



# The Korea Fund, Inc. (NYSE: KF)

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**THE KOREA FUND, INC.  
 REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NEW YORK, December 18, 2009 -- The Korea Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") (NYSE: KF), a non-diversified, closed-end investment company, which seeks long-term capital appreciation through investing primarily in equity securities trading on the Korean stock exchanges, today announced its results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2009.

	<u>At September 30,</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net Assets	\$397,552,897	\$422,998,721
Shares Outstanding	10,446,041	10,446,041 (a)
Net Asset Value ("NAV")	\$38.06	\$40.49 (a)
Market Price	\$34.43	\$35.99 (a)
Discount to NAV	(9.54)%	(11.11)%

	<u>Quarter ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$(980,433)	\$(1,168,615)
Per Share (b)	\$(0.09)	\$(0.11) (a)
Net Realized and Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$91,325,561	\$(129,739,494)
Per Share	\$8.74	\$(12.43) (a)

(a) Adjusted for the 1-for-10 reverse stock split which occurred on December 22, 2008 and Fund shares issued on January 29, 2009.

(b) Calculated on average shares outstanding.

RCM Capital Management LLC and RCM Asia Pacific Limited are the Fund's investment manager and sub-adviser, respectively.

Additional risks are associated with international investing, such as currency fluctuation, government regulations, economic changes and differences in liquidity, which may increase the volatility of an investment in the Fund. Foreign security markets generally exhibit greater price volatility and are less liquid than the U.S. market. Additionally, this Fund focuses its investments in certain geographical regions, thereby increasing its vulnerability to developments in that region. All of these factors potentially subject the Fund's shares to greater price volatility. The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities. Closed-end funds trade on their market value, not net asset value, and closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value.

The Fund's daily New York Stock Exchange closing price and net asset value per share, as well as other information, including updated portfolio statistics and performance are available at [www.thekoreafund.com](http://www.thekoreafund.com) or by calling the Fund's shareholder servicing agent at (800) 254-5197.

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