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### **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Morgan Stanley Malaysia Fund, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year December 31, 2011

end:

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2011

Item 1 - Report to Shareholders

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The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

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For additional Fund information, including the Fund's net asset value per share and information regarding the investments comprising the Fund's portfolio, please call toll free 1(800) 231-2608 or visit our website at www.morganstanley.com/im. All investments involve risks, including the possible loss of principal.

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December 31, 2011

# The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

# December 31, 2011

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The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

Overview

Letter to Stockholders (unaudited)

#### **Performance**

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Malaysia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") had total returns of -3.40%, based on net asset value, and -4.58%, based on market value per share (including reinvestment of distributions), compared to its benchmark, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index (formerly the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Composite (KLSE) Index), expressed in U.S. dollars which returned -1.97%. On December 31, 2011, the closing price of the Fund's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$9.02, representing a 9.4% discount to the Fund's net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

### **Factors Affecting Performance**

- 2011 saw reasonable and broad-based growth in Malaysia's economy. During the year, domestic consumption stayed buoyant amid low real interest rates and sporadic government stimulus. When the final numbers come out the Malaysian economy is expected to register gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the 4% to 5% range for 2011. This is not bad for an economy that is considered to be stuck in a "middle income trap," where an emerging economy grows from a low- to a middle-income economy but remains challenged in moving to the high-income level.
- Looking into 2012, government projects should continue to be a positive influence and the prospects of the export sector will likely determine the final growth for the economy. Given a recession in Europe and a not-so-vibrant U.S. economy, the market expectation for Malaysia's GDP growth for 2012 is around 3.5% to 4%, which is lower than the government's target of 4% to 5%.
- On the economic reform front, 2011 seemed to show further positive momentum in the Economic Transformation Programs (ETP), announced a few years back by Prime Minister Najib. These programs are aimed at addressing Malaysia's longstanding status as a net exporter of capital by curbing this capital outflow. While we appreciate the steps taken so far through the ETP, like many investors, we would like to see continued support for these plans.
- The uncertainty around the timing and eventual outcome of general elections in 2012 or 2013 are likely to play havoc with the Malaysian market in the short term, with the eventual result to determine whether the ETP will be continued by the winner.
- The Fund's underperformance relative to the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index over the 12 months under review came equally from stock selection and sector allocation.
- Regarding sector/industry allocation, the Fund's performance suffered from its underweight exposure to the telecommunications and energy sectors. The latter saw a slew of initial public offerings (IPOs) which the Fund did not participate in. However, the Fund's overweight position in the consumer staples and utilities sectors did add to relative performance versus the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index.
- Stock selection in industrials, especially in the airline, transportation and automotive sub-sectors, was the largest detractor. Conversely, the property sector contributed somewhat positively to relative returns through stock selection.

The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

Overview

Letter to Stockholders (unaudited) (cont'd)

#### **Management Strategies**

- The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation and integrates top-down sector allocation and bottom-up stock selection with a growth bias. The team utilizes a rigorous fundamental research approach that considers dynamics, valuation, and sentiment and focuses on companies with strong management and solid earnings.
- From a sector perspective, we are looking toward sectors that we believe will benefit from a pre-election spending spree. We also expect the government infrastructure programs to continue and therefore are exploring the construction sector. The government's ETP should see further privatization of government assets and we will remain selective on these investment opportunities. We are also interested in inefficient government-run entities that may see corporatization of their management teams and therefore some value creation in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Arthur Lev President and Principal Executive Officer January 2012

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The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

December 31, 2011

Portfolio of Investments

	Shares	Value (000)
COMMON STOCKS (95.6%)		
Airlines (3.7%)		
AirAsia Bhd	1,806,800	\$ 2,149
Malaysian Airline System Bhd (a)	1,235,700	507
		2,656
Automobiles (2.5%)		
TAN Chong Motor Holdings Bhd	1,389,700	1,789
Commercial Banks (18.8%)		
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	2,574,692	6,043
Malayan Banking Bhd	1,419,075	3,841
Public Bank Bhd	843,392	3,559
		13,443
Construction & Engineering (8.8%)		
Gamuda Bhd	2,638,300	2,821
IJM Corp. Bhd	1,921,430	3,425
		6,246
Construction Materials (1.4%)		
Lafarge Malayan Cement Bhd	446,900	987
Diversified Financial Services (5.8%)		
AMMB Holdings Bhd	2,205,800	4,140
Food Products (5.0%)		
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	502,300	3,597
Health Care Equipment & Supplies (5.2%)		
Top Glove Corp. Bhd	2,344,600	3,698
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure (12.9%)		
Genting Bhd	1,601,100	5,556
Genting Malaysia Bhd	3,021,700	3,651
		9,207
Industrial Conglomerates (4.1%)		
Sime Darby Bhd	1,009,610	2,930
Marine (1.2%)		
MISC Bhd	504,160	870
Multi-Utilities (4.3%)		
YTL Corp. Bhd	6,592,265	3,078
Multiline Retail (2.8%)		
Parkson Holdings Bhd	1,133,254	2,023

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	Shares	Value (000)
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Real Estate Management & Development (1	•	Φ 0.014
IGB Corp. Bhd	3,367,981	\$ 2,614
SP Setia Bhd	1,476,322	1,793
UEM Land Holdings Bhd (a)	5,531,250	4,222
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Wireless Telecommunication Services (7.0		=.
Axiata Group Bhd	2,264,525	3,672
DiGi.Com Bhd	1,048,000	1,283
		4,955
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost		
\$32,222)		68,248
	No. of	
	Warrants	
WARRANTS (0.2%)		
Construction & Engineering (0.1%)		
Gamuda Bhd, expires 5/25/15 (a)	329,750	105
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure (0.1%)		
IJM Land Bhd, expires 9/11/13 (a)	175,560	50
TOTAL WARRANTS (Cost \$10)		155
,	Shares	
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT (0.3%)		
Investment Company (0.3%)		
Morgan Stanley Institutional		
Liquidity Funds Money Market		
Portfolio Institutional Class		
(See Note F) (Cost \$186)	185,868	186
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (96.1%)	,	
(Cost \$32,418)		68,589
OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF		,
LIABILITIES (3.9%)		2,798
NET ASSETS (100.0%)		\$ 71,387
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(a) Non-income producing security.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

The Malaysia Fund, Inc.

December 31, 2011

Portfolio of Investments (cont'd)

### **Fair Value Measurement Information:**

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2011. (See Note A-3 to the financial statements for further information regarding fair value measurement.)

	<b>Level 1</b> Unadjusted	<b>Level 2</b> Other significant	<b>Level 3</b> Significant	
	quoted	observable	unobservable	
Investment	prices	inputs	inputs	Total
Туре	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Assets:	,	,	,	,
<b>Common Stocks</b>				
Airlines	\$ 2,656	\$	\$	\$ 2,656
Automobiles	1,789			1,789
Commercial				
Banks	13,443			13,443
Construction &				
Engineering	6,246			6,246
Construction				
Materials	987			987
Diversified Financial				
Services	4,140			4,140
Food	·			,
Products	3,597			3,597
Health Care				
Equipment &				
Supplies	3,698			3,698
Hotels, Restaurants &				
Leisure	9,207			9,207
Industrial	0,201			0,=0.
Conglomerates	2,930			2,930
Marine	870			870
Multi-Utilities	3,078			3,078
Multiline	·			,
Retail	2,023			2,023
Real Estate Management &				
Development	8,629			8,629

68,248
4,955

Fair Value Measurement Information: (cont'd)

Investment Type	Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices (000)	Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (000)	Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs (000)	<b>Total</b> (000)
Assets: (cont'd)				
Warrants	\$ 155	\$	\$	\$ 155
Short-Term Investment				
Investment Company	186			186
Total Assets	\$ 68,589	\$	\$	\$ 68,589

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. The Fund recognizes transfers between the levels as of the end of the period. As of December 31, 2011, the Fund did not have any significant investments transfer between investment levels.

### **Portfolio Composition**

	Percentage of	0
Classification	Total Investments	&n