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Form N-Q  
May 27, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q  
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY  
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Investment Company Act file number 811-4058

Korea Fund, Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

345 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10154  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Charles Rizzo  
Two International Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 295-3488  
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Date of fiscal year end: 06/30  
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Date of reporting period: 3/31/05  
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Form N-Q is to be used by registered management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-4). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. ss. 3507.

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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The Korea Fund, Inc.  
Investment Portfolio as of March 31, 2005 (unaudited)

	Shares
Common Stocks 80.8%	
Consumer Discretionary 12.8%	
Auto Components 4.4%	
Halla Climate Control Corp.	600,000
Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.	4,464,307
Automobiles 0.7%	
Nexen Tire Corp.	400,000
Hotels Restaurants & Leisure 2.2%	
Hotel Shilla Co., Ltd.	858,391
Kangwon Land, Inc.	1,471,530
Internet & Catalog Retail 0.3%	
LG Home Shopping, Inc.	56,200
Media 0.8%	
Cheil Communications, Inc.	57,600
Multiline Retail 4.2%	
Shinsegae Co., Ltd.	135,787
Taegu Department Store Co., Ltd. (b)	1,336,800
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 0.2%	
BYC Co., Ltd. (b)	39,530
Consumer Staples 5.5%	
Beverages 1.6%	
Hite Brewery Co., Ltd.	50,000
Nam Yang Dairy Products Co., Ltd. (b)	33,641
Food Products 1.9%	
CJ Corp.	99,606
Crown Confectionary Co., Ltd.	46,200
Nhong Shim Co., Ltd.	38,229
Tobacco 2.0%	
KT&G Corp. 144A (GDR)	413,800
KT&G Corp.	552,570
Energy 6.9%	
Oil & Gas 6.9%	
S-Oil Corp.	827,300

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SK Corp.	408,800
Financials 12.7%	
Banks 4.5%	
Jeonbuk Bank (b)	2,787,695
Kookmin Bank (ADR)*	100,917
Kookmin Bank *	909,198
Diversified Financial Services 0.7%	
LG Card Co., Ltd.*	171,600
Samsung Securities Co., Ltd.	164,720
Insurance 7.5%	
Korean Reinsurance Co.	1,643,310
Oriental Fire & Marine Insurance Co. (b)	584,860
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	979,625
Health Care 0.5%	
Pharmaceuticals 0.5%	
Choongwae Pharma Corp.	88,600
Yuhan Corp.	48,798
Industrials 7.5%	
Commercial Services & Supplies 2.3%	
Insun ENT Co., Ltd.	377,203
S1 Corp.	564,270
Electrical Equipment 0.4%	
Ace Digitech Co. Ltd.*	423,300
Industrial Conglomerates 3.0%	
Anycell, Inc. (b) (c) (d) (g)	1,250,000
Daeyang E&C Ltd.*	1,153,948
Hyundai Mobis	350,480
SFA Engineering Corp. (b)	466,200
Machinery 0.4%	
Samsung Climate Control Co., Ltd. (b)	827,630
Trading Companies & Distributors 0.6%	
Jahwa Electronics Co., Ltd.	779,900
Transportation Infrastructure 0.8%	
Korea Express Co., Ltd.*	301,880
Information Technology 20.0%	
Communications Equipment 0.2%	
INTOPS Co., Ltd.	162,500

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Computers & Peripherals 0.2%		
Ahnlab, Inc.*		119,466
Electronic Equipment & Instruments 4.0%		
Dae Duck Electronics Co., Ltd.		360,901
Hankuk Electric Glass Co., Ltd.		142,400
Interflex Co., Ltd. (b)		667,800
Mtekvision Co., Ltd.*		83,200
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.		209,956
SE Co., Ltd. (b) (c) (d)		636,950
Simm Tech Co., Ltd.*		631,213
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 15.6%		
NEPES Corp.*		4,990
Phicom Corp.* (b)		1,060,000
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (h)		340,299
Seoul Semiconductor Co., Ltd. (b)		1,003,900
Materials 11.5%		
Chemicals 1.4%		
LG Chemical Ltd.		212,486
Samsung Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd.		425,000
Construction Materials 0.4%		
Sungshin Cement Co., Ltd.		276,200
Containers & Packaging 0.4%		
Youlchon Chemical Co., Ltd.		351,300
Metals & Mining 9.3%		
Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd.		1,170,900
Korea Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.		227,200
POSCO		443,000
Samwoo EMC Co., Ltd. (b)		754,800
Telecommunication Services 3.4%		
Wireless Telecommunication Services		
SK Telecom Co., Ltd.		258,420
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$336,852,778)		
		Principal
		Amount (\$
Convertible Bond 0.0%		
Consumer Staples		
Haitai Confectionery Loan Certificates, Zero Coupon, 11/28/2009 (c) (e) (f)		11,658,888
(Cost \$0)		

Shares

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Preferred Stocks 15.6%			
Consumer Discretionary 5.6%			
Automobiles			
Hyundai Motor Co. (GDR) 144A			3,020,000
Hyundai Motor Co. (2nd)			738,593
Consumer Staples 1.4%			
Food Products			
CJ Corp.			297,200
CJ Corp. (2nd)			50,335
CJ Corp. (3rd) (convertible)			30,201
Energy 0.7%			
Oil & Gas			
S-Oil Corp.			156,040
Financials 2.2%			
Diversified Financial Services 0.5%			
Daishin Securities Co., Ltd.			665,500
Insurance 1.7%			
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.			533,850
Information Technology 5.3%			
Electronic Equipment & Instruments 0.2%			
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.			34,318
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 5.1%			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (h)			198,201
Materials 0.4%			
Chemicals			
LG Chemical Ltd.			193,003
Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$38,433,288)			
Cash Equivalents 0.2%			
Scudder Cash Management QP Trust, 2.69% (a)			
(Cost \$2,471,595)			2,471,595
		% of	
		Net Assets	
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Total Investment Portfolio (Cost \$377,757,661)			96.6
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net			3.4
Net Assets			100.0

For information on the Fund's policies regarding the valuation of investments and other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semi-annual or annual financial statements.

\* Non-income producing security.

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(a) Scudder Cash Management QP Trust is managed by Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.

(b) Affiliated issuers. An affiliated issuer is a company in which the Fund has ownership of at least 5% of the voting securities. A summary of the Fund's transactions during the nine months ended March 31, 2005 with companies which are or were affiliates is as follows:

Affiliate	Common/ Preferred Shares	Purchase Cost (\$)	Sales Cost (\$)	Realized Gain/ (Loss) (\$)	Divid Income
Anycell, Inc.	1,250,000	-	-	-	
BYC Co., Ltd.	39,530	-	-	-	
Co., Ltd.	1,003,900	4,775,077	-	-	2
Control Co., Ltd.	827,630	-	-	-	
Interflex Co., Ltd.	667,800	8,039,630	-	-	
Jeonbuk Bank	2,787,695	-	-	-	3
Marine Insurance Co.	584,860	-	-	-	
Nam Yang Diary Oriental Fire &					
Phicom Corp.	1,060,000	4,401,309			
Products Co., Ltd.	33,641	-	1,152,104	2,847,366	
Samsung Climate					
Samwoo EMC Co., Ltd.	754,800	2,092,375	-	-	
SE Co., Ltd. Seoul Semiconductor	636,950	-	-	-	
SFA Engineering Corp.	466,200	5,302,292			2
Store Co., Ltd. Taegu Department	1,336,800	4,316,669	-	-	
Telephus Co., Ltd.++	-	-	2,919,708	(3,206,483)	
		28,927,352	4,071,812	(359,117)	1,1

+ Net of foreign taxes withheld.

++ At March 31, 2005 the fund no longer held Telephus Co., Ltd.

(c) Securities valued at fair value by management and approved in good faith following procedures approved by the Directors, amounted to \$1,979,848 (0.2% of net assets at March 31, 2005). Their values have been estimated by management in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ

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significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the difference could be material. The cost of these securities at March 31, 2005 aggregated \$3,637,411. The securities may also have certain restrictions as to resale.

(d) The Fund may purchase securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale ("restricted securities"). Restricted securities are securities which have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933. The Fund may be unable to sell a restricted security and it may be more difficult to determine a market value for a restricted security. Moreover, if adverse market conditions were to develop during the period between the Fund's decision to sell a restricted security and the point at which the Fund is permitted or able to sell such security, the Fund might obtain a price less favorable than the price that prevailed when it decided to sell. This investment practice, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the level of illiquidity of the Fund.

The issuer of SE Co., Ltd. has given the Fund a put option at cost, payable on demand until it has an initial public offering. Information concerning such private placement securities at March 31, 2005 is as follows:

Restricted Securities	Acquisition Date	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)	Value Net
Ancell, Inc.	12/22/2000	2,020,774	-	
SE Co., Ltd.	12/22/2000	1,616,637	1,969,496	
<b>Total Restricted Securities</b>		<b>3,637,411</b>	<b>1,969,496</b>	

(e) Company in restructuring process, principal only subject to repayment.

(f) Principal amount stated in Korean Won.

(g) Company is in process of liquidation.

(h) At March 31, 2005, 19.1% of the Fund's investment portfolio is invested in Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

144A: Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

GDR: Global Depositary Receipt

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: The Korea Fund, Inc.

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By: /s/Julian Sluyters  
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Julian Sluyters  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 26, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Registrant: The Korea Fund, Inc.

By: /s/Julian Sluyters  
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Julian Sluyters  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 26, 2005

By: /s/Paul Schubert  
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Paul Schubert  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 26, 2005