \$ 10,740,108 |
| Far Eastone Telecommunications Co., Ltd. | 5,000,000 | 5,749,091     |
| Merry Electronics Co., Ltd.              | 1,400,000 | 2,423,320     |
| Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd.                  | 2,500,000 | 4,700,270     |
|  |           | -----         |
|  |           | 23,612,789    |
|  |           | -----         |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY                         |           | 143,250,895   |
|  |           | -----         |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS                      |           |               |
| (Identified Cost -- \$197,894,579)       |           | 266,236,013   |
|  |           | -----         |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 92.7%               |           |               |
| (Cost -- \$197,894,579)                  |           | \$66,236,0132 |
|  |           | -----         |
| OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET--7.3%  |           | 21,056,319    |
|  |           | -----         |
| NET ASSETS--100.0%                       |           | \$287,292,332 |
|  |           | =====         |

US\$ United States Dollar

\* Non-income producing

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Organization. The Taiwan Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), a Delaware corporation, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The Fund concentrates its investments in the securities listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. Because of this concentration, the Fund may be subject to additional risks resulting from future political or economic conditions in Taiwan and the possible

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imposition of adverse governmental laws of currency exchange restrictions affecting Taiwan.

Tax Basis of Investments. Cost of investments for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same as for financial statement purposes. At November 30, 2009, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of value over financial reporting cost was \$72,216,804 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of financial reporting cost over value was \$3,875,370 and net appreciation for financial reporting purposes was \$68,341,434. At November 30, 2009, aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes was \$197,894,579.

Security Valuation. All securities, including those traded over-the-counter for which market quotations are readily available, are valued at the last sales price prior to the time of determination of the Fund's net asset value per share or, if there were no sales on such date, at the closing price quoted for such securities (but if bid and asked quotations are available, at the mean between the last current bid and asked prices, rather than such quoted closing price). In certain instances where the price determined above may not represent fair market value, the value is determined in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Foreign securities may be valued at fair value according to procedures approved by the Board of Directors if the closing price is not reflective of current market values due to trading or events occurring in the valuation time of the Fund. In addition, substantial changes in values in the U.S. markets subsequent to the close of a foreign market may also affect the values of securities traded in the foreign market. The value of foreign securities may be adjusted if such movements in the U.S. market exceed a specified threshold. Short-term investments, having a maturity of 60 days or less, are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value, with accrued interest or discount earned included in interest receivable.

The Fund began using Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification No. 820, Fair Value Measurements ("ASC 820"), effective October 1, 2008. In accordance with ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that a Fund would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. ASC 820 established a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value including such a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
  
- Level 2 - prices determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

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- Level 3 - prices determined using significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

These inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of November 30, 2009 in valuing the Fund's asset and liabilities carried at value:

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES | LEVEL 1       | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 | TOTAL         |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| -----                     | -----         | -----   | -----   | -----         |
| Common Stocks             | \$266,236,013 | \$--    | \$--    | \$266,236,013 |
|                           | -----         | ---     | ---     | -----         |
| TOTAL                     | \$266,236,013 | \$--    | \$--    | \$266,236,013 |
|                           | =====         | ===     | ===     | =====         |

Foreign Currency Translation. The financial accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities, other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate. Purchases and sales of securities, income receipts and expense payments are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate on the dates of the transactions. Reported net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net gains and losses from disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains and losses realized between the trade dates and settlement dates of security transactions, and the difference between the amount of net investment income accrued and the U.S. dollar amount actually received. The effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments in securities are not segregated in the Statement of Operations from the effects of changes in market prices of those securities, but are included in realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments in securities.

### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS

The certifications required by Rule 30a-2(a) of the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), are attached as exhibits to this filing.

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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 TAIWAN FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Andrew Chen

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Andrew Chen  
Principal Executive Officer  
President of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 26, 2010

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/ Adelina Louie

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Adelina Louie  
Principal Financial Officer  
Treasurer of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 26, 2010

By: /s/ Andrew Chen

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Andrew Chen  
Principal Executive Officer  
President of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 26, 2010