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Form N-Q  
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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)

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.  
c/o State Street Bank and Trust  
Company  
Attention: Elizabeth A. Watson,  
Assistant Secretary  
2 Avenue de Lafayette  
P.O. Box 5049  
Boston, MA 02206-5049

Copy to:

Leonard B. Mackey, Jr., Esq.  
Clifford Chance US LLP  
31 West 52nd Street  
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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, 2008

ITEM 1: SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.  
Schedule of Investments/November 30, 2008 (Showing Percentage of Net Assets)  
(unaudited)

|  | US\$<br>VALUE<br>(NOTE b) |
|--|---------------------------|
| SHARES                                   | -----                     |
| COMMON STOCKS - 77.7%                    |                           |
| BASIC INDUSTRIES -- 19.4%                |                           |
| AUTOMOBILES, TIRES & ACCESSORIES -- 1.3% |                           |

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|                                      |           |              |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Yulon Motor Co., Ltd.                | 5,700,067 | \$ 2,397,216 |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| CEMENT -- 1.6%                       |           |              |
| Asia Cement Corp.                    | 1,700,000 | 1,378,834    |
| Taiwan Cement Corp.                  | 2,000,000 | 1,483,974    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
|                                      |           | 2,862,808    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| FOOD -- 1.8%                         |           |              |
| Great Wall Enterprise Co., Ltd.      | 2,000,339 | 1,511,266    |
| Uni-President Enterprises Corp.      | 1,769,000 | 1,697,844    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
|                                      |           | 3,209,110    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| GLASS -- 2.4%                        |           |              |
| Taiwan Glass Industrial Corp.        | 7,020,000 | 4,323,050    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| IRON & STEEL -- 1.8%                 |           |              |
| China Steel Corp.                    | 5,000,000 | 3,319,415    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| PAPER -- 0.9%                        |           |              |
| Chung Hwa Pulp Corp.                 | 6,000,000 | 1,658,205    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| PETROLEUM SERVICES -- 2.6%           |           |              |
| Formosa Petrochemical Corp.          | 2,250,000 | 4,724,534    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| PLASTICS -- 1.6%                     |           |              |
| Formosa Plastics Corp.               | 1,900,000 | 2,776,743    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| RETAIL -- 4.6%                       |           |              |
| President Chain Store Corp.          | 2,200,000 | 5,154,856    |
| Ruentex Industries, Ltd.             | 6,000,000 | 3,208,267    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
|                                      |           | 8,363,123    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| RUBBER -- 0.8%                       |           |              |
| Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. | 1,600,000 | 1,413,079    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| TOTAL BASIC INDUSTRIES               |           | 35,047,283   |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| FINANCE -- 6.7%                      |           |              |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 6.7%           |           |              |
| Cathay Financial Holding Co., Ltd.   | 3,300,622 | 3,420,693    |
| First Financial Holding Co., Ltd.    | 5,700,500 | 2,611,452    |
| Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.    | 5,000,000 | 2,996,485    |
| Hua Nan Financial Holdings Co., Ltd. | 6,500,000 | 3,163,207    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| TOTAL FINANCE                        |           | 12,191,837   |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| MISCELLANEOUS -- 2.9%                |           |              |
| ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR -- 2.3%            |           |              |
| Pou Chen Corp.                       | 9,350,482 | 4,283,543    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| GOLF EQUIPMENT -- 0.6%               |           |              |
| Taiwan Secom Co., Ltd.               | 800,000   | 1,042,987    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS                  |           | 5,326,530    |
|                                      |           | -----        |
| TECHNOLOGY -- 48.7%                  |           |              |
| ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS -- 2.4%        |           |              |
| Nan Ya Printed Circuit Board Corp.   | 1,330,401 | 2,717,632    |
| Unimicron Technology Corp.           | 3,500,000 | 1,566,584    |

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|                                       |           |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
|                                       |           | -----<br>4,284,216<br>----- |
| ELECTRONICS DISTRIBUTION -- 2.5%      |           |                             |
| Synnex Technology International Corp. | 4,400,000 | 4,487,368<br>-----          |
| IC DESIGN -- 7.8%                     |           |                             |
| MediaTek, Inc.                        | 1,275,000 | 8,502,809                   |
| Novatek Microelectronics Corp. Ltd.   | 1,516,878 | 1,298,658                   |
| Ralink Technology Corp.               | 350,986   | 727,509                     |
| RichTek Technology Corp.              | 950,000   | 3,638,589                   |

Schedule of Investments/ November 30, 2008 (unaudited) (continued)

|  | SHARES     | US\$<br>VALUE<br>(NOTE b)       |
|--|------------|---------------------------------|
|  | -----      | -----                           |
|  |            | -----<br>\$ 14,167,565<br>----- |
| OPTOELECTRONICS -- 5.4%                      |            |                                 |
| Au Optronics Corp.                           | 6,825,695  | 4,213,645                       |
| Everlight Electronics Co., Ltd.              | 1,700,933  | 2,133,256                       |
| InnoLux Display Corp.                        | 3,383,924  | 1,941,571                       |
| Motech Industries, Inc.                      | 780,000    | 1,520,682                       |
|  |            | -----<br>9,809,154<br>-----     |
| OTHER ELECTRONIC -- 5.0%                     |            |                                 |
| Foxconn Technology Co., Ltd.                 | 1,100,000  | 2,276,728                       |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.         | 3,500,874  | 6,772,696                       |
|  |            | -----<br>9,049,424<br>-----     |
| PC & PERIPHERALS -- 2.5%                     |            |                                 |
| Asustek Computer, Inc.                       | 3,000,795  | 3,420,955                       |
| Inventec Co., Ltd.                           | 4,200,000  | 1,073,688                       |
|  |            | -----<br>4,494,643<br>-----     |
| SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING -- 8.9%          |            |                                 |
| Siliconware Precision Industries Co.         | 4,750,074  | 3,924,030                       |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 10,000,426 | 12,256,823                      |
|  |            | -----<br>16,180,853<br>-----    |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 14.2%                  |            |                                 |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.                   | 7,600,549  | 11,986,807                      |
| Gemtek Technology Corp.                      | 1,500,000  | 1,565,833                       |
| HTC Corp.                                    | 400,000    | 3,953,258                       |
| Merry Electronics Co., Ltd.                  | 3,300,866  | 2,454,157                       |
| Taiwan Mobile Co., Ltd.                      | 3,850,000  | 5,724,864                       |
|  |            | -----<br>25,684,919<br>-----    |

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY  |                                      | -----<br>88,158,142<br>-----    |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS<br>(Identified Cost -- \$203,025,218)   |                                      | -----<br>140,723,792<br>-----   |
|   | PRINCIPAL<br>AMOUNT<br>NT\$<br>----- |                                 |
| COMMERCIAL PAPER - 13.3%                                    |                                      |                                 |
| E. Sun Bank:  |                                      |                                 |
| 1.8700%, 12/01/2008 (a)                                     | \$ 50,073,565                        | 1,504,207                       |
| 1.8800%, 12/01/2008 (a)                                     | 100,108,703                          | 3,007,261                       |
| Shanghai Commercial & Savings:                              |                                      |                                 |
| 1.2500%, 12/27/2008 (a)                                     | 200,000,000                          | 6,007,991                       |
| 1.9000%, 01/12/2009 (a)                                     | 100,424,692                          | 3,016,753                       |
| Taipei Motor (a)  | 200,000,000                          | 6,007,991                       |
| Taiwan Business Bank (a)                                    | 100,000,000                          | 3,003,995                       |
| Taiwan Cement Corp. (a)                                     | 49,738,456                           | 1,494,141                       |
|   |                                      | -----                           |
| TOTAL COMMERCIAL PAPER<br>(Identified Cost -- \$24,286,389) |                                      | -----<br>24,042,339<br>-----    |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 91.0%<br>(Cost -- \$227,311,607) **    |                                      | -----<br>\$164,766,131<br>----- |
| OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET - 9.0%                    |                                      | -----<br>\$ 16,722,418<br>----- |
| NET ASSETS - 100.0%   |                                      | -----<br>\$181,488,549<br>===== |

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

NT\$ New Taiwan Dollar

US\$ United States Dollar

\* Non-income producing

- (a) Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper that are traded through Bills Finance Corporations must be guaranteed by either a bank, a trust company or a Bills Finance Corporation. Since there is no recognized credit rating system in the Republic of China, the guarantee may not be comparable to a guarantee issued by a U.S. institution.
- (b) 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

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the Board of Directors may prescribe. 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.

\*\* At November 30, 2008, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of value over financial reporting cost was \$7,930,088 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities for which there was an excess of financial reporting cost over value was \$70,475,564 and net depreciation for financial reporting purposes was \$62,545,476. At November 30, 2008, aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes was \$227,311,607.

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.

Schedule of Investments/November 30, 2008 (unaudited)

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"), effective September 1, 2008. In accordance with FAS 157, fair value is defined as the price that the 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. FAS 157 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 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The 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, 2008 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

VALUATION INPUTS

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INVESTMENTS IN  
SECURITIES

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|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Level 1 - Quoted Prices                       | \$140,723,792 |
| Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs | 24,042,339    |
| Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs     | --            |
|   | -----         |
| TOTAL   | \$164,766,131 |
|   | -----         |

Securities valuation policies and other investment related disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference to the Fund's most recent semi-annual report previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form N-CSR.

### 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.

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

Date: January 13, 2009

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 13, 2009

By: /s/ Andrew Chen  
Andrew Chen  
Principal Executive Officer  
President of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 13, 2009