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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number: 811-05617

TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Republic of China  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(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, 2004

Date of reporting period: JUNE 30, 2004

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

June 30, 2004

DEAR STOCKHOLDERS

During the second quarter of 2004, the Taiwan

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Stock Exchange (TSE) index declined 12.4% in U.S. dollar terms, closing at 5839. This compares to a 10.5% decline in the Fund's share price on the New York Stock Exchange and a 12.5% decline in its net asset value on the same basis for this period.

The Fund's discount to net asset value based on daily closing prices averaged 11.7% during the quarter and reached a high of 14.9% on June 9th. The discount reached its minimum for the quarter on June 28th, closing at 5.9% after the shares traded intraday at 5.2%. In line with its goal of enhancing shareholder value, the Fund announced on June 23rd that it would conduct a self-tender for up to one-third of its shares at 99% of net asset value.

The second quarter represents the Fund's first full reporting period under its new management structure and investment strategy of investing primarily in Taiwan-listed companies operating in or exporting to China. We will soon be tracking the Fund against the Taiwan China Strategy index, which we have developed with Morgan Stanley Capital International. The principal differences between this new custom index and the TSE index are the heavier weighting of technology stocks and the absence of shares of financial institutions in the Taiwan China Strategy index.

Despite continuing improvement in the economy and positive results for many major listed companies, Taiwan's market weakened for most of the period as the TSE index declined each month and all sectors dropped. The fall-off in trading was pronounced: average daily turnover value on a monthly basis dropped more than 50% from March to June. The second quarter also saw consecutive monthly net sales by foreign institutional investors in April and May; over the whole period net sales totaled about US\$2.5 billion compared to approximately US\$3.3 billion in net purchases by such investors in the first quarter.

Nevertheless, the market made a strong start and climbed in the first half of April to a quarterly peak of 6916 on April 15th on positive U.S. economic news. American job growth reached a four-year high in March, and one measure showed services industry growth advanced to a new record. Additionally, several major TSE-listed companies such as China Steel and Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg. Co. (TSMC), a technology bellwether, reported sound first-quarter results.

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The Taiwan market reversed course in mid-April following a sharp drop in spot prices of the most widely used computer memory chips. Investors grew increasingly concerned about several developments that contributed to market weakness for the rest of the quarter. Most important were measures taken in China to cool the economy of that country, which is Taiwan's biggest export market and the destination of most of its external investment. These measures included raising bank reserve requirements and curbs on lending to various industries such as steel, cement and property development.

Investor nervousness also focused on record-high oil prices and the growing likelihood that U.S. interest rates would rise since both these developments could result in increased costs and a slowdown in aggregate demand. Several international investment banks, citing possible inventory increases, warned of slowing growth as they downgraded various technology stocks.

Many major listed companies, however, continued to report solid performance. Several of Taiwan's semiconductor producers achieved record-high revenue in April. AU Optronics, one of the world's biggest flat-panel display makers, saw sales more than double in May

compared to the year earlier. That same month, revenues of Formosa Chemicals & Fiber and Nan Ya Plastics increased 49% and 38%, respectively, from May 2003. And TSMC's plants operated at more than full capacity during the second quarter.

Taiwan's economy continued to steam ahead. The official forecast estimates second quarter growth of 6.8% from the year earlier period after a 6.3% advance in the first quarter. Foreign demand remained strong and helped spur private investment. Merchandise exports, equivalent to about half of gross national product, surged 29% from the corresponding quarter in 2003 and surpassed the 23% increase in the previous quarter. Continuing a trend over the last few years, this performance was primarily due to a 43% rise in shipments to China (including Hong Kong), whose share of Taiwan's total exports reached 37%. Private consumption growth improved from 3.1% in the first quarter to an estimated 4.3%, and private investment most likely exceeded the officially projected 29% rise, as indicated by the 54% increase in

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second quarter imports of capital goods.

The Fund's returns remain highly correlated with the TSE index with an R2 of 0.96. The Fund's volatility remains very close to the TSE index with a beta of 1.01.

Taiwan listed companies are now, in general, excellent values, selling at a price-earnings ratio of 16 compared to 20 for the Standard & Poor's 500 and 47 for the Nasdaq Composite, and yielding 3.1% compared to 1.7% for the S&P and less than 0.5% for the Nasdaq.

As manager of the Fund, I will be working to improve performance, reduce expenses and reduce or eliminate the discount to net asset value.

As David Laux, chairman of the Fund, recently noted, "The growth in Taiwan's exports to China over the past year has been more than 40%. The top three exporters from China are Taiwan-invested firms. An astounding 70% of China's computer and computer hardware-related exports come from Taiwan-invested firms in China. This trend is not only continuing, it is accelerating. Our Fund is focused on this phenomenon and provides investors with an opportunity to invest in the economies of both Taiwan and China. We are excited about the prospects ahead."

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steven R. Champion  
Steven R. Champion  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer

July 30, 2004

p.s. We are enclosing with this report a letter concerning your ability to participate in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Portfolio Highlights  
Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

### Key Statistics

Change in N.A.V. (\$5.38 to \$4.71)	-\$0.67
Total Net Assets	\$154.2
	Million

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### Ten Largest Holdings

Company	Percent of Net Assets
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	8.71%
China Steel Corp.	8.48
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	7.28
Formosa Chemicals & Fiber Corp.	4.79
AU Optronics Corp.	4.66
Asustek Computer Inc.	4.47
United Microelectronics Corp.	4.59
Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	4.22
BenQ Corp.	3.26
Formosa Plastics Corp.	3.23

Percent of Net Assets	Value (000)
Common Stocks	98.70% \$152,153
Total Investments	98.70 152,153
Other Assets Less Liabilities	1.30 2,001
Net Assets	100.00% \$154,154

### Industry Diversification

	Percent of Net Assets
Computer Systems & Hardware	17.87%
Semiconductors	14.52
Plastics	13.05
ODM--Peripherals	8.79
Steel & Other Metals	8.48
Flat-Panel Displays	7.76
Electronic Components	4.11
Transportation	3.90
Automobile	3.57
Food	2.62

### TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) / JUNE 30, 2004

#### COMMON STOCKS-- 98.70%

	%	% of Net Assets
Automobile-- 3.57%		
219,000 shs.* Tong Yang Industry Co., Ltd.		0.23
2,459,000 * Yulon Motor Co., Ltd		1.76
1,791,000 * China Motor Corp.		1.58
Cement -- 2.03%		
3,494,000 * Taiwan Cement Corp.		1.02
2,786,000 * Asia Cement Corporation		1.01
Communications Equipment-- 2.13%		
1,352,000 * D-Link Corp.		1.02
392,000 * Accton Technology Corp		0.14
743,000 * Zyxel Communications Corp...		0.97

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Computer Systems & Hardware-- 17.87%			
3,625,584	*	Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	8.71
1,596,000	*	Compal Electronics Inc.	1.12
832,000	*	Elitegroup Computer Systems Co., Ltd.	0.26
1,075,000	*	Acer Sertek Inc.	0.98
1,091,000	*	Inventec Corp.	0.44
3,040,000	*	Asustek Computer Inc.	4.47
279,000	*	Giga-Byte Technology Co., Ltd.	0.27
426,000	*	Arima Computer Corp.	0.09
1,033,000	*	Quanta Computer Inc.	1.42
84,000	*	Advantech Co., Ltd.	0.11
Chemicals -- 0.43%			
1,264,000		Eternal Chemical Co., Ltd.	0.43
Electrical & Machinery-- 2.51%			
1,636,000	*	Teco Electric & Machinery Co., Ltd.	0.34
7,782,000	*	Walsin Lihwa Corp.	2.17
Electronic Components-- 4.11%			
675,150		Delta Electronics Inc.	0.55
1,022,000	*	Wus Printed Circuit Co., Ltd.	0.35
4,850,000	*	Yageo Corp.	1.61
151,000	*	Merry Electronics Co., Ltd.	0.22
124,000	*	Catcher Technology Co., Ltd.	0.26
144,000	*	Largan Precision Co., Ltd.	0.89
271,000	*	Tripod Technology Corp.	0.23

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

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Electronics -- 0.49%			
470,000	shs.*	Synnex Technology International Corp.	0.49
Flat-Panel Displays-- 7.76%			
506,000	*	Picvue Electronics Ltd.	0.09
4,753,000		AU Optronics Corp.	4.66
1,435,000	*	Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.	0.48
1,971,000	*	Chi Mei Optoelectronics Corp.	2.05
1,084,000	*	Quanta Display Inc.	0.48
Food -- 2.62%			
9,100,000	*	Uni-President Enterprise Corp.	2.62
Glass-- 0.32%			
623,160		Taiwan Glass Ind. Corporation.	0.32
ODM -- Peripherals -- 8.79%			
4,583,000	*	Lite-on Technology Corp.	3.11
1,422,000	*	CMC Magnetics Corp.	0.48
4,971,000	*	Ritek Inc.	1.43
4,462,700		BenQ Corp.	3.26
644,000	*	Premier Image Technology Corp.	0.51
Plastics -- 13.05%			
3,532,980		Formosa Plastics Corp.	3.23

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4,962,920		Nan Ya Plastics Corp.	4.22
1,751,000	*	Taiwan Styrene Monomer Corp.	0.81
4,754,000	*	Formosa Chemicals & Fiber Corp.	4.79
Retailing -- 0.53%			
432,000	*	President Chain Store Corp.	0.53
Rubber-- 1.23%			
1,460,000	*	Cheng Shin Rubber Ind. Co., Ltd.	1.23
Semiconductors -- 14.52%			
9,558,000	*	United Microelectronics Corp.	4.59
1,556,000	*	Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.	0.79
781,000	*	Silconware Precision Industries Co., Ltd.	0.40
7,836,614		Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	7.28
1,865,000	*	Via Technologies Inc.	1.00
206,000	*	Sunplus Technology Co., Ltd.	0.23
110,000	*	Novatek Microelectronics Corp.	0.23
Steel & Other Metals -- 8.48%			
13,883,000	*	China Steel Corp.	8.48

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### TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED) / JUNE 30, 2004

Textiles -- 0.47%			
1,237,000 shs.*		Far Eastern Textile Ltd.	0.47
Transportation-- 3.90%			
1,948,000	*	Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.	1.06
2,720,000	*	Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp.	1.62
1,192,000	*	China Airlines Ltd.	0.40
683,000	*	Wan Hai Lines Ltd.	0.39
1,595,000	*	Eva Airways Corp.	0.43
Other -- 3.89%			
3,485,000	*	Pou Chen Corp.	2.10
879,000	*	Great China Metal Industry Co., Ltd.	0.34
244,480		Nien Made Enterprise Co., Ltd.	0.23
917,000	*	Giant Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	0.72
442,000	*	Taiwan Fu Hsing Industry Co., Ltd.	0.26
341,000	*	Taiwan Hon Chuan Enterprise Co., Ltd.	0.24
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES AT MARKET VALUE (COST \$173,964,073)			98.70
OTHER ASSETS (LESS LIABILITIES)			1.30
NET ASSETS			100.00

\* Non-income producing: these stocks did not pay a cash dividend during the six-month period.



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### TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED) (EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

#### ASSETS

Investments in securities at market value (Notes 2B, 2C, 3 and 6):  
Common stocks (cost-- \$173,964,073)  
Cash  
Dividends receivable  
Office equipment (Note 2D)  
Prepaid expense and other assets  
Total assets

#### LIABILITIES

Payable for investment securities purchased  
Administration fee payable (Note 4)  
Custodian fee payable (Note 5)  
Professional fees payable  
Accrued Republic of China taxes (Note 2H)  
Other accrued expense  
Total liabilities  
Net assets

#### COMPONENTS OF NET ASSETS

Par value of shares of beneficial interest (Note 7)  
Additional paid-in capital  
Accumulated net investment income  
Accumulated realized loss on investments  
Unrealized depreciation on investments (Note 6)  
Cumulative translation adjustment (Note 2F)  
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.

### TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED) (EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

#### INVESTMENT INCOME (NOTE 2C)

Dividends  
Interest  
Other

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### REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAXES (NOTE 2H)

#### EXPENSES

Management fee (Note 4)

Self-management expenses (Note 1)

Personnel expenses

Rental expenses

Research expenses

Travel expenses

Other expenses

Custodian fee (Note 5)

Administrative fee (Note 4)

Audit fee

Legal fees and expenses

Insurance expenses

Trustee fees and expenses (Note 8)

Shareholder communication expenses

Other expenses

Net investment loss

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES (NOTES 2E AND 6)

Net realized gain on:

investments

foreign currency transactions

net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions

Net changes in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:

investments

translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies

Net realized and unrealized loss from investments and foreign currencies

Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations

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

### TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004, AND THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

(EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 (Unaudited)
NET INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	
Net investment loss	\$ (942,376)
Net realized gain/loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	23,973,006
Unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments.	(37,191,220)

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Unrealized appreciation on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	514,412
Net increase/decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(13,646,178)
Distribution to shareholders	--
Net assets, beginning of period	167,800,626
Net assets, end of period	\$154,154,448

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TAIWAN GREATER CHINA FUND  
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
(EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 (Unaudited)	2003	Years Ended December 2002	2001	2000
<b>PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	5.13	4.37	5.40	5.78	1.00
Net investment loss	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.01)
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss on investments	(0.41)	0.73	(1.02)	0.06	(0.01)
Net realized and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on translation of foreign currencies	0.02	0.11	0.05	(0.39)	(0.01)
Total from investment operations	(0.42)	0.82	(1.03)	(0.38)	(0.02)
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:</b>					
Net investment income	--	(0.06)	--	--	--
Net realized gain on investments	--	--	--	--	(0.01)
Total distributions*	--	(0.06)	--	--	(0.01)
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	4.71	5.13	4.37	5.40	5.00
PER SHARE MARKET PRICE, END OF PERIOD	4.26	4.75	4.05	4.75	4.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN (%)**:</b>					
Based on the Trust's market price	(10.32)	18.79	(14.74)	4.17	(0.01)
Based on the Trust's net asset value	(8.19)	18.75	(19.07)	(6.57)	(0.01)
U.S. \$ return of Taiwan stock exchange index	(0.28)	35.32	(19.03)	10.16	(0.01)
<b>RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	154,154	167,801	142,936	176,526	176,526
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%)	2.06+	2.57	2.19	2.01	2.01
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets (%)	(1.10) +	(0.44)	(1.23)	(1.01)	(1.01)
Portfolio turnover ratio (%)**	108	78	107	173	173

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\* See Note 2G for information concerning the Trust's distribution policy.

\*\* Investment return and portfolio turnover ratio are calculated for the six months ended June 30, 2004 (not annualized) and for each of the five years ended December 31, 2003.

+ Annualized

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS / JUNE 30, 2004 (EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

#### NOTE 1 -- ORGANIZATION AND ACQUISITION OF THE TAIWAN (R.O.C.) FUND

The Taiwan Greater China Fund (the "Trust", formerly known as The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund) is a Massachusetts business trust formed in July 1988 and registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Trust changed its name from The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund to the Taiwan Greater China Fund on December 29, 2003. The change took effect on the New York Stock Exchange on January 2, 2004. The Trust was formed in connection with the reorganization (the "Reorganization") of The Taiwan (R.O.C.) Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund, which commenced operations in October 1983, was established under the laws of the Republic of China as an open-end contractual investment fund pursuant to an investment contract between International Investment Trust Company Limited ("IIT") 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. On February 23, 2004, the investment contract was terminated and substantially all of the assets held in the Fund were transferred to the direct account of the Trust. The Trust thereupon converted to internal management and now directly invests in Taiwan as a Foreign Institutional Investor ("FINI"). The Fund was subsequently liquidated.

As required by the Trust's "Declaration of Trust," if the Trust's 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

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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.

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 Fund (operation ended February 22, 2004). All significant inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

B -- Valuation of investments -- Common stocks represent securities that are traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange or the Taiwan over-the-counter market. Except when price movements are constrained by collars imposed by Republic of China regulations, in which case the Trust's Board of Trustees has provided for the use of fair valuation procedures, such securities are valued at the closing market price, or, if not quoted at the end of the period, generally at the last quoted closing market price. Short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Under this method, the difference between the cost of each security and its value at maturity is accrued into income on a straight-line basis over the days to maturity.

C -- Security transactions and investment income -- Security transactions are recorded on the date the transactions are entered into (the trade date). Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis as it is earned.

D -- Office equipment -- Office equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is applied from the month such assets were placed into service, using the straight-line method over the respective useful lives of such assets.

E -- Realized gains and losses -- Realized gains and losses on securities transactions are determined for financial reporting purposes using the average-cost method for the cost of investments. For federal income tax purposes, realized gains and losses on securities transactions are determined using the first-in, first-out method. For the

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fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, the Trust generated a net capital loss of \$11,721,463, and maintained a cumulative prior year capital loss carryover of \$105,731,250, resulting in a total capital loss carryover of \$117,452,713. This capital loss carryover may be used to offset any future capital gains generated by the Trust, and, if unused, \$89,141,756 of such loss will expire on December 31, 2009, \$16,589,494 of such loss will expire on December 31, 2010, and \$11,721,463 of such loss will expire on December 31, 2011.

F -- Foreign currency translation -- Substantially all of the Trust's income is earned, and its expenses are partially paid, in New Taiwan Dollars ("NT\$"). The cost and market value of securities, currency holdings, and other assets and liabilities which are denomi-

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS / JUNE 30, 2004 (EXPRESSED IN U.S. DOLLARS)

nated in NT\$ are reported in the accompanying consolidated 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, 2004, this rate was approximately NT\$33.775 to \$1.00. Investment income and expenses are translated at the 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 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.

G -- Distributions to shareholders -- It is the Trust's policy to distribute all ordinary income and net capital gains calculated in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations. Such calculations may differ from those based on U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. 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 as the nondeductibility of net operating

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losses for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Temporary book and tax differences are primarily due to differing treatments for certain foreign currency losses. The Trust declared a dividend of \$0.01 a share, payable on July 30, 2004, to shareholders of record on July 12, 2004 (ex-date July 8, 2004). The dividend, in total amount of \$326,990, represents undistributed net investment income totaling \$299,668 as of December 31, 2003.

H -- 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. The Republic of China ("R.O.C.") levies a tax at the rate of 20% on cash dividends and interest received by the Trust on investments in R.O.C. securities. In addition, a 20% tax is levied based on the par value of stock dividends (except those which have resulted from capitalization of capital surplus) received by the Trust. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2004, total par value of stock dividends received was \$536,229. Realized gains on securities transactions are not subject to income tax in the R.O.C.; instead, a securities transaction tax of 0.3% of the market value of stocks sold or transferred, and 0.1% of the market value of bonds and beneficial certificates sold or transferred, is levied. Proceeds from sales of investments are net of securities transaction tax paid of \$556,980 for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

I -- Use of estimates -- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements, consolidated financial highlights and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 -- INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS Because the Trust concentrates its investments in publicly traded equity and debt securities issued by R.O.C. corporations, its portfolio involves considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. In addition, the Trust is more susceptible to factors adversely affecting the R.O.C. economy than a fund not concentrated in these

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issuers to the same extent. Since the Trust's investment securities are primarily denominated in New Taiwan Dollars, changes in the relationship of the New Taiwan Dollar to the U.S. Dollar may also significantly affect the value of the investments and the earnings of the Trust.

### NOTE 4 -- INVESTMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

A -- As described in Note 1, the Trust's investment management agreement with IIT (the "Investment Contract") was terminated on February 23, 2004, and the Trust was converted to internal management. Before the termination of the Investment Contract, the Trust paid IIT a fee in NT\$, which was accrued daily and paid monthly in 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. B -- Upon the termination of the Investment Contract, the Trust entered into an administrative services agreement with IIT. Pursuant to this agreement, IIT provides clerical, accounting, tax, regulatory compliance

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and other administrative services to the Trust. The Trust pays IIT a fee for these services in NT\$ at an annual rate of 0.15% of the Trust's average daily NAV.

### NOTE 5 -- CUSTODIAN

Pursuant to a custodian contract, the Central Trust of China ("CTC") serves as custodian of the assets of the Trust held in the R.O.C. The Trust pays CTC a monthly fee in NT\$ at the annual rate of 0.13% of the NAV of the Trust's assets up to NT\$6 billion, 0.12% of such 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 0.10% of such NAV in excess of NT\$10 billion. Before February 22, 2004, pursuant to the Investment Contract, the Trust paid CTC a monthly fee 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 NAV in excess of NT\$6 billion



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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 such NAV in excess of NT\$10 billion, subject to a minimum annual fee of NT\$2.4 million.

### NOTE 6 -- INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

Purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2004, included approximately \$186,109,778 for stock purchases and approximately \$184,922,448 for stock sales, respectively.

At June 30, 2004, the cost of investments for U.S. federal income tax purposes was approximately equal to the cost of such investments for financial reporting purposes. At June 30, 2004, the unrealized depreciation of \$21,811,070 for financial reporting purposes consisted of \$435,182 of gross unrealized appreciation and \$22,246,252 of gross unrealized depreciation.

### NOTE 7 -- SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

A -- The Trust's "Declaration of Trust" permits the trustees to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest or additional classes of other securities. The shares have a par value of \$0.01, and no other classes of securities are outstanding at present. At June 30, 2004, 32,698,976 shares were outstanding. B --The Trust plans to conduct a tender offer to purchase up to one-third of the Trust's outstanding shares at a price equal to 99% of the Trust's net asset value per share at the conclusion of such offer. The tender offer is expected to commence during the first week in August and be completed by mid-September.

### NOTE 8 -- TRUSTEE FEES AND EXPENSES

The amount shown is comprised of trustee fees and expenses, which included spousal travel expenses through the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in February 2004 but not, by decision of the Board of Trustees, thereafter. Aggregate trustee remuneration for the six months ended June 30, 2004 was \$61,444.

The Trust and its predecessors, The Taiwan (R.O.C.) Fund and The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund, have been certified as distributing funds by the Board of Inland Revenue of the United Kingdom for the period from their inception to December 31, 2003. The Trust intends to apply for such status for succeeding accounting periods.

Steven R. Champion has been the President, Chief Executive Officer and portfolio manager

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of the Trust since February 2004. He was Executive Vice President of Bank of Hawaii from 2001-2003 and Chief Investment Officer of Aetna International from 1997-2001. Mr. Champion also previously served as the portfolio manager of the Taiwan (R.O.C.) Fund, predecessor to the Trust, from 1987 to 1989, and President and portfolio manager of the Trust from 1989 to 1992. Other positions he has held include Vice Chairman of the Bank of San Francisco, Chief International Investment Officer at the Bank of America, and Vice President and Country Manager in Taiwan for Continental Illinois National Bank.

### PROXY VOTING POLICY

The Trust's policy with regard to voting stocks held in its portfolio is to vote in accordance with the recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS") unless the Trust's portfolio manager recommends to the contrary, in which event the decision as to how to vote will be made by the Executive Committee of the Trust's Board of Trustees. A summary of the voting policies followed by ISS may be found on the Trust's website, <http://www.taiwangreaterchinafund.com>, and a more detailed description of those policies is available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), <http://www.sec.gov>. Information concerning how the Trust voted proxies relating to its portfolio securities during the period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 will be available on or through the Trust's website and on the Commission's website no later than August 31, 2004.

### 2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On July 21, 2004, the Trust held an annual meeting to:

1. Elect two trustees.
2. Consider whether to convert the Trust from a closed-end investment company into an open-end investment company. The Trust's Declaration of Trust required a shareholder vote on this question, because the Trust's shares had traded at an average discount of more than 10% to its net asset value over a 12-week-period beginning after the most recent such vote.

The results of the shareholder votes are shown below. Proxies representing 26,496,035, or 81.03%, of the 32,698,976 eligible shares outstanding were voted in respect of the election of trustees. The trustees of the Trust recommended that shareholders vote against the conversion proposal, which would have required the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares to pass. Proxies representing approximately 37.80% of the outstanding shares were voted

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for conversion.

FOR

WITHHELD

NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frederick C. Copeland, Jr.	18,089,745	8,406,290
David N. Laux	18,086,346	8,409,689

Messrs. Edward P. Collins, Robert P. Parker and Cheng-Cheng Tung, whose terms did not expire in 2004, remained trustees.

FOR

AGAINST

ABSTAIN

CONVERSION OF THE TRUST FROM A CLOSED-END TO AN OPEN-END INVESTMENT COMPANY	12,360,670	9,589,039	15,185
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Proxies covering 4,531,141 shares, or 17.10% of the shares represented at the meeting, were not voted on this issue.

[KPMG LETTERHEAD]

Review Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Trustees and Shareholders of the Taiwan  
Greater China Fund

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities of the Taiwan Greater China Fund, a Massachusetts business trust (the "Trust"), including the consolidated schedule of investments, as of June 30, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the consolidated financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004. These consolidated financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights referred to above in order for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2003, and the consolidated financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period ended

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December 31, 2003, and in our report dated January 5, 2004, we expressed an unqualified opinion on the consolidated statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

/s/ KPMG Certified Public Accountants

Taipei,  
Taiwan July  
21, 2004

### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

### ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

### ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

### ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

### ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Not yet applicable to the registrant.

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

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

### ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not yet applicable to the registrant.

### ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Since the registrant filed its Definitive Proxy Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 29, 2004, there have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of trustees.

### ITEM 10. 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

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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 such 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 controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred

during the registrant's most recent fiscal half-year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, such internal controls.

ITEM 11. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) CODE OF ETHICS REQUIRED BY ITEM 2 OF FORM N-CSR:

Not applicable to this filing on Form N-CSR of a semi-annual report.

(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.

Taiwan Greater China Fund

By: /s/ Steven R. Champion

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Name: Steven R. Champion

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: August 13, 2004

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/ Steven R. Champion

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Name: Steven R. Champion

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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By: /s/ Cheryl Chang

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Name: Cheryl Chang  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 13, 2004