



The Korea Fund, Inc.

December 31, 2019

This report contains the following two documents:

- Chairman's Letter to Stockholders
- Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders—December 31, 2019

The Korea Fund, Inc. Chairman's Letter to Stockholders

Dear fellow Stockholders:

We have pleasure in providing the interim report for The Korea Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") covering the first half of its current fiscal year from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 (the "Period").

Through the Period the South Korean stock market, as measured by your Fund's benchmark, the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return) (the "Benchmark"), has continued to trade within the broad lateral trading range of the past decade, as was referred to in my last letter. As an example, whilst for the Period this index closed up 6.22%, this level represents only an 8.30% gain on the market top as was reached back in October 2007, immediately prior to the financial crisis.

Recently, the long-awaited conclusion to the first phase of the US/China trade negotiations has provided a positive external boost to the stock market and within the tourist industry there appears to be optimism that China's group travel restrictions will be lifted, thereby particularly benefitting Korea's travel and duty-free sectors. A global upturn in prices within the memory chip market has also boosted shares of Korea's high-tech sector. On the domestic front, HLB Co., Ltd., originally a manufacturer of life boats, now a drug manufacturer, announced plans to seek approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use of a targeted drug to fight cancer, which provided a strong, (albeit speculative), lift to the healthcare sector. That said, overall market enthusiasm remains tempered by both the ongoing uncertainty of the ultimate outcome to the US/China trade talks and the ongoing socialistic policies of South Korea's President Moon, which have continued to temper domestic demand. Despite the Bank of Korea reducing its base rate on two occasions during the Period, to a current rate of 1.25%, the South Korean economy expanded by only 1.9% for calendar 2019, a level that represents the lowest rate of annual growth over the past decade.

In this environment, through the Period your Fund provided a 5.16% increase in its net asset value ("NAV"), placing it in the second quartile of the Fund's peer group as monitored by your Board's external consultant. Whilst this ranking is acceptable relative to its peer group, this performance did lag somewhat relative to its Benchmark due in part to a lower exposure in the healthcare sector which, as mentioned above was driven by speculation in already high-valued stocks rather than by fundamental economics. Over both the one- and three-year periods ended December 31, 2019, the NAV performance of your Fund continues to rank in the first quartile of peer fund performance with gains of 6.46% and 6.64%, respectively, whilst over the five- and ten-year periods ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's performance ranked in the second quartile with gains of 3.61% and 3.70%, respectively. Put into the context of a cross section of Asian emerging markets, the performance of the South Korean stock market through the Period fared generally in-line with the median performance of such markets.

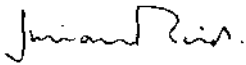
As well as monitoring performance, your board receives daily reports in order to manage the Fund's market share price relative to its NAV. Given the recent relative lack of excitement in

Asian markets through the Period, particularly compared to the performance of markets in North America, discounts in the Asian investment companies sector have been under pressure. Through the Period your Fund has traded at a discount to its NAV in a range of 9.63% to 14.52% closing the Period at a discount of 13.28%. This level is excessive in the eyes of your Board and as such prudent steps have continued to be taken to reduce the discount, whilst simultaneously endeavouring to balance stock buybacks against overall assets under management.

Your Board continues to closely monitor expenses and has taken further useful steps to reduce overall costs to stockholders: the annualized quarterly expense ratio for the three-month period ended December 31, 2019 having declined further to 1.19%, whilst for the Period the annualized ratio was 1.24%.

Following this letter is the Investment Report from your manager which provides greater detail as to the Fund's investment strategy. Please do not hesitate to make contact should you wish and meanwhile may we thank all stockholders for your continued support.

Yours very sincerely



Julian Reid

For and on behalf of The Korea Fund, Inc.

January 26, 2020*

* All of the above information was prepared prior to the outbreak of the Coronavirus.



The Korea Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report
December 31, 2019

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Fund's website (www.thekoreafund.com), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the Fund electronically anytime by contacting your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank) or, if you are a direct investor, by calling the Fund's stockholder servicing agent at (800) 254-5197.

If you prefer to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports after January 1, 2021, direct investors may inform the Fund at any time by calling the Fund's stockholder servicing agent at (800) 254-5197. If you invest through a financial intermediary, you should contact your financial intermediary directly. Paper copies are provided free of charge and your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with the fund complex if you invest directly with the Fund or all funds held in your account if you invest through your financial intermediary.

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The Korea Fund, Inc. Portfolio Manager's Report

December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

During the six-month period from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return) rose by 6.22% in USD terms. Trade related disputes between Japan and Korea caused the market to correct sharply during the third quarter of 2019, while trade tensions between the U.S. and China also escalated as the U.S. announced additional tariffs on Chinese goods. However, the market rebounded during the fourth quarter as the U.S. Federal Reserve's preemptive rate cuts propped up investor sentiment, while ongoing discussions between the U.S. and China helped ease concerns on trade. The rebound in the technology sector towards the end of the year helped the Korean market end the period on a higher note.

In July 2019, Japan announced that it would introduce controls on the exports of key materials and equipment bound for Korea, which raised concerns of a potential disruption in some of Korea's key industries, including the semiconductor industry. The Korean government responded by launching an anti-Japan campaign, including the boycott of Japanese products in Korea and restrictions on outbound tourism to Japan. The government also introduced initiatives to reduce Korea's dependence on Japanese suppliers of technology products. While Korea's industrial production had not seen major disruptions, the negative impact of the Korean government's anti-Japan campaign continued to hurt industries such as airlines and travel agencies.

As Korea edges closer to legislative elections scheduled for April 2020, we are observing an increase in the frequency of disruptive government interventions in various sectors. For example, the government announced in December 2019 another round of measures aimed at cooling the housing market. These measures include restricting the availability of mortgage loans, and lowering the loan-to-value ratios of loans for properties valued above certain thresholds. Transaction and ownership taxes were also raised. In the insurance industry, the government limited price hikes for health insurance products, making it difficult for insurers to address ballooning claims driven by a spike in demand for medical care. Utilities were also negatively impacted as the government pushed for discounts on electricity tariffs during the summer peak season, while operating costs rose as a result of the government's anti-nuclear power policies and subsidization of renewable energy.

The bright spot was the technology sector, which began to show signs of recovery. Conservative capital expenditure by semiconductor companies and inventory digestion by clients resulted in a rebound in memory chip spot prices during December 2019. The turnaround in sentiment towards the memory chip cycle helped lift the Korean market towards the end of the year, as semiconductors are Korea's biggest export item.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Portfolio Manager's Report

December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (continued)

Fund's Performance

From July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the total return of The Korea Fund, Inc.'s (the "Fund") Net Asset Value (NAV) was 5.16% (net of fees) in U.S. dollar ("USD") terms, underperforming the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return).

Performance Attribution Review

The Fund's overweight position in Fila Korea, a sportswear brand operator, detracted from its performance. Despite delivering strong earnings which beat market expectations, concerns over weakening growth in the U.S. market triggered a correction in the company's share price. The Fund's underweight position in SK Hynix, a semiconductor manufacturer, also hurt performance, as the shares rallied on expectations of a recovery in the memory chip industry. The Fund's underweight position in HLB, a Korean based biotech company, also contributed negatively to its performance. HLB's share price appreciated dramatically after the company announced plans to submit a new application in the US for its gastric cancer drug.

Positive contributors over the reporting period include Naver, an internet company, which outperformed on improving earnings as well as growing focus on the value of its subsidiaries such as Naver Webtoon, an internet portal for Korean comics, and Naver Financial, a financial services company. The company also announced a merger of its Japanese subsidiary Line, the operator of the Line messaging app, with Z-Holdings, the parent company of Yahoo Japan, which we believe will generate synergies and help reduce competition for cashless payment services in Japan. The Fund's overweight position in Samsung Electronics also contributed positively to performance. Signs of turnaround in the memory chip cycle, as well as better than expected sales of its foldable smartphone helped the stock outperform. The Fund's overweight position in AfreecaTV, an internet live streaming platform specializing in e-sports, also helped performance, thanks to steady growth of its platform and advertising revenue.

Outlook

It appears the U.S. and China are close to concluding the first phase of their trade agreement. While many of the structural issues have yet to be resolved, further escalation in trade conflicts seem unlikely until after the U.S. presidential election. That said, the tariffs that are already in place, and tensions in other areas such as technology, may have a dampening effect on the global economy. China's growth also continues to drift downward, as the Chinese government aims to deleverage its economy. Against this backdrop, we believe that major central banks are likely to maintain their accommodative monetary policies and hence provide liquidity support to equity markets.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Portfolio Manager's Report

December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (continued)

In Korea, the rate of decline in exports has slowed recently, but we believe the recovery is likely to be concentrated in the technology sector, which is seeing some recovery in demand and pricing. However other sectors such as steel, auto and refining continue to be pressured by weak global demand. The recent strengthening of the Korean won against the U.S. dollar may also be a headwind to Korea's export sectors.

The negative impact of President Moon's populist policies, including the rapid increase in minimum wages, reduction in working hours, and draconian property market measures continue to take their toll on domestic consumption. In the past few months, there have been a series of scandals involving government officials. At the same time, the government has made limited progress in improving its relationship with North Korea. As such, the government's approval rating has declined significantly. As the April 2020 legislative election approaches, policy direction will likely remain favorable to the public, but at the expense of the corporate sector. Nevertheless, the government plans to accelerate its budget spending before the election, which may provide some support to the domestic economy in the short term.

The information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but the investment manager and its affiliates do not warrant the information to be accurate, complete or reliable. The opinions expressed herein are solely those of the Fund's Portfolio Manager and are subject to change at any time and without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This material is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of any mutual fund carefully before investing. This and other information is contained in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports, proxy statement and other Fund information, which may be obtained by contacting your financial advisor or visiting the Fund's website at www.thekoreafund.com.

This information is unaudited and is intended for informational purposes only. It is presented only to provide information on investment strategies and opportunities. The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation through investment in securities, primarily equity securities, of Korean companies. Investing in non-U.S. securities entails additional risks, including political and economic risk and the risk of currency fluctuations, as well as lower liquidity. These risks, which can result in greater price volatility, will generally be enhanced in less diversified funds that concentrate investments in a particular geographic region. The Fund is a closed-end exchange traded management investment company. This material is presented only to provide information and is not intended for trading purposes. Closed-end funds, unlike open-end funds, are not continuously offered. After the initial public offering, shares are sold on the open market through a stock exchange, where shares may trade at a premium or a discount. Holdings are subject to change daily.

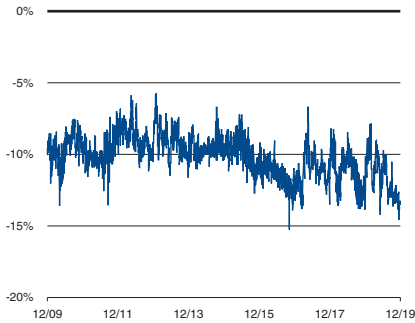
The Korea Fund, Inc. Performance & Statistics

December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

Total Return ⁽¹⁾	Six Month	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Market Price	3.68%	6.83%	3.53%	3.70%
Net Asset Value ("NAV")	5.16%	6.46%	3.61%	3.70%
MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return) ⁽²⁾	6.22%	8.56%	4.89%	4.73%
MSCI Korea Index (Total Return) ⁽²⁾	8.28%	12.50%	5.87%	5.20%

Premium (Discount) to NAV:

December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2019



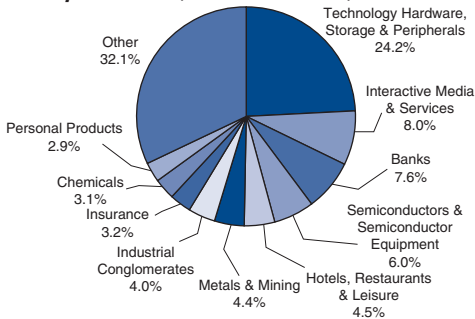
Market Price/NAV:

Market Price	\$29.83
NAV ⁽³⁾	\$34.40
Discount to NAV	-13.28%

Ten Largest Holdings (as a % of net assets):

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Manufacturer of electronic parts	24.2%
SK Hynix, Inc. Manufacturer of memory and non-memory semiconductors	6.0%
NAVER Corp. Internet content service operator	4.1%
Kangwon Land, Inc. Casino and hotel services provider	3.0%
LG Household & Health Care Ltd. Manufacturer of household goods, cosmetics and beverages	2.9%
KB Financial Group, Inc. Financial holding company	2.9%
Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd. Provider on financial products and services	2.9%
Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd. Manufacturer of automobile components	2.9%
AfreecaTV Co., Ltd. Engages in the global entertainment services through online.	2.8%
LG Chem Ltd. Manufacturer of petrochemical goods and electronic materials	2.7%

Industry Breakdown (as a % of net assets):



The Korea Fund, Inc. Performance & Statistics

December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (continued)

Notes to Performance & Statistics:

- (1) **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Total return is calculated by determining the percentage change in NAV or market price (as applicable) in the specified period. The calculation assumes that all dividends and distributions, if any, have been reinvested. Total return does not reflect broker commissions or sales charges in connection with the purchase or sale of Fund shares. Total return for a period of more than one year represents the average annual total return. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
Performance at market price will differ from results at NAV. Although market price returns typically reflect investment results over time, during shorter periods returns at market price can also be influenced by factors such as changing views about the Fund, market conditions, supply and demand for the Fund's shares, or changes in the Fund's dividends.
An investment in the Fund involves risk, including the loss of principal. Total return, market price and NAV will fluctuate with changes in market conditions. This data is provided for information purposes only and is not intended for trading purposes. Closed-end funds, unlike open-end funds, are not continuously offered. There is a one-time public offering and once issued, shares of closed-end funds are traded in the open market through a stock exchange. NAV is equal to total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. Holdings are subject to change daily.
- (2) Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") Korea Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of equity securities of companies domiciled in Korea. The index is designed to represent the performance of the Korean stock market and excludes certain market segments unavailable to U.S. based investors. The MSCI Korea Index (Total Return) returns assume reinvestment of dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes) and, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect any fees or expenses. Effective July 1, 2017, the Board approved the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return) as the primary benchmark for the Fund. The MSCI Korea 25/50 Index (Total Return) is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Korean market. It applies certain investment limits that are imposed on regulated investment companies, or RICs, under the current US Internal Revenue Code. One requirement of a RIC is that at the end of each quarter of its tax year no more than 25% of the value of the RIC's assets may be invested in a single issuer and the sum of the weights of all issuers representing more than 5% of the fund should not exceed 50% of the fund's total assets. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Korea. The returns assume reinvestment of dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes) but do not reflect any fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Total Return for a period of more than one year represents the average annual return. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
- (3) The NAV disclosed in the Fund's financial statements may differ from this NAV due to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

Shares		Value
COMMON STOCK—96.7%		
	Aerospace & Defense—1.9%	
112,019	Hanwha Aerospace Co., Ltd. (b)	\$ 3,388,438
	Air Freight & Logistics—0.8%	
11,925	Hyundai Glovis Co., Ltd.	1,471,376
	Auto Components—2.9%	
22,544	Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd.	4,987,646
	Automobiles—2.7%	
44,474	Hyundai Motor Co.	4,632,271
	Banks—7.6%	
95,667	Hana Financial Group, Inc.	3,042,975
124,760	KB Financial Group, Inc.	5,139,857
133,435	Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.	5,002,851
		<u>13,185,683</u>
	Chemicals—3.1%	
16,989	LG Chem Ltd.	4,655,908
3,714	Lotte Chemical Corp.	717,558
		<u>5,373,466</u>
	Electric Utilities—2.3%	
167,844	Korea Electric Power Corp. (b)	4,027,013
	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components—1.7%	
10,438	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd.	1,122,722
8,840	Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	1,800,825
		<u>2,923,547</u>
	Entertainment—1.3%	
4,706	NCSOFT Corp.	2,195,843
	Food & Staples Retailing—2.5%	
5,870	BGF retail Co., Ltd.	860,361
13,782	E-MART, Inc.	1,516,303
60,132	GS Retail Co., Ltd.	2,041,138
		<u>4,417,802</u>
	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure—4.5%	
207,145	Kangwon Land, Inc.	5,299,190
152,964	Paradise Co., Ltd.	2,605,100
		<u>7,904,290</u>
	Household Durables—0.8%	
21,884	LG Electronics, Inc.	1,359,372
	Industrial Conglomerates—4.0%	
53,186	LG Corp.	3,388,877
10,456	Samsung C&T Corp.	978,948
11,244	SK Holdings Co., Ltd.	2,536,629
		<u>6,904,454</u>
	Insurance—3.2%	
67,718	DB Insurance Co., Ltd.	3,058,925
105,863	Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	2,463,948
		<u>5,522,873</u>

The Korea Fund, Inc. Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (continued)

Shares		Value
	Interactive Media & Services—8.0%	
82,950	AfreecaTV Co., Ltd.	\$ 4,936,864
13,971	Kakao Corp.	1,850,383
44,192	NAVER Corp.	7,110,269
		<u>13,897,516</u>
	IT Services—0.4%	
4,627	Samsung SDS Co., Ltd.	776,526
	Machinery—1.8%	
33,289	Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. (b)	798,831
2,129	Hyundai Heavy Industries Holdings Co., Ltd.	621,346
15,419	Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering Co., Ltd. (b)	1,677,814
		<u>3,097,991</u>
	Marine—1.6%	
730,797	Pan Ocean Co., Ltd. (b)	2,863,563
	Metals & Mining—4.4%	
9,788	Korea Zinc Co., Ltd.	3,596,849
20,144	POSCO	4,094,542
		<u>7,691,391</u>
	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels—1.8%	
11,669	S-Oil Corp.	958,396
16,296	SK Innovation Co., Ltd.	2,108,986
		<u>3,067,382</u>
	Personal Products—2.9%	
4,737	LG Household & Health Care Ltd.	5,145,574
	Pharmaceuticals—0.8%	
2,976	Hanmi Pharm Co., Ltd.	760,698
3,537	Yuhan Corp.	721,815
		<u>1,482,513</u>
	Road & Rail—1.7%	
22,573	CJ Logistics Corp. (b)	3,020,774
	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment—6.0%	
127,740	SK Hynix, Inc.	10,390,082
	Software—0.4%	
9,209	Douzone Bizon Co., Ltd.	643,762
	Specialty Retail—0.8%	
17,678	Hotel Shilla Co., Ltd.	1,381,719
	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals—24.2%	
877,787	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	42,297,784
	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods—1.8%	
70,170	Fila Korea Ltd.	3,206,327
	Tobacco—0.8%	
18,236	KT&G Corp.	1,475,429
	Total Investments (cost—\$119,963,627) (a)— 96.7%	168,732,407
	Other assets less liabilities—3.3%	5,711,273
	Net Assets—100.0%	<u>\$ 174,443,680</u>

The Korea Fund, Inc. Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (continued)

Notes to Schedule of Investments:

- (a) Securities with an aggregate value of \$167,872,046, representing 96.2% of net assets, were valued utilizing modeling tools provided by a third-party vendor. See Note 1(a) and Note 1(b) in the Notes to Financial Statements.
- (b) Non-income producing.
- (c) Fair Value Measurements – See Note 1(b) in the Notes to Financial Statements.

	Level 1 – Quoted Prices	Level 2 – Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 – Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value at 12/31/19
Investments in Securities—Assets				
Common Stock:				
Food & Staples Retailing	\$860,361	\$ 3,557,441	—	\$ 4,417,802
All Other	—	164,314,605	—	164,314,605
Totals	\$860,361	\$167,872,046	—	\$168,732,407

The Korea Fund, Inc. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

Assets:	
Investments, at value (cost--\$119,963,627)	\$168,732,407
Cash	494,601
Foreign currency, at value (cost--\$3,732,210)	3,768,787
Dividends receivable (net of foreign withholding taxes)	2,027,708
Prepaid expenses and other assets	44,031
Total Assets	175,067,534
Liabilities:	
Distributions payable to stockholders	360,257
Investment management fees payable	106,642
Payable for shares repurchased	33,151
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	123,804
Total Liabilities	623,854
Net Assets	\$174,443,680
Net Assets:	
Common Stock:	
Par value (\$0.01 per share, applicable to 5,071,095 shares issued and outstanding)	\$50,711
Paid-in-capital in excess of par	128,760,095
Total distributable earnings	45,632,874
Net Assets	\$174,443,680
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$34.40

The Korea Fund, Inc. Statement of Operations

Six Months ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

Investment Income:	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$452,584)	\$2,272,022
Securities lending income, including income from invested cash collateral (net of rebates)	11,411
Interest	891
Total Investment Income	2,284,324
Expenses:	
Investment management	605,020
Directors	115,383
Custodian and accounting agent	54,195
Legal	53,967
Insurance	53,653
Audit and tax services	49,268
Stockholder communications	18,656
Transfer agent	12,681
New York Stock Exchange listing	8,487
Miscellaneous	30,730
Total Expenses	1,002,040
Net Investment Income	1,282,284
Realized and Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(737,199)
Foreign currency transactions	78,748
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of:	
Investments	7,691,920
Foreign currency transactions	(15,100)
Net realized and change in unrealized gain	7,018,369
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations	\$8,300,653

The Korea Fund, Inc. Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	Year ended June 30, 2019
Investment Operations:		
Net investment income	\$1,282,284	\$1,175,587
Net realized loss	(658,451)	(2,151,749)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	7,676,820	(23,385,801)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from investment operations	8,300,653	(24,361,963)
Distributions to Stockholders from:		
Distributable earnings	(360,257)	(27,459,569)
Common Stock Transactions:		
Cost of shares repurchased	(1,589,219)	(7,403,889)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	6,351,177	(59,225,421)
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	168,092,503	227,317,924
End of period	\$174,443,680	\$168,092,503
Shares Activity:		
Shares outstanding, beginning of period	5,128,007	5,363,003
Shares repurchased	(56,912)	(234,996)
Shares outstanding, end of period	5,071,095	5,128,007

The Korea Fund, Inc. Financial Highlights

For a share of stock outstanding throughout each period:

	Six Months ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	Year ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$32.78	\$42.39	\$44.65	\$36.68	\$44.80	\$47.33
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) (1)	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.16	0.11	(0.02)
Net realized and change in unrealized gain (loss)	1.39	(4.76)	1.13	7.75	(4.11)	(2.84)
Total from investment operations	1.64	(4.54)	1.33	7.91	(4.00)	(2.86)
Dividends and Distributions to Stockholders from:						
Net investment income	(0.07)	(0.61)	(0.23)	(0.28)	—	—
Net realized gains	—	(4.62)	(3.80)	(0.05)	(4.35)	—
Total dividends and distributions to stockholders	(0.07)	(5.23)	(4.03)	(0.33)	(4.35)	—
Common Stock Transactions:						
Accretion to net asset value resulting from share repurchases and tender offer	0.05	0.16	0.44	0.39	0.23	0.33
Net asset value, end of period	\$34.40	\$32.78	\$42.39	\$44.65	\$36.68(2)	\$44.80
Market price, end of period	\$29.83	\$28.84	\$38.26	\$40.04	\$32.33	\$40.57
Total Return: (3)						
Net asset value	5.16%	(9.92)%	3.39%	22.83%	(8.35)%(2)	(5.35)%
Market price	3.68%	(10.97)%	4.41%	25.09%	(8.75)%	(5.03)%
RATIOS/ SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:						
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$174,444	\$168,093	\$227,318	\$259,976	\$256,289	\$329,458
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	1.24%(4)	1.25%	1.13%	1.18%(5)	1.20%	1.13%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.59%(4)	0.62%	0.43%	0.40%(5)	0.28%	(0.05)%
Portfolio turnover rate	11%	27%	69%	67%	44%	51%

^A A “—” may reflect actual amounts rounding to less than \$0.01 or 0.01%.

(1) Calculated on average common shares outstanding.

(2) Payments from Affiliates increased the end of year net asset value and total return by less than \$0.01 and 0.01%, respectively.

(3) Total return is calculated by subtracting the value of an investment in the Fund at the beginning of the specified period from the value at the end of the period and dividing the remainder by the value of the investment at the beginning of the period and expressing the result as a percentage. The calculation assumes that all dividends and distributions, if any, have been reinvested. Total return does not reflect broker commissions or sales charges in connection with the purchase or sale of Fund shares. Total return on net asset value may reflect adjustments to conform to U.S. GAAP. Total investment return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

(4) Annualized.

(5) Inclusive of tender offer expenses of 0.05%.

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

The Korea Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the rules and regulations thereunder, as amended, as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Maryland corporation, and accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services—Investment Companies. Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC ("AllianzGI U.S." or the "Investment Manager") serves as the Fund's investment manager. AllianzGI U.S. is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Allianz Asset Management of America L.P. ("AAM"). AAM is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Allianz SE, a publicly traded European insurance and financial services company. The Fund has authorized 200 million shares of common stock with \$0.01 par value.

The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation through investment in securities, primarily equity securities, of Korean companies. There can be no assurance that the Fund will meet its stated objective.

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Fund's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the Fund's financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Like many other companies, the Fund's organizational documents provide that its officers ("Officers") and the Board of Directors of the Fund (the "Board" or the "Directors") are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, both in some of its principal service contracts and in the normal course of its business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide indemnifications to other parties for certain types of losses or liabilities. The Directors' maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this could involve future claims against the Fund.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund:

(a) Valuation of Investments

Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are readily available are stated at market value. Market value is for various types of securities and other instruments are determined on the basis of closing prices or last sales prices on an exchange or other market, or based on quotes or other market information obtained from quotation reporting systems, established market makers or pricing services. For foreign equity securities (with certain exceptions, if any), the Fund fair values its securities daily using modeling tools provided by a statistical research service. This service utilizes statistics and programs based on historical performance of markets and other economic data (which may include changes in the value of U.S. securities or security indices). Investments in mutual funds are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") as reported on each business day.

Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are not readily available (including in cases where available market quotations are deemed to be unreliable), are fair-valued, in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Fund, or persons acting at their discretion pursuant to procedures established by the Board. The Fund's investments are valued daily and the Fund's NAV is calculated as of the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on each day the NYSE is open for business using prices supplied by an independent pricing service or broker/dealer quotations, or by using the last sale or settlement price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the mean between the last bid and ask quotations. In unusual circumstances, the Board or the Valuation Committee may in good faith determine the NAV as of 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, notwithstanding an earlier, unscheduled close or halt of trading on the NYSE.

Short-term investments having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less shall be valued at amortized cost unless the Board or its Valuation Committee determines that particular circumstances dictate otherwise.

Investments initially valued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted to the U.S. dollar using exchange rates obtained from pricing services. As a result, the NAV of the Fund's shares may be affected by changes in the value of currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar. The value of securities traded in markets outside the United States or denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar may be affected significantly on a day that the NYSE is closed. The prices used by the Fund to value securities may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold and these differences could be material to the Fund's financial statements.

(b) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (*i.e.*, the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical investments that the Fund has the ability to access

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- Level 2—valuations based on other significant observable inputs, which may include, but are not limited to, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates or other market corroborated inputs
- Level 3—valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Investment Manager's or Valuation Committee's own assumptions and securities whose price was determined by using a single broker's quote)

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value during the six months ended December 31, 2019 were intended to maximize the use of observable inputs and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

An investment asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level input, individually or in aggregate, that is significant to the fair value measurement. The objective of fair value measurement remains the same even when there is a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity for an asset or liability and regardless of the valuation techniques used.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following are certain inputs and techniques that the Fund generally uses to evaluate how to classify each major category of assets and liabilities within Level 2 and Level 3, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

An asset or liability for which market values cannot be measured using the methodologies described above is valued by methods deemed reasonable in good faith by the Valuation Committee, following the procedures established by the Board, to represent fair value. Under these procedures, the Fund generally uses a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values and other relevant information. Fair value determinations involve the consideration of a number of subjective factors, an analysis of applicable facts and circumstances and the exercise of judgment. As a result, it is possible that the fair value for a security determined in good faith in accordance with the Fund's valuation procedures may differ from valuations for the same security determined by other funds using their own valuation procedures. Although the Fund's valuation procedures are designed to value a security at the price the Fund may reasonably expect to receive upon the security's sale in an orderly transaction, there can be no assurance that any fair value determination thereunder would, in fact, approximate the amount that the Fund would actually realize upon the sale of the security or the price at which the security would trade if a reliable market price were readily available.

Equity Securities (Common Stock)—Equity securities traded in inactive markets and certain foreign equity securities are valued using inputs which include broker-dealer quotes, recently executed transactions adjusted for changes in the benchmark index, or evaluated price quotes received from independent pricing services that take into account the integrity of the market sector and issuer, the individual characteristics of the security, and information received from broker-dealers and other market sources pertaining to the issuer or security. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of equity securities are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

(c) Investment Transactions and Investment Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments are determined on an identified cost basis. Interest income on uninvested cash is recorded upon receipt. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Korean-based corporations have generally adopted calendar year-ends, and their interim and final corporate actions are normally approved, finalized and announced by their boards of directors and stockholders in the first and third quarters of each calendar year. Generally, estimates of their dividends are accrued on the ex-dividend date principally in the prior December and/or June period ends. These dividend announcements are recorded by the Fund on such ex-dividend dates. Any subsequent adjustments thereto by Korean corporations are recorded when announced. Presently, dividend income from Korean equity investments is earned primarily in the last calendar quarter of each year, and will be received primarily in the first calendar quarter of the following year. Certain other dividends and related withholding taxes, if applicable, from Korean securities may be recorded subsequent to the ex-dividend date as soon as the Fund is informed of such dividends and taxes. Dividend and interest income on the Statement of Operations are shown net of any foreign taxes withheld on income from foreign securities.

(d) Federal Income Taxes

The Fund intends to distribute all of its taxable income and to comply with the other requirements of Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required. The Fund may be subject to excise tax based on distributions to stockholders.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounting for uncertainty in income taxes establishes for all entities, including pass-through entities such as the Fund, a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of positions taken in filing tax returns (including whether an entity is taxable in a particular jurisdiction), and requires certain expanded tax disclosures. In accordance with provisions set forth under U.S. GAAP, the Investment Manager has reviewed the Fund's tax positions for all open tax years.

As of December 31, 2019, the Fund has recorded no liability for net unrecognized tax benefits relating to uncertain income tax positions they have taken. The Fund's federal income tax returns for the prior three years, as applicable, remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

(e) Foreign Investment and Exchange Controls in Korea

The Foreign Exchange Transaction Act, the Presidential Decree relating to such Act and the regulations of the Minister of Strategy and Finance (formerly known as Minister of Finance and Economy) issued thereunder impose certain limitations and controls which generally affect foreign investors in Korea. Through August 18, 2005, the Fund had a license from the Ministry of Finance and Economy to invest in Korean securities and to repatriate income received from dividends and interest earned on, and net realized capital gains from, its investments in Korean securities or to repatriate from investment principal up to 10% of the NAV (taken at current value) of the Fund (except upon termination of the Fund, or for expenses in excess of Fund income, in which case the foregoing restriction shall not apply). Under the Foreign Exchange Transaction Act, the Minister of Strategy and Finance has the power, with prior (posterior in case of urgency) public notice of scope and duration, to suspend all or a part of foreign exchange transactions when emergency measures are deemed necessary in case of radical change in the international or domestic economic situation. The Fund could be adversely affected by delays in, or the refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for such transactions.

The Fund relinquished its license from the Korean Ministry of Finance and Economy effective August 19, 2005. The Fund had engaged in negotiations with the Korean Ministry of Finance and Economy concerning the feasibility of the Fund's license being amended to allow the Fund to repatriate more than 10% of Fund capital. However, the Ministry of Finance and Economy advised the Fund that the license cannot be amended as a result of a change in the Korean regulations. As a result of the relinquishment of the license, the Fund is subject to the Korean securities transaction tax equal to 0.25% of the fair market value of any portfolio securities transferred by the Fund on the Korea Exchange and 0.45% of the fair market value of any portfolio securities transferred outside of the Korea Exchange. The relinquishment did not otherwise affect the Fund's operations. For the six months ended December 31, 2019, the Fund incurred \$53,033 in transaction taxes in connection with portfolio securities transferred by the Fund on the Korea Exchange. Net realized gain (loss) on investments on the Statement of Operations is shown net of the transaction taxes incurred by the Fund.

Certain securities held by the Fund may be subject to aggregate or individual foreign ownership limits. These holdings are in industries that are deemed to be of national importance.

(f) Dividends and Distributions

The Fund declares dividends from net investment income and distributions of net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually. The Fund records dividends and distributions on the ex-dividend date. The amount of dividends from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains is determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These "book-tax" differences are considered either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal income tax treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. To the extent dividends and/or distributions exceed current and accumulated earnings and profits for federal income tax purposes, they are reported as dividends and/or distributions to stockholders from return of capital.

(g) Foreign Currency Translation

The Fund's accounting records are maintained in U.S. dollars as follows: (1) the foreign currency market values of investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the prevailing exchange rate at the end of the period; and (2) purchases and sales, income and expenses are translated at the prevailing exchange rate on the respective dates of such transactions. The resulting net foreign currency gain (loss) is included in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

The Fund does not generally isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities. Accordingly, such foreign currency gain (loss) is included in net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. However, the Fund does isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates when determining the gain (loss) upon the sale or maturity of foreign currency denominated debt obligations pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations; such amount is categorized as foreign currency gain (loss) for both financial reporting and income tax reporting purposes.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

At December 31, 2019, the Korean WON ("₩")/U.S. dollar ("\$\$") exchange rate was ₩ 1,156.45 to \$1.

(h) Securities Lending

The Fund may engage in securities lending. The loans are secured by collateral at least equal, at all times, to the market value of the loaned securities. During the term of the loan, the Fund will continue to receive any dividends or amounts equivalent thereto, on the loaned securities while receiving a fee from the borrower and/or earning interest on the investment of the cash collateral. Securities lending income is disclosed as such in the Statement of Operations. Income generated from the investment of cash collateral, less negotiated rebate fees paid to borrowers and transaction costs, is allocated between the Fund and securities lending agent. Cash collateral received for securities on loan is invested in securities identified in the Schedule of Investments and the corresponding liability is recognized as such in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the borrower or the Fund.

Upon termination of the loan, the borrower will return to the lender securities identical to the loaned securities. The Fund may pay reasonable finders', administration and custodial fees in connection with a loan of its securities and may share the interest earned on the collateral with the borrower. The Fund bears the risk of delay in recovery of, or even loss of rights in, the securities loaned should the borrower of the securities fail financially. The Fund also bears the risk of loss in the event the securities purchased with cash collateral depreciate in value.

The Fund did not have any securities on loan at December 31, 2019.

2. Principal Risks

In the normal course of business, the Fund trades financial instruments and enters into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to, among other things, changes in the market (market risk) or failure of the other party to a transaction to perform (counterparty risk). The Fund is also exposed to other risks such as, but not limited to, foreign currency risk.

To the extent the Fund directly invests in foreign currencies or in securities that trade in, and receive revenues in, foreign currencies, or in derivatives that provide exposure to foreign currencies, it will be subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including economic growth, inflation, changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, or the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. As a result, the Fund's investments in foreign currency-denominated securities may reduce the returns of the Fund. The local emerging market currencies in which the Fund may be invested may experience substantially greater volatility against the U.S. dollar than the major convertible currencies in developed countries.

The Fund is subject to elements of risk not typically associated with investments in the U.S., due to concentrated investments in foreign issuers located in a specific country or region. Such concentrations will subject the Fund to additional risks resulting from future political or economic conditions in such country or region and the possible imposition of adverse governmental laws or currency exchange restrictions affecting such country or region, which could cause the securities and their markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies.

The market values of securities may decline due to general market conditions (market risk) which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, adverse changes to credit markets or adverse investor sentiment. They may also decline due to factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. Equity securities and equity-related investments generally have greater market price volatility than fixed income securities, although under certain market conditions fixed income securities may have comparable or greater price volatility. Credit ratings downgrades may also negatively affect securities held by the Fund. Even when markets perform well, there is no assurance that the investments held by the Fund will increase in value along with the broader market. In addition, market risk includes the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt the economy on a national or global level.

The Fund is exposed to counterparty risk, or the risk that an institution or other entity with which the Fund has unsettled or open transactions will default. The potential loss to the Fund could exceed the value of the financial assets recorded in the Fund's financial statements. Financial assets, which potentially expose the Fund to counterparty risk, consist principally of cash due from counterparties and investments. The Investment Manager seeks to minimize the Fund's counterparty risk by performing reviews of each counterparty and by minimizing concentration of counterparty risk by undertaking transactions with multiple customers and counterparties on recognized and reputable exchanges. Delivery of securities sold is only made once the Fund has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been delivered by the counterparty. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

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3. Investment Manager

The Fund has an Investment Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") with the Investment Manager. Subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board, the Investment Manager is responsible for managing, either directly or through others selected by it, the Fund's investment activities, business affairs, and other administrative matters. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager receives an annual fee, payable monthly, at the annual rate of 0.75% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets up to \$250 million; 0.725% of the next \$250 million of average daily net assets; 0.70% of the next \$250 million of average daily net assets; 0.675% of the next \$250 million of average daily net assets and 0.65% of average daily net assets in excess of \$1 billion. For the six months ended December 31, 2019, the Fund paid investment management fees at an effective rate of 0.750% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

4. Investments in Securities

For the six months ended December 31, 2019, purchases and sales of investments, other than short-term securities were \$17,807,178 and \$21,144,161, respectively.

5. Income Tax Information

At December 31, 2019, the cost basis of portfolio securities for federal income tax purposes was \$119,963,629. Gross unrealized appreciation was \$59,024,638; gross unrealized depreciation was \$10,255,860; and net unrealized appreciation was \$48,768,778. The difference between book and tax cost basis was attributable to wash sale loss deferrals.

6. Discount Management Program

The Fund has a share repurchase program under which the Fund will repurchase in each twelve month period ended June 30, up to 10% of its common stock outstanding as of the close of business on June 30 the prior year, but will permit shares to be repurchased at differing discount trigger levels that will not be announced. The Fund will repurchase shares at a discount, in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. Subject to these procedures, the timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by the Board and/or its Discount Management Committee in consultation with the Investment Manager.

For the six months ended December 31, 2019, the Fund repurchased 56,912 shares of its common stock on the open market, which represented approximately 1% of the shares outstanding at June 30, 2019 at a total cost, inclusive of commissions (\$0.015 per share), of \$1,589,219 at a per-share weighted average discount to NAV of 11.58%. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Fund repurchased 234,996 shares of its common stock on the open market, which represented approximately 4% of the shares outstanding at June 30, 2018 at a total cost, inclusive of commissions (\$0.015 per share), of \$7,403,889 at a per-share weighted average discount to NAV of 11.37%.

7. Fund Ownership

At December 31, 2019, the City of London Investment Group PLC, Lazard Asset Management LLC, 1607 Capital Partners and Gates William Henry held approximately 37%, 14%, 10% and 7%, respectively, of the Fund's outstanding shares. Investment activities of these stockholders could have a material impact to the Fund.

8. Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Fund's management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

There were no subsequent events identified that require recognition or disclosure.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Stockholder Meeting Results/Changes to the Board of Directors/ Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures (unaudited)

Stockholder Meeting Results:

The Fund held a meeting of stockholders on October 24, 2019. Stockholders voted as indicated below:

	Affirmative	Against	Abstain
Election of Julian Reid — Class I to serve until 2022	3,927,087	157,999	27,396

Mr. Christopher B. Bader, who serves as a Class II Director and Mr. Richard A. Silver, who serves as a Class III Director, continue to serve as Directors of the Fund.

Changes to the Board of Directors:

Joseph T. Grause, Jr. did not stand for re-election, and was no longer a Director of the Fund, effective October 24, 2019.

Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures:

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund has adopted to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and information about how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities held during the most recent twelve month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's stockholder servicing agent at (800) 254-5197; (ii) on the Fund's website at www.thekoreafund.com; and (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission website at www.sec.gov.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Privacy Policy (unaudited)

Please read this Policy carefully. It gives you important information about how Allianz Global Investors U.S. and its U.S. affiliates (“AllianzGI US,” “we” or “us”) handle non-public personal information (“Personal Information”) that we may receive about you. It applies to all of the past, present and future clients and stockholders of AllianzGI US and the funds and accounts it manages, advises, administers or distributes, and will continue to apply when you are no longer a client or shareholder. As used throughout this Policy, “AllianzGI US” means Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC, Allianz Global Investors Distributors LLC and the family of registered and unregistered funds managed by one or more of these firms. AllianzGI US is part of a global investment management group, and the privacy policies of other Allianz Global Investors entities outside of the United States may have provisions in their policies that differ from this Privacy Policy. Please refer to the website of the specific non-US Allianz Global Investors entity for its policy on privacy.

We Care about Your Privacy

We consider your privacy to be a fundamental aspect of our relationship with you, and we strive to maintain the confidentiality, integrity and security of your Personal Information. To ensure your privacy, we have developed policies that are designed to protect your Personal Information while allowing your needs to be served.

Information We May Collect

In the course of providing you with products and services, we may obtain Personal Information about you, which may come from sources such as account application and other forms, from other written, electronic, or verbal communications, from account transactions, from a brokerage or financial advisory firm, financial advisor or consultant, and/or from information you provide on our website.

You are not required to supply any of the Personal Information that we may request. However, failure to do so may result in us being unable to open and maintain your account, or to provide services to you.

How Your Information Is Shared

We do not disclose your Personal Information to anyone for marketing purposes. We disclose your Personal Information only to those service providers, affiliated and non-affiliated, who need the information for everyday business purposes, such as to respond to your inquiries, to perform services, and/or to service and maintain your account. This applies to all of the categories of Personal Information we collect about you. The affiliated and non-affiliated service providers who receive your Personal Information also may use it to process your transactions, provide you with materials (including preparing and mailing prospectuses and shareholder reports and gathering shareholder proxies), and provide you with account statements and other materials relating to your account. These service providers provide services at our direction, and under their agreements with us, are required to keep your Personal Information confidential and to use it only for providing the contractually required services. Our service providers may not use your Personal Information to market products and services to you except in conformance with applicable laws and regulations. We also may provide your Personal Information to your respective brokerage or financial advisory firm, custodian, and/or to your financial advisor or consultant.

In addition, we reserve the right to disclose or report Personal Information to non-affiliated third parties, in limited circumstances, where we believe in good faith that disclosure is required under law, to cooperate with regulators or law enforcement authorities or pursuant to other legal process, or to protect our rights or property, including to enforce our Privacy Policy or other agreements with you. Personal Information collected by us may also be transferred as part of a corporate sale, restructuring, bankruptcy, or other transfer of assets.

Security of Your Information

We maintain your Personal Information for as long as necessary for legitimate business purposes or otherwise as required by law. In maintaining this information, we have implemented appropriate procedures that are designed to restrict access to your Personal Information only to those who need to know that information in order to provide products and/or services to you. In addition, we have implemented physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to help protect your Personal Information.

Privacy and the Internet

The Personal Information that you provide through our website, as applicable, is handled in the same way as the Personal Information that you provide by any other means, as described above. This section of the Policy gives you additional information about the way in which Personal Information that is obtained online is handled.

Online Enrollment, Account Access and Transactions

When you visit our website, you can visit pages that are open to the general public, or, where available, log into protected pages to enroll online, access information about your account, or conduct certain transactions. Access to these secure pages is permitted only after you have created a User ID and Password. The User ID and Password must be supplied each time you want to access your account information online. This information serves to verify your identity. When you enter Personal Information to enroll or access your account online, you will log into secure pages. By using our website, you consent to this Privacy Policy and to the use of your Personal Information in accordance with the

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practices described in this Policy. If you provide Personal Information to effect transactions, a record of the transactions you have performed while on the site is retained by us. For additional terms and conditions governing your use of our website, please refer to the Investor Mutual Fund Access – Disclaimer which is incorporated herein by reference and is available on our website.

Cookies and Similar Technologies

Cookies are small text files stored in your computer's hard drive when you visit certain web pages. Clear GIFs (also known as Web Beacons) are typically transparent very small graphic images (usually 1 pixel x 1 pixel) that are placed on a website that may be included on our services provided via our website and typically work in conjunction with cookies to identify our users and user behavior. We may use cookies and automatically collected information to: (i) personalize our website and the services provided via our website, such as remembering your information so that you will not have to re-enter it during your use of, or the next time you use, our website and the services provided via our website; (ii) provide customized advertisements, content, and information; (iii) monitor and analyze the effectiveness of our website and the services provided via our website and third-party marketing activities; (iv) monitor aggregate site usage metrics such as total number of visitors and pages viewed; and (v) track your entries, submissions, and status in any promotions or other activities offered through our website and the services provided via our website. Tracking technology also helps us manage and improve the usability of our website, (i) detecting whether there has been any contact between your computer and us in the past and (ii) to identify the most popular sections of our website. Because an industry-standard Do-Not-Track protocol is not yet established, our website will continue to operate as described in this Privacy Policy and will not be affected by any Do-Not-Track signals from any browser.

Use of Social Media Plugins

Our website uses the following Social Media Plugins ("Plugins"):

- Facebook Share Button operated by Facebook Inc., 1601 S. California Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94304, USA
- Tweet Button operated by Twitter Inc., 795 Folsom St., Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107, USA
- LinkedIn Share Button operated by LinkedIn Corporation, 2029 Stierlin Court, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA

All Plugins are marked with the brand of the respective operators Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn ("Operators"). When you visit our website that contains a social plugin, your browser establishes a direct connection to the servers of the Operator. The Operator directly transfers the plugin content to your browser which embeds the latter into our website, enabling the Operator to receive information about you having accessed the respective page of our website. Thus, AllianzGI US has no influence on the data gathered by the plugin and we inform you according to our state of knowledge: The embedded plugins provide the Operator with the information that you have accessed the corresponding page of our website. If you do not wish to have such data transferred to the Operators, you need to log out of your respective account before visiting our website. Please see the Operators' data privacy statements in order to get further information about purpose and scope of the data collection and the processing and use:

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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/privacy>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/legal/privacy-policy>

Changes to Our Privacy Policy

We may modify this Privacy Policy from time-to-time to reflect changes in related practices and procedures, or applicable laws and regulations. If we make changes, we will notify you on our website and the revised Policy will become effective immediately upon posting to our website. We also will provide account owners with a copy of our Privacy Policy annually if required. We encourage you to visit our website periodically to remain up to date on our Privacy Policy. You acknowledge that by using our website after we have posted changes to this Privacy Policy, you are agreeing to the terms of the Privacy Policy as modified.

Obtaining Additional Information

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or our privacy related practices in the United States, you may contact us via our dedicated email at PrivacyUS@allianzgi.com.

The Korea Fund, Inc. Matters Relating to the Directors' Consideration of the Investment Management Agreement (unaudited)

The Investment Company Act of 1940 requires that both the full Board of Directors and a majority of the Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Investment Manager and its affiliates (the "Independent Directors"), voting separately, annually approve the continuation of your Fund's investment management agreement (the "Management Agreement") with the Investment Manager. Your Fund's Board is comprised of three Directors, all of whom are Independent Directors. At an in-person meeting held on October 24, 2019, the Board approved the renewal of the Management Agreement at the recommendation of the Board's Contracts Committee, which is comprised of all three Directors. The Board's review process and considerations in approving the Management Agreement are set forth below.

Review Process

The Board of Directors considers matters bearing on your Fund and the Management Agreement at each of its meetings. Specifically, the Board maintains an Investment Committee, comprised of all of the Directors and chaired by an experienced investment professional, to monitor all investment related matters throughout the year. The Board (i) met four times during the past year to discuss Fund matters and at each of its regular quarterly meetings dedicated a substantial amount of time to reviewing Fund portfolio related issues (such time was spent in both executive session and with both senior management of the Investment Manager and the portfolio manager and his team at each regular meeting), and (ii) received extensive information throughout the year, outside of the abovementioned meetings, regarding the management of your Fund, including information regarding various functions performed by the Fund's investment team, as well as the Investment Manager's compliance monitoring and portfolio trading practices. In addition, as an independent, third party aid the Board engages Broadridge Financial Solutions ("Broadridge"), a leading provider of investor communications, technology-driven solutions, and data and analytics to the financial services industry, to supply input supporting the Board's ongoing review of both the Fund's performance as well as the investment performance of a representative peer group compiled by Broadridge. This peer group, which as of September 30, 2019 was made up of 8 (for the one-, three- and five-year periods) and 7 (for the ten-year period) alternative investment opportunities represents, your Board believes, virtually all publicly offered, pooled investment products available for U.S. investors in the Korean equity space whether managed in the U.S. or elsewhere (not taking into account pooled products designed to replicate the performance of Korean equity indexes). Whilst your Board considers this peer group to represent the significant funds in the space, it notes that the component funds use varying benchmarks, including the MSCI Korea NR Index (Net Return) (the "MSCI Korea Index"), or more frequently, the Korea Stock Exchange KOSPI Index (the "KOSPI Index"), which have differing effects on the underlying risk free portfolios and hence the investment returns so achieved. The MSCI Korea 25/50 Index is the primary benchmark for the Fund. The Board also considered detailed information from Broadridge concerning the consistency of investment style of the Investment Manager and the risk relative to return of your Fund's investment portfolio in itself and within the peer group.

In addition to the information the Board received at each of its quarterly meetings, in connection with its annual contract review, the Board received and relied upon materials provided by the Investment Manager, which included, among other items: (i) data supplied by Thomson Reuters Lipper, Inc. ("Lipper"), a leading third party provider of mutual fund information on the total return investment performance of your Fund over various time periods and the investment performance of a peer group of international closed-end funds compiled by Lipper, (ii) information provided by Lipper on your Fund's management fees and total expenses as well as the management fees and total expenses of a comparative peer group of international closed-end funds, (iii) information regarding the investment performance of comparable market indices, (iv) information regarding the management fees of comparable portfolios of other clients of the Investment Manager and your Fund's former sub-adviser (the "Former Sub- Adviser") (as personnel of the Former Sub-Adviser continued to provide services to your Fund as "associated persons" of the Investment Manager), including open- end funds and other clients, (v) the estimated profitability to the Investment Manager from its relationship with your Fund, (vi) descriptions of various administrative functions performed for your Fund by the Investment Manager, and (vii) information regarding the overall organization of the Investment Manager, including information regarding senior management, portfolio managers and other personnel providing investment management, administrative and other services to your Fund. The Board was assisted in its evaluation of the Management Agreement by counsel for your Fund, with whom it met separately from the Investment Manager.

The Directors' conclusion as to the continuation of the Management Agreement was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Board and not the result of any single issue. Some of the factors that figured particularly in the Directors' deliberations are described below, although individual Directors may have evaluated the information presented differently from one another, giving different weights to various factors. It is also important to recognize that the Board's review of your Fund's Management Agreement is the result of years of review and discussion, rather than one particular period. The Directors' conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of these arrangements during the course of the year and in prior years.

Nature, Quality and Extent of Services

The Board considered the terms of the Management Agreement, including the scope of advisory services provided under the Management Agreement. The Board noted that, under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager provides portfolio management and administrative services to your Fund. The Board noted that personnel of the Former

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Sub-Adviser provide portfolio management services to your Fund as “associated persons” of the Investment Manager. The Board also noted that the compliance personnel of the Former Sub-Adviser act as “associated persons” of the Investment Manager and report directly to the Investment Manager’s chief compliance officer. The Board considered the experience and skills of senior management and investment personnel, the resources made available to such personnel, the ability of the Investment Manager to attract and retain high-quality personnel, and the organizational depth and stability of the Investment Manager. The Board also considered the quality of the administrative services provided by the Investment Manager and determined these services to be of high quality.

The Board reviewed your Fund’s performance over various periods and compared those returns to various agreed-upon performance measures, including market indices and peer groups compiled by Lipper, Broadridge, and the Board itself.

In the course of these deliberations, the Board took into account information provided by the Investment Manager in connection with the contract review meeting, as well as during investment review meetings conducted with portfolio management personnel during the course of the year regarding your Fund’s performance. The Board observed that, although its own peer group maintained by Broadridge of 10 to 11 (varying for the one-, three-, five- and ten-year periods) comparative investible products in the Korean space was appropriate, the peer group also includes Pacific funds (excluding Japan), which are generally not closely comparable to your Fund. In its review of your Fund’s performance against the aforementioned peer group of Korea funds maintained by Broadridge, the Board observed that your Fund’s total return (based on net asset value) performance ranked in the 1st quartile for the one- and three-year periods, the 2nd quartile for the five- and ten-year periods based on net returns ended September 30, 2019. The Board also noted that most of the funds in the Broadridge peer group used the KOSPI Index as a benchmark and that the Fund’s primary benchmark, the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index, had underperformed the KOSPI Index for the one-year period and had outperformed the KOSPI Index for the three-, five- and 10-year periods ended September 30, 2019. In connection with this review, the Board noted that this Broadridge peer group contains funds both registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and entities registered in other jurisdictions that are subject to alternative regulatory regimes than your Fund with differing regulatory investment restrictions and may calculate their performance using differing methodologies, which the Board noted would affect particularly the comparative performance of such entities.

The Board observed that your Fund’s total return performance (based on net asset value) outperformed the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index for the one-, five- and ten-year periods and had underperformed the MSCI Korea 25/50 Index for the three-year period ended September 30, 2019. The Board further observed that your Fund’s total return performance (based on net asset value) outperformed the MSCI Korea Index for the one- and ten-year periods and had underperformed the MSCI Korea Index for the three- and five-year periods ended September 30, 2019. In considering the Fund’s underperformance during certain periods with respect to the MSCI Korea Index, the Board took into account, among other factors, that the Fund has been constrained in its ability to equal or exceed the weighting of Samsung Electronics in the Index due to the Fund’s fundamental policy regarding industry concentration. In addition, the Board noted a higher level of volatility in performance over time among the funds in the peer group assembled by Broadridge, resulting in most such funds having periods of poor performance relative to their peers from time to time.

The Board discussed in detail the overall investment performance of your Fund. The Board discussed the depth of the Fund’s management team and noted the general improvement in the Fund’s performance against its peers since the Fund’s portfolio manager had been replaced in 2014.

On the basis of this evaluation, the ongoing review of investment results by the Board in conjunction with the Investment Manager, the Board concluded that the nature, quality and extent of services provided by the Investment Manager was sufficient to support renewal of the Management Agreement.

Fees and Expenses

The Board considered your Fund’s investment management fee schedule, total expense ratio and comparative information provided by Lipper regarding investment management fee rates paid to other investment advisers by, and total expense ratios of, comparable funds. With respect to management fees paid to other investment advisers by comparable funds, the Board noted that the effective fee rates paid by your Fund were less than the median, and less than the mean, of the sixteen-member peer group compiled by Lipper (based on the management fees paid by your Fund for your Fund’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2019). The Board also considered the management fees charged by the Investment Manager to other clients, including open-end funds, with investment strategies comparable to that of your Fund, and noted that the management fees paid by your Fund, with few exceptions, were generally lower than the fees paid by such other clients of the Investment Manager. The Board noted that your Fund’s total operating expenses were less than both the median and the mean of the sixteen-member peer group compiled by Lipper (based on the operating expenses for your Fund’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2019).

The Board noted that, because your Fund is closed-end and does not make a continuous offering of its securities, your Fund’s size is relatively static and it would be unlikely that economies of scale will result from your Fund’s growth other

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than through capital gain, which itself is a number monitored closely by the Board. The Board noted its option to reconsider the management fee breakpoint levels in the future if your Fund's assets grow substantially or should there be an opportunity to raise new assets.

On the basis of the information provided, the Board concluded that the management fee was reasonable and appropriate in light of the nature, quality and extent of services provided by the Investment Manager.

Profitability

The Board reviewed detailed information regarding revenues received by the Investment Manager under the Management Agreement and related expenses. Based on the information provided, the Board concluded that the estimated pre-tax profitability declared by the Investment Manager in connection with the management and administration of your Fund were not unreasonable.

Other Benefits to the Investment Manager and Its Affiliates

The Board also considered the character and amount of other incidental benefits received by the Investment Manager for administrative services provided to your Fund. The Board also considered benefits to the Investment Manager related to brokerage allocations, including research generated by broker dealers, along with the incidental public relations benefits to the Investment Manager related to your Fund's advertising opportunities. The Board concluded that management fees were reasonable in light of these indirect benefits.

Compliance

The Board considered the significant attention and resources dedicated by the Investment Manager to documenting and enhancing their compliance processes. The Board noted in particular (i) the experience and seniority of the Investment Manager's and the Fund's chief compliance officers and (ii) the substantial commitment of resources by the Investment Manager to compliance matters.

Based on their evaluation of factors that they deemed to be material, including those factors described above, the Contracts Committee, determined that the Management Agreement should be continued for an additional one-year period commencing January 1, 2020.

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