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**The India Fund, Inc.**

*(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)*

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## The India Fund, Inc.

1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

May 6, 2016

**Dear Stockholder:**

We are pleased to enclose the notice and proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting) of The India Fund, Inc. (NYSE: IFN; the Fund) to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at the offices of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market St., 32nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern time.

At the Meeting, you will be asked to vote on the election of Directors.

**After careful consideration, the Board of Directors of the Fund, including all of the Independent Directors, recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the nominees.**

Whether or not you intend to attend the Meeting, you may vote by proxy by signing and returning your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or by following the instructions on your proxy card to vote by telephone or over the Internet. Please familiarize yourself with the proposal and vote immediately, even if you plan to attend the Meeting.

If your completed proxy card is not received, you may be contacted by representatives of the Fund, the Fund's transfer agent, or the Fund's proxy solicitor, Georgeson Inc. (Georgeson). Georgeson has been engaged to assist the Fund in soliciting proxies. Representatives of Georgeson will remind you to vote your shares. You may also call the number provided on your proxy card for additional information.

As always, we thank you for your confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Goodson  
President

## The India Fund, Inc.

1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held on June 22, 2016

May 6, 2016

**To the Stockholders:**

An Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting ) of The India Fund, Inc. (the Fund ) will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at the offices of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market St., 32nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern time, for the purpose of considering and voting upon proposals to:

1. Elect one Class I Director and three Class III Directors to the Board of Directors.

2. Transact such other business as may be properly presented at the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. The close of business on April 29, 2016 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The enclosed proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Megan Kennedy  
Vice President and Secretary

**TO AVOID THE UNNECESSARY EXPENSE OF FURTHER SOLICITATION, WE URGE YOU** to indicate voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card, date and sign it and return it promptly in the envelope provided, or to vote promptly by telephone or over the Internet according to the instructions on the enclosed proxy card, no matter how large or small your holdings may be.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS**

The following general rules for signing proxy cards may be of assistance to you and may avoid the time and expense to the Fund involved in validating your vote if you fail to sign your proxy card properly.

1. **Individual Accounts.** Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration on the proxy card.
  
2. **Joint Accounts.** Either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to a name shown in the registration.
  
3. **Other Accounts.** The capacity of the individual signing the proxy card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

**REGISTRATION**

| <b>Corporate Accounts</b>                          | <b>Valid Signature</b>             |
|--|------------------------------------|
| ABC Corp.  | ABC Corp. (by John Doe, Treasurer) |
| ABC Corp.  | John Doe, Treasurer                |
| ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer                  | John Doe                           |
| ABC Corp. Profit Sharing Plan                      | John Doe, Trustee                  |
| <br>   |                                    |
| <b>Trust Accounts</b>                              |                                    |
| ABC Trust  | Jane B. Doe, Trustee               |
| Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/28/78                | Jane B. Doe                        |
| <br>   |                                    |
| <b>Custodial or Estate Accounts</b>                |                                    |
| John B. Smith, Cust. f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr. UGMA | John B. Smith                      |
| John B. Smith                                      | John B. Smith, Jr., Executor       |

## The India Fund, Inc.

1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

### PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with a solicitation by the Board of Directors of The India Fund, Inc. (the Fund) of proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held at the offices of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market St., 32nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern time, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof (the Meeting), for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy are first being mailed to Stockholders on or about May 6, 2016.

At the Meeting, Stockholders will vote on a proposal to elect one Class I Director and three Class III Directors to the Board of Directors.

This Proxy Statement sets forth concisely the information Stockholders of the Fund should know before voting on the proposal. Please read it carefully and retain it for future reference. **The Fund's Annual Report, containing financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as filed on Form N-CSR, is available free of charge by contacting Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, by calling 1-800-522-5465 toll-free or on the Internet at [www.aberdeenIFN.com](http://www.aberdeenIFN.com).** Information about the Fund is included in this proxy statement. Reports and other information filed by the Fund can be inspected in person at the Public Reference Room maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) at the address below, and copies of such materials can be obtained from the Public Reference Branch at the address below. In addition, shares of common stock of the Fund are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the ticker symbol IFN. Reports and other information concerning the Fund can be inspected by contacting the NYSE at New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. The Fund is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and in accordance therewith, the Fund files reports and other information, including proxy materials and charter documents, with the SEC.

You also may view or obtain these documents from the SEC:

In Person: At the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549

By Phone: 1-800-SEC-0330

By Mail: Public Reference Branch  
Office of Consumer Affairs and Information Services  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
(duplicating fee required)

By Email: publicinfo@sec.gov  
(duplicating fee required)

By Internet: www.sec.gov

Stockholders who execute proxies retain the right to revoke them in person at the Meeting, by written notice received by the Secretary of the Fund at any time before they are voted or by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. Proxies that are not revoked will be voted in accordance with the specifications thereon and, unless specified to the contrary, will be voted FOR each of the nominees for Director.

The close of business on April 29, 2016 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. Each Stockholder is entitled to one vote for each full share and an appropriate fraction of a vote for each fractional share held.

On the record date, there were 29,023,958 shares of the Fund's common stock outstanding.

Whether or not a quorum is present at the Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting, without notice other than by announcement at the Meeting, may adjourn the Meeting to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date. Under the By-Laws of the Fund, a quorum is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Fund entitled to vote at the Meeting.

Votes cast by proxy or in person at the Meeting will be tabulated by the inspector of election appointed for the Meeting. The inspector of election will determine whether or not a quorum is present at the Meeting. The inspector of election will treat abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., shares held by brokers or nominees, typically in street name, as to which proxies have been returned but (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) as present for purposes of determining a quorum. For purposes of the election of Directors, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast and will not affect the majority vote required for Directors.

Stockholders who plan to attend the Meeting will be required to provide valid identification in order to gain admission.

The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no business other than that discussed above that will be presented for consideration at the Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote in accordance with their best judgment.

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The principal business address of the Fund is 1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The date of this Proxy Statement is May 6, 2016.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

**Stockholder Meeting to be Held on June 22, 2016:**

**The proxy statement and related materials are available at**

**[www.aberdeenIFN.com](http://www.aberdeenIFN.com)**



## PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### Background

In accordance with the Fund's Charter, the Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. At the Meeting, Stockholders will be asked to elect one Class I Director, and three Class III Directors, each to hold office until the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, respectively, or thereafter until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Stockholders will not be asked to elect any Class II Directors, as the terms of office of the Class II Directors expire at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2017 or thereafter until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. These staggered terms have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund by delaying the replacement of a majority of the Board of Directors and could have the effect of depriving Stockholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Fund.

Ms. Nisha Kumar is the nominee for election as a Class I Director. The qualifications of Ms. Nisha Kumar are described in more detail below. Mr. J. Marc Hardy, Mr. Hugh Young, and Ms. Nancy Yao Maasbach are the nominees for election as Class III Directors. Their qualifications are described in more detail below. Ms. Kumar, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Young and Ms. Maasbach have been members of the Fund's Board of Directors since 2016, 2002, 2012 and 2016, respectively.

**The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy intend to vote at the Meeting (unless directed not to vote) FOR the election of the nominees listed below.** The nominees have consented to their being named in this proxy statement and have indicated that they will serve if elected. If a nominee should be unable to serve, the proxy will be voted for any other person determined by the persons named as proxies in their discretion.

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The following tables provide information concerning the nominees for election as Class I and Class III Directors:

| Name, Address and Age   | Position(s) Held with Fund                                | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years  | Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years |
|---|---|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Nominee to serve as Class I Director until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>   |   |                       |   |   |  |
| <b>Independent Director / Nominee</b>   |   |                       |   |   |  |
| Nisha Kumar<br>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street,<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br>Year of Birth: 1970 | Director, Audit Committee and Nominating Committee Member | Since 2016            | Nisha Kumar has been a Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of Greenbriar Equity Group LLC since 2011. She was previously Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Rent the Runway, Inc. during 2011. From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Kumar served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AOL LLC, a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. Nisha is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves as a board member to the following organizations: GB Flow Investment LLC, EDAC Technologies Corp., Nordco Holdings, LLC, and SEKO Global Logistics Network, LLC. | 2   | Director of The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc.                         |

| Name, Address, and Age   | Position(s) Held with Fund                                       | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years  | Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years  |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Nominees to serve as Class III Directors until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>  |  |                       |   |   |   |
| <b>Independent Directors / Nominees</b>  |  |                       |   |   |   |
| <p>J. Marc Hardy<br/>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br/>1735 Market Street,<br/>32<sup>nd</sup> Floor<br/>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br/>Year of Birth: 1954</p> | <p>Director, Audit Committee and Nominating Committee Member</p> | <p>Since 2002</p>     | <p>Mr. Hardy is a qualified stockbroker and has been providing investment advice to pension and investment funds for many years through Axys Capital Management. Since October 2010, he is the investment manager of NMHGSE, a large pension fund, and acts as Treasurer to a large group where he uses extensively derivatives products to manage foreign exchange risk and improve profitability. Mr. Hardy has served as a member of the Board Investment Committee of Mauritius Union Group since January 2012, and is a member of several investment committees for highly reputable institutions.</p> | <p>2</p>  | <p>Director of SBM Perpetual Fund, SBM India Fund, Hanover Reinsurance Ltd, MDA Properties Ltd of the ENL Group, and The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc.</p> |

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| Name, Address, and Age  | Position(s) Held with Fund                                       | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years   | Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| <p>Nancy Yao Maasbach<br/>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br/>1735 Market Street,<br/>32<sup>nd</sup> Floor<br/>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br/>Year of Birth: 1972</p>     | <p>Director, Audit Committee and Nominating Committee Member</p> | <p>Since 2016</p>     | <p>Nancy Yao Maasbach is the President of the Museum of Chinese in America. Prior to this position she was the executive director of the Yale-China Association, one of the oldest non-profit organizations dedicated to building U.S.-China relations at a grassroots level. Nancy has over twenty years of experience working in and covering Asia, including positions at Goldman Sachs &amp; Co., Center for Finance and Research Analysis, and the Council on Foreign Relations. Nancy is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.</p> | <p>2</p>  | <p>Director of The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc.</p>                  |
| <b>Interested Director / Nominee</b>  |  |                       |  |   |  |
| <p>Hugh Young<sup>1</sup><br/>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited<br/>21 Church St.<br/>#01-01 Capital Square Two<br/>Singapore 049481<br/>Year of Birth: 1958</p> | <p>Director</p>  | <p>Since 2012</p>     | <p>A member of the Executive Management Committee and Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC since 1991 and 2011, respectively. He has been Managing Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited since 1991.</p>   | <p>2</p>  | <p>Director of Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.</p>        |

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The following tables provide information concerning the Class I and Class II Directors currently serving until the years 2018 and 2017 Annual Meetings of Stockholders, respectively:

| Name, Address and Age  | Position(s) Held with Fund   | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years   | Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years  |
|--|--|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Class I Directors serving until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>   |  |                       |  |   |   |
| <b>Independent Director</b>  |  |                       |  |   |   |
| Jeswald W. Salacuse<br>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street,<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br>Birth Year: 1938         | Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 1993            | Henry J. Braker Professor of Commercial Law at The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, since 1986. He has also served as International Arbitrator, Arbitration Tribunal, ICSID, World Bank since 2004.   | 2   | Director of The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. and former Director of 30 registered investment companies advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC and its affiliates.                             |
| <b>Interested Director</b>   |  |                       |  |   |   |
| Martin Gilbert <sup>2</sup><br>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street,<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br>Birth Year: 1955 | Director   | Since 2012            | Founding Director and shareholder, and Chief Executive of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, the holding company of the fund management group that was established in 1983. Director (1991-2014) Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited; and Director (2000-2014), Aberdeen Asset Management Limited. He has been a Director from 1995 to 2014, and was President from 2006 to 2014 of Aberdeen Asset Management, Inc. | 28  | Member of Board of British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC and Director of The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Asia Pacific Income Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., and Aberdeen Funds. |

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| Name, Address and Age   | Position(s) Held with Fund                                 | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years  | Number of Funds in Fund Complex* Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Members Held by Nominee During Past Five Years  |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Class II Directors serving until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>   |  |                       |   |   |   |
| <b>Independent Directors</b>  |  |                       |   |   |   |
| Leslie H. Gelb<br>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street,<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br>Birth Year: 1937 | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 1994            | President Emeritus of The Council on Foreign Relations since 2003. Previously, a Columnist, Deputy Editorial Page Editor and Editor, Op-Ed Page, of <i>The New York Times</i> , as well as a senior official in the departments of State and Defense. | 2   | Director of 31 registered investment companies advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC and its affiliates and The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. |
| Stéphane R. F. Henry<br>c/o Cim Fund Services Ltd.<br>33, Edith Cavell Street<br>Port Louis, Mauritius<br>Birth Year: 1967                          | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 2004            | Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Investment Professionals Ltd. (investment management) since 2005 and a Director of Ipro Growth Fund Ltd. since 2011.   | 1   | Director of Ipro Growth Fund Ltd, Ipro Funds Ltd, and Arisaig Partners (Mauritius) Ltd.   |
| Luis F. Rubio<br>c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street,<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103<br>Birth Year: 1955  | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 1999            | Chairman of Centro de Investigacion para el Desarrollo, A.C. (Center of Research for Development) since 2000. He is also a frequent contributor of op-ed pieces to <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> .   | 2   | Director of one registered investment company advised by Advantage Advisers L.L.C. or its affiliates and The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc.               |

\* Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Chile Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Israel Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Indonesia Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Latin America Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Emerging Markets Smaller Company Opportunities Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Singapore Fund, Inc., The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc., The India Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Greater China Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Funds, and Aberdeen Investment Funds have a common investment manager and/or investment adviser, or an investment adviser that is affiliated with Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, the Fund's investment manager, and may thus be deemed to be part of the same Fund Complex.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Young is an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, because he serves as Managing Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, the Fund's investment manager.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Gilbert is an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act because he serves as Chief Executive of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, the parent company of the Fund's investment manager and administrator.

Each Director was selected to join the Board based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the Director's ability to carry out his or her duties as a Director, the Director's background, business and professional experience, qualifications and skills. Each Director possesses the following specific characteristics: Mr. Gelb has academic and foreign affairs experience and has served as a board member of other investment

companies; Mr. Hardy has financial and international experience and other experience as a

board member of various organizations; Mr. Henry has international business and investment experience and has served on boards of other investment companies; Ms. Kumar has financial and accounting experience as the chief financial officer of other companies and experience as a board member of private equity funds; Ms. Maasbach has financial and research analysis experience in and covering the Asia region and experience in world affairs; Mr. Rubio has business and academic experience as president of a not-for-profit think tank focused on Mexico's economic and democratic development and has served as a board member of other investment companies; Mr. Salacuse has academic and foreign affairs experience and has served as a board member of other investment companies; Mr. Gilbert is a founder and CEO of a global asset management company with experience as a board member of other investment trusts and a member of several financial organizations; and Mr. Young is the managing director of the Fund's investment manager in the Asia region and has served as a board member of other investment companies. The Board has determined that Mr. Hardy and Ms. Kumar are each an audit committee financial expert as explained further below.

### Director Compensation

Under the federal securities laws, the Fund is required to provide to Stockholders in connection with the Meeting information regarding compensation paid to Directors by the Fund as well as by the various other U.S. registered investment companies advised by the investment manager or an affiliate of the investment manager during the Fund's prior fiscal year. The following table provides information concerning the approximate compensation paid for meetings held during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 to each Director of the Fund and the aggregate compensation paid to them from all registered funds in the Aberdeen Fund Complex for meetings held during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The Fund does not provide any pension or retirement benefits to Directors.

A Fund Complex means two or more registered investment companies that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services, or that have a common investment manager or that have an investment manager that is an affiliated person of the investment manager of any of the other registered investment companies. Investment companies are considered to be in the same family if they share the same investment manager or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

Officers of the Fund and Directors who are interested persons of the Fund do not receive any compensation directly from the Fund or any other fund in the Fund Complex for performing their duties as officers or Directors, respectively, although they are reimbursed by the Fund for reasonable out-of-pocket travel expenses for attending Board meetings.

| Name of Director     | Aggregate<br>Compensation<br>from Fund | Total<br>Compensation<br>from Other Funds<br>Advised by<br>Adviser | Total<br>Compensation<br>from Fund and<br>Fund Complex |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Leslie H. Gelb       | \$ 53,500                              | \$ 10,250  | \$ 63,750  |
| Martin Gilbert*      | \$ 0                                   | \$ 0   | \$ 0   |
| J. Marc Hardy        | \$ 55,500                              | \$ 6,417   | \$ 61,917  |
| Stéphane R. F. Henry | \$ 54,500                              | \$ 0   | \$ 54,500  |
| Nisha Kumar**        | \$ 0                                   | \$ 0   | \$ 0   |
| Nancy Yao Maasbach** | \$ 0                                   | \$ 0   | \$ 0   |



| Name of Director    | Aggregate Compensation from Fund | Total Compensation from Other Funds Advised by Adviser | Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Luis F. Rubio       | \$ 55,000                        | \$ 10,500  | \$ 66,000                                     |
| Jeswald W. Salacuse | \$ 73,000                        | \$ 12,750  | \$ 85,750                                     |
| Hugh Young*         | \$ 0                             | \$ 0   | \$ 0  |
| Larry Becker***     | \$ 17,250                        | \$ 4,083   | \$ 21,333                                     |

\* Messrs. Gilbert and Young are Interested Directors

\*\* Ms. Kumar and Ms. Maasbach were appointed as Directors on January 1, 2016.

\*\*\* Mr. Becker resigned as Director on April 16, 2015.

### Beneficial Share Ownership

Based upon a review of the most recent filings made pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act, as of April 29, 2016, the following table shows certain information concerning persons who may be deemed beneficial owners of 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund:

| Shares    | Percentage | Name                        | Address                                       |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 2,602,178 | 8.94%      | Lazard Asset Management LLC | 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112 |

As of April 29, 2016, Cede & Co., a nominee for participants in The Depository Trust Company, held of record 28,822,431 shares, equal to approximately 99.31% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

### Ownership of Securities

The following table provides information concerning the number and dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Director or nominee as of April 29, 2016:

| Name of Director or Nominee                              | Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund | Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to Be Overseen by Director or Nominee in Aberdeen Family of Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Directors</b>   |   |  |
| Martin Gilbert   | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$50,001-\$100,000   |
| Leslie H. Gelb   | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| J. Marc Hardy  | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| Stéphane R. F. Henry                                     | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| Nisha Kumar  | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| Nancy Yao Maasbach                                       | \$0-\$10,000                                  | \$0-\$10,000   |
| Hugh Young   | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| Luis F. Rubio  | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| Jeswald W. Salacuse                                      | \$10,001-\$50,000                             | \$10,001-\$50,000  |
| <b>All Directors and Executive Officers (as a group)</b> | <b>Over \$100,000</b>                         | <b>Over \$100,000</b>  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Aberdeen Family of Investment Companies means those registered investment companies that share Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, the Fund's investment manager, or an affiliate as the investment adviser and that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

As of April 29, 2016, the holdings of no Director or executive officer, nor the Directors and executive officers of the Fund as a group, represented more than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund's common stock. At April 29, 2016, no Director or nominee for election as Director who is not an interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act, nor any immediate family member of such persons, owned beneficially or of record any shares of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ( AAMAL ), the Fund's investment manager, or any person or entity (other than the Fund) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with AAMAL.

### **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is responsible under applicable state law for overseeing generally the operation of the Fund. The Directors oversee the Fund's operations by, among other things, meeting at regularly scheduled meetings and as otherwise needed with the Fund's management and evaluating the performance of the Fund's service providers including AAMAL, the Fund's custodian, and the transfer agent. As part of this process, the Directors consult with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and the directors who are not considered to be interested persons of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act ( Independent Directors ) consult with their own separate independent counsel.

The Directors regularly review the Fund's financial statements, performance and market price as well as the quality of the services being provided to the Fund. As part of this process, the Directors review the Fund's fees and expenses to determine if they are reasonable and competitive in light of the services being received, while also ensuring that the Fund continues to have access to high quality services in the future. Based on these reviews, the Directors periodically make suggestions to the Fund's management and monitor to ensure that responsive action is taken. The Directors also monitor potential conflicts of interest among the Fund, AAMAL and its affiliates and other funds and clients managed by AAMAL with the objective that the Fund will be managed in a manner that is in the best interest of the Fund's Stockholders.

The Board of Directors has four regularly scheduled meetings each year and additional meetings are scheduled as needed. Furthermore, the Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee, which meet periodically during the year and the responsibilities of which are described below, each composed entirely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund, AAMAL or its affiliates within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and who are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards ( Independent Directors ).

The Board of Directors is currently comprised of nine Directors, seven of whom are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Mr. Salacuse serves as Chairman of the Board and is an Independent Director. The Independent Directors have separate legal counsel and regularly meet apart from management. In fulfilling their general oversight responsibility, the Directors regularly receive reports from the Fund's investment manager, the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer ( CCO ), counsel to the Fund and counsel to the Independent Directors. The Board's role in risk oversight of the Fund reflects its responsibility under applicable state law to oversee generally, rather than to manage, the operations of the Fund. In line with this general oversight responsibility, the Board receives reports and makes regular inquiries at its quarterly meetings and as needed regarding the nature and extent of significant Fund risks (including investment, compliance and valuation risks) that could potentially have a materially adverse impact on the business.

operations, investment performance or reputation of the Fund. However, the Board relies upon the Fund's management (including its portfolio managers and CCO, who reports directly to the Board) and AAMAL to assist it in identifying and understanding the nature and extent of such risks and determining that such risks are being effectively managed by the implementation of appropriate policies, procedures and controls.

In addition to receiving reports and other information from Fund management and AAMAL regarding the Fund's investment program and activities, the Board, as part of its risk oversight efforts, meets at its quarterly meetings and as needed with the Fund's CCO to discuss, among other things, any issues regarding the policies, procedures and controls of the Fund. The Board may be assisted in performing aspects of its role in risk oversight by the Audit Committee and such other standing or special committees as may be established from time to time by the Board. Because the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of each of the Board's Audit and Nominating Committees is an Independent Director, the manner in which the Board administers its risk oversight efforts is not expected to have any significant impact on the Board's leadership structure. Based on a review of the Board and its functions, the Board has determined that the leadership structure of the Board of Directors, including its role in risk oversight, is appropriate given the characteristics and circumstances of the Fund.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect the Fund can be identified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Fund's goals, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Moreover, despite the periodic reports the Board receives, it may not be made aware of all of the relevant information of a particular risk. Most of the Fund's investment management and business affairs are carried out by or through the Fund's management and AAMAL and other service providers, each of which has an independent interest in risk management but whose policies and the methods by which one or more risk management functions are carried out may differ from the Fund's and each other's in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board's risk management oversight is subject to substantial limitations.

**Officers of the Fund**

The executive officers of the Fund are chosen annually to hold office until the next year and until their successors are chosen and qualified. The current executive officers of the Fund are:

| <b>Name, Address and Age</b>  | <b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>           | <b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b> | <b>Principal Occupation During Past Five Years</b>   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Alan Goodson*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1974</p>   | President                                   | Since 2011                                      | Currently, Head of Product US, overseeing Product Management, Product Development, and Investor Services for Aberdeen's registered and unregistered investment companies in the US and Canada. Mr. Goodson is a Director and Vice President of AAMI. He joined Aberdeen in 2000.   |
| <p>Jeffrey Cotton*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1977</p> | Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer | Since 2011                                      | Currently, Director, Vice President and Head of Compliance Americas for AAMI. Mr. Cotton joined Aberdeen in 2010. Prior to joining Aberdeen, Mr. Cotton was a Senior Compliance Officer at Old Mutual Asset Management (2009-2010) supporting its affiliated investment advisers and mutual fund platform. Mr. Cotton was also a VP, Senior Compliance Manager at Bank of America / Columbia Management (2006-2009). |
| <p>Lucia Sitar*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1971</p>    | Vice President and Chief Legal Officer      | Since 2012                                      | Currently, Managing U.S. Counsel and Vice President for AAMI. Ms. Sitar joined AAMI in July 2007. Prior to that, Ms. Sitar was an associate attorney in the Investment Management Group of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP (law firm) (2000-2007).  |
| <p>Megan Kennedy*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1974</p>  | Vice President and Secretary                | Since 2011                                      | Currently, Head of Product Management for AAMI. Ms. Kennedy joined AAMI in 2005 as a Senior Fund Administrator. Ms. Kennedy was promoted to Assistant Treasurer Collective Funds/North American Mutual Funds in February 2008 and promoted to Treasurer Collective Funds/North American Mutual Funds in July 2008.   |

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| Name, Address and Age  | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation During Past Five Years   |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| <p>Adrian Lim*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1971</p>        | Vice President             | Since 2012                               | <p>Currently, Senior Investment Manager on the Asian Equities Team. Adrian joined Aberdeen in 2000 as a manager in private equity on the acquisition of Murray Johnstone and transferred to his current position soon after.</p>  |
| <p>Bev Hendry*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1953</p>        | Vice President             | Since 2014                               | <p>Co-Head of Americas for AAMI since July 2014. He first joined Aberdeen in 1987 and helped establish Aberdeen's business in the Americas in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Hendry left Aberdeen in 2008 when the company moved to consolidate its headquarters in Philadelphia. Mr. Hendry re-joined Aberdeen from Hansberger Global Investors in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he worked for six years as Chief Operating Officer.</p> |
| <p>Jennifer Nichols*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1978</p>  | Vice President             | Since 2011                               | <p>Currently, Global Head of Legal for Aberdeen Asset Management PLC. Director, Vice President for AAMI. Ms. Nichols joined AAMI in 2006.</p>   |
| <p>Christian Pittard*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1973</p> | Vice President             | Since 2011                               | <p>Currently, Group Head of Product Opportunities for Aberdeen Asset Management PLC and Director of Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited since 2010. Previously, Director and Vice President (2006-2008) and, Chief Executive Officer (from October 2005 to September 2006) of AAMI.</p>   |
| <p>Andrea Melia*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1969</p>      | Treasurer                  | Since 2011                               | <p>Currently, Vice President and Head of Fund Accounting for AAMI (since 2009). Prior to joining Aberdeen, Ms. Melia was Director of Fund Administration and accounting oversight for Princeton Administrators LLC, a division of BlackRock Inc. and had worked with Princeton Administrators since 1992.</p>   |

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| Name, Address and Age   | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation During Past Five Years  |
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| <p>Kasey Deja*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Birth Year: 1979</p>         | Assistant Secretary        | Since 2012                               | <p>Currently, Senior Product Manager within Product Management for AAMI. Ms. Deja joined Aberdeen in 2005 as an analyst in Investment Operations and transferred to the U.S. Transitions Team in 2007. In 2009, she became Manager of the U.S. Transitions Team and transferred to her current role in 2011.</p> |
| <p>Sharon Ferrari*</p> <p>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.</p> <p>1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor,</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA 19103</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1977</p> | Assistant Treasurer        | Since 2013                               | <p>Currently, Senior Fund Administration Manager for AAMI. Ms. Ferrari joined AAMI as a Senior Fund Administrator in 2008. Prior to joining AAMI, Ms. Ferrari was an Accounting Analyst at Delaware Investments.</p>   |

\* Messrs. Goodson, Cotton, Lim, Hendry, and Pittard and Meses. Sitar, Melia, Kennedy, Nichols, Deja, and Ferrari, hold officer position(s) in one or more of the following: Aberdeen Asia-Pacific Income Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Emerging Markets Smaller Company Opportunities Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Israel Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Indonesia Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Latin America Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Chile Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Singapore Fund Inc., The India Fund Inc., The Asia Tigers Fund Inc., Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Greater China Fund, Inc., Aberdeen Funds and Aberdeen Investment Funds each of which may also be deemed to be a part of the same Fund Complex.

**Audit Committee**

The Fund's Audit Committee is composed entirely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund, AAMAL or its affiliates within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and who are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Currently, Mr. Salacuse is the Chairman and Messrs. Gelb, Hardy, Henry, and Rubio and Meses. Kumar and Maasbach are members of the Audit Committee. Meses. Kumar and Maasbach were appointed to the Audit Committee effective January 1, 2016. The Audit Committee convened four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The principal functions of the Audit Committee are to appoint and retain the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, to review with the independent registered public accounting firm the scope, performance and anticipated cost of their audit and to receive and consider a report from the independent registered public accounting firm concerning their conduct of the audit, including the form of the opinion proposed to be rendered and any comments or recommendations the independent registered public accounting firm might want to make in that connection. The Board has determined that Mr. Hardy and Ms. Kumar are each an audit committee financial expert, as defined in Section 401(h) of Regulation S-K. The Fund adopted an Audit Committee Charter in February 2000, which was most recently amended in May 2015. The Audit Committee Charter states that no member of the Audit Committee may serve on the audit committees of more than three public companies, including the Fund, unless the Board of Directors determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to serve on the Audit Committee effectively. For purposes of this determination, service on multiple audit committees within the same fund complex, such as service on the Audit Committee of the Fund and the audit committee of The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc., is counted as service on a single audit committee. The Board of Directors has determined that the service by Messrs. Hardy and Gelb on the audit committees of more than two

other public companies does not impair each of their ability to serve effectively on the Fund's Audit Committee. The Fund's amended and restated Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Appendix A.

The members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not employed by the Fund for accounting, financial management or internal control. Moreover, the Audit Committee relies on and makes no independent verification of the facts presented to it or representations made by management or the independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies, or internal controls and procedures, designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not provide assurance that the audit of the Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards or that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Pursuant to the Fund's Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy, the Audit Committee pre-approved all audit and non-audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ( PwC ), the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, to the Fund in 2015. As set forth in the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies, the Audit Committee has authorized the Chairman of the Audit Committee to pre-approve certain services to be performed by PwC, as necessary, between Audit Committee meetings which would then be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. A representative of PwC will be available at the Meeting to answer appropriate questions and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she chooses to do so.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is composed entirely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund, AAMAL or its affiliates within the meaning of the 1940 Act and who are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Currently, Mr. Salacuse is the Chairman and Messrs. Gelb, Hardy, Henry, and Rubio and Mses. Kumar and Maasbach are members of the Nominating Committee. Mses. Kumar and Maasbach were appointed to the Nominating Committee effective January 1, 2016. This Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The principal function of the Nominating Committee is to select and nominate persons for election as Directors of the Fund. The Fund's Nominating Committee Charter is attached hereto as Appendix B.

The Nominating Committee identifies potential nominees through its network of contacts. While the Nominating Committee meets to discuss and consider such candidates' qualifications and then chooses a candidate by majority vote, the Nominating Committee does not have specific, minimum qualifications for nominees and has not established specific qualities or skills that it regards as necessary for one or more of the Fund's Directors to possess (other than any qualities or skills that may be required by applicable law, regulation or listing standard).

In identifying and evaluating nominees, the Nominating Committee considers factors it deems relevant, which include: whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act

and whether the person is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve on the Board of Directors of the Fund; whether or not the person has any relationship that might impair his or her independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment manager of the Fund, Fund service providers or their affiliates; whether or not the person serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing organizations or funds; and the character and integrity of the person and the contribution which the person can make to the Board. The Nominating Committee does not have a formal diversity policy but may also consider diversity of professional experience, education and skills when evaluating potential nominees. The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for the office of Director made by Fund Stockholders. Stockholders who wish to recommend a nominee should send nominations to the Secretary of the Fund which include biographical information and set forth the qualifications of the proposed nominee. There are no differences in the manner in which the Nominating Committee evaluates nominees based on whether such nominees are recommended by a Stockholder.

The Fund does not pay a fee to any third party or parties to identify or evaluate or assist in identifying or evaluating potential nominees. The Nominating Committee did not receive a recommended nominee from a Stockholder who beneficially owned, or a group of Stockholders who beneficially owned, more than 5% of the Fund's shares for at least one year as of the date the recommendation was made.

### **Governance**

On September 23, 2015, the Fund announced that its Board of Directors approved changes to its corporate governance practices. Specifically, the Board approved an amendment to the Fund's By-Laws, effective September 30, 2015, to provide for the election of Directors by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Stockholders at which a quorum is present, except in contested elections, where a Director shall be elected by a plurality vote. The Fund's By-laws previously provided that Directors be elected by a plurality vote in all Director elections.

At the same time, the Board also adopted certain corporate governance policies for the Fund, effective September 30, 2015. The corporate governance policies include (i) a resignation policy, which generally provides that a Director who does not receive a majority of votes cast for his or her election at a meeting of Stockholders shall be deemed to have tendered his or her resignation, subject to the Board's acceptance or rejection of such resignation, which Board determination will be disclosed publicly to Fund Stockholders; and (ii) a policy requiring that after an Independent Director has served on the Board for three consecutive three-year terms following the later of the appointment of the Fund's then-current investment manager and the initial election of the Director by the Fund's Stockholders, the Director will be put forth for consideration by Stockholders annually. The failure to obtain a majority of votes cast will trigger the resignation policy described above. Although the charter of the Fund provides that the Board be classified into three classes with the Directors in each class having a term of three years, under the new corporate governance policies, Directors are agreeing to submit to annual elections once they have completed the three consecutive three-year terms noted above.



### **Board Meetings**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Board of Directors held four regular meetings and five special meetings. Each Director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board or the committee(s) of the Board on which he served.

### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act, and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act in combination require the Fund's Directors and Officers, persons who own more than ten percent of the Fund's common stock, and AAMAL and its directors and officers, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of the Fund's securities with the SEC and the NYSE. These persons and entities are required by SEC regulation to furnish the Fund with copies of all such forms they file.

Based solely on a review of those forms furnished to the Fund, except as disclosed in the following sentence, the Fund believes that the Fund's Directors and Officers, and AAMAL and its directors and officers, complied with applicable filing requirements during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 in a timely manner. Victor Rodriguez, Puay-ju Kang, Ian Macdonald, Lim Sock-Hwei, and Andrew Narracott, each a director of AAMAL, filed a Form 3 Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities subsequent to the 10-day period specified in the Form.

### **Report of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee reports that it has: (i) reviewed and discussed the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 with management; and (ii) discussed with PwC, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (SAS 61). SAS 61 requires the independent registered public accounting firm to communicate to the Audit Committee matters including, if applicable: (i) methods used to account for significant unusual transactions; (ii) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus; (iii) the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditor's conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates; and (iv) disagreements with management over the application of accounting principles and certain other matters.

The Audit Committee also reports that it previously received (i) written confirmation from PwC that it is independent and (ii) written disclosures regarding such independence as required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526 and discussed with PwC the independent registered public accounting firm's independence. In addition, the Audit Committee has reviewed the aggregate fees billed by PwC for professional services rendered to the Fund and for non-audit services provided to: AAMAL, the Fund's investment manager as of December 19, 2011, and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with AAMAL that provided services to the Fund. As part of this review, the Audit Committee considered, in addition to other practices and requirements relating to selection of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whether the provision of such non-audit services was compatible with maintaining the independence of PwC.

Based on the foregoing review and discussions, the Audit Committee presents this report to the Board of Directors and recommends that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's annual report to stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Fund's Board of Directors**

Nisha Kumar

Nancy Yao Maasbach

Leslie H. Gelb

Luis F. Rubio

Jeswald W. Salacuse

Stephane R.F. Henry

J. Marc Hardy

February 23, 2016

**Required Vote**

As announced on September 23, 2015, Directors are now elected by a majority of all the votes cast by the holders of shares of common stock of the Fund present in person or represented by proxy at a meeting with a quorum present. A majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted FOR a Director must exceed the number of votes cast AGAINST that Director. For purposes of the election of Directors, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast either FOR or AGAINST that Director's election, and do not affect the majority vote required for Directors.

Please note that unless otherwise instructed, the proxies will vote FOR each nominee for Director.

**The Directors, including the Independent Directors, recommend that Stockholders vote FOR each nominee for Director.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Service Providers

AAMAL currently serves as the Fund's investment manager. The address of AAMAL is 21 Church Street, #01-01, Capital Square Two, Singapore 049480. AAMAL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

AAMI currently serves as the Fund's administrator. The address of AAMI is 1735 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. AAMI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

AAMI subcontracts certain of its responsibilities as administrator to State Street Bank and Trust Company. The address of State Street Bank and Trust Company is One Heritage Drive, North Quincy, MA 02171.

### Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Fund's Audit Committee has adopted written policies relating to the pre-approval of the audit and non-audit services performed by the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. Unless a type of service to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm has received general pre-approval, it requires specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. Under the policies, on an annual basis, the Fund's Audit Committee reviews and pre-approves the services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the Audit Committee pre-approves any permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to AAMAL or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with AAMAL if such services relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. As set forth in the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies, the Audit Committee has authorized the Chairman of the Audit Committee to pre-approve certain services to be performed by PwC, as necessary, between audit committee meetings which would then be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

*Audit Fees.* The aggregate fees paid to PwC in connection with the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements and for services normally provided by PwC in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings of the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 were \$102,500 and \$104,500, respectively, including out-of-pocket expenses.

*Audit-Related Fees.* The aggregate fees paid to PwC in connection with assurance and related services reasonably related to the annual audit of the Fund and for review of the Fund's financial statements, other than the Audit Fees described above, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

*Tax Fees.* The aggregate fees paid for domestic and international tax-related services, including tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, rendered by PwC to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 were \$57,065 and \$45,745, respectively. These fees are comprised of the following:

| <b>2015</b>                        |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Indian tax agent costs             | \$ 15,650 |
| US tax returns                     | \$ 9,030  |
| Mauritius tax returns              | \$ 6,065  |
| Tax consulting for Mauritius taxes | \$ 15,000 |

| <b>2014</b>                        |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Indian tax agent costs             | \$ 20,000 |
| US tax returns                     | \$ 11,000 |
| Mauritius tax returns              | \$ 6,065  |
| Tax consulting for Mauritius taxes | \$ 20,000 |

*All Other Fees.* The aggregate fees billed for all other non-audit services rendered by PwC to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 were \$180,000 and \$75,000, respectively. These fees are attributable to consulting services incurred in connection with the transition of branch operations from Mauritius in order to conduct operations directly from the United States. This transition was effected as of the end of day on March 31, 2015.

The aggregate non-audit fees billed by PwC for services rendered to the Fund, AAMAL, the Fund's investment manager, and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Fund or AAMAL that provided ongoing services to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 were \$2,300,584 and \$2,731,778, respectively. The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independence of PwC.

None of the services described above, provided in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, were approved pursuant to the *de minimis* exception provided in Rule 2-01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

#### **Other Business**

The Fund's Board of Directors does not know of any other matter that may come before the Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxies in accordance with their judgment on that matter.

#### **Stockholder Proposals**

All proposals by Stockholders of the Fund that are intended to be presented at the Fund's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held in 2017, must be received by the Fund (addressed to The India Fund, Inc., 1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103) for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy relating to that meeting no later than January 6, 2017. Any Stockholder who desires to

bring a proposal for consideration at the Fund's year 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders without including such proposal in the Fund's proxy statement must deliver written notice thereof to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Fund (addressed to The India Fund, Inc., 1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103) during the period from February 22, 2017 to March 24, 2017. However, if the Fund's 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held earlier than May 23, 2017 or later than August 21, 2017, such written notice must be delivered to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Fund no earlier than 120 days before the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and no later than the later of 90 days before the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or 10 days following the public announcement of the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Any Stockholder proposal intended to be included in the Fund's proxy statement, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words. A Stockholder desiring to submit such a proposal must be a record or beneficial owner of shares with a market value of \$2,000 or 1% of shares entitled to vote on a proposal at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and must have held such shares for at least one year. Further, the Stockholder must continue to hold such shares through the date on which the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held. Documentary support regarding the foregoing must be provided along with the proposal. There are additional requirements regarding proposals of Stockholders, and a Stockholder contemplating submission of a proposal is referred to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the 1934 Act and Section 4(b) of the By-Laws of the Fund. The timely submission of a proposal does not guarantee its inclusion in a Fund's proxy materials.

#### **Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors**

The Fund has adopted procedures by which Fund Stockholders may send communications to the Board of Directors. Stockholders may mail written communications to the Board to the attention of the Board of Directors of The India Fund, Inc., c/o the Fund's Chief Legal Officer, 1735 Market Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Stockholder communications must (i) be in writing and be signed by the Stockholder and (ii) identify the number of shares held by the Stockholder. The Chief Legal Officer of the Fund is responsible for reviewing properly submitted Stockholder communications. The Chief Legal Officer shall either (i) provide a copy of each properly submitted Stockholder communication to the Board at its next regularly scheduled board meeting or (ii) if the Chief Legal Officer determines that the communication requires more immediate attention, forward the communication to the Directors promptly after receipt. The Chief Legal Officer may, in good faith, determine that a Stockholder communication should not be provided to the Board because it does not reasonably relate to the Fund or its operations, management, activities, policies, service providers, Board, officers, Stockholders or other matters relating to an investment in the Fund or is otherwise ministerial in nature. These procedures shall not apply to (i) any communication from an officer or Director of the Fund, (ii) any communication from an employee or agent of the Fund, unless such communication is made solely in such employee's or agent's capacity as a Stockholder of the Fund, or (iii) any Stockholder proposal submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act or any communication made in connection with such a proposal.

The Fund does not have a formal policy regarding attendance by Directors at Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

**Expenses of Proxy Solicitation**

The costs of preparing, printing, assembling and mailing material in connection with this solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Fund, even if the proposals are not successful, as will all of the other costs in connection with the Meeting. **Proxies may also be solicited personally by Directors and officers of the Fund, by employees of the Fund's transfer agent, and by regular employees of AAMAL, its respective affiliates or other representatives of the Fund, and may be accomplished by telephone in addition to the use of mails.** Brokerage houses, banks and other fiduciaries may be requested to forward proxy solicitation material to their principals to obtain authorization for the execution of proxies, and they will be reimbursed by the Fund for out-of-pocket expenses so incurred.

In addition, Georgeson Inc. ( Georgeson ), a proxy solicitation firm, has been retained to assist in the solicitation of the proxy vote. It is anticipated that Georgeson will be paid an amount estimated at \$3,000 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Therefore, expenses of the Meeting will include costs of (i) preparing, assembling and mailing material in connection with the solicitation, (ii) soliciting proxies by officers or employees, personally or by telephone or telegraph, (iii) reimbursing brokerage houses, banks and other fiduciaries and (iv) compensating the proxy solicitor.

Georgeson may call Stockholders to ask if they would be willing to have their votes recorded by telephone. The telephone voting procedure is designed to authenticate Stockholders' identities, to allow Stockholders to authorize the voting of their shares in accordance with their instructions and to confirm that their instructions have been recorded properly. A Stockholder voting by telephone would be asked for his or her social security number or other identifying information and would be given an opportunity to authorize proxies to vote his or her shares in accordance with his or her instructions. To ensure that the Stockholder's instructions have been recorded correctly, he or she will receive a confirmation of such instructions in the mail. The confirmation is a replica of the proxy card, but with marks indicating how the Stockholder voted, along with a special toll-free number which will be available in the event the Stockholder wishes to change or revoke the vote. Although a Stockholder's vote may be taken by telephone, each Stockholder will receive a copy of this proxy statement and may vote by mailing the enclosed proxy card. If you have any questions or need assistance in voting, please contact Georgeson at its toll-free number, 1-866-297-1264.

**Please vote promptly by signing and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the accompanying postage-paid return envelope or by following the instructions on the enclosed proxy card for voting by telephone or over the Internet.**

May 6, 2016

By order of the Board of Directors,

Megan Kennedy  
Vice President and Secretary

**APPENDIX A**

**THE ASIA TIGERS FUND, INC.**

**THE INDIA FUND, INC.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

December 18, 2003, as amended on

November 8, 2005, October 27, 2009, July 27, 2010, May 7, 2013, and May 12, 2015

This charter sets forth the purpose, authority and responsibilities of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the Board) of each of the investment companies set forth above (each, a Fund).

**Purposes**

The Audit Committee of the Board (the Committee) has, as its primary purpose, oversight responsibility with respect to: (a) the adequacy of the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, policies and practices; (b) the integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (c) the adequacy of the Fund's overall system of internal controls and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; (d) the Fund's compliance with certain legal and regulatory requirements; (e) determining the qualification and independence of the Fund's independent auditors; and (f) the Fund's internal audit function, if any.

The function of the Committee is oversight; it is the responsibility of the Fund's investment adviser (the Adviser) to maintain appropriate systems for accounting and internal control, and the independent auditors' responsibility to plan and carry out a proper audit.

**Authority**

The Committee has been duly established by the Board and shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including the authority to retain counsel and other experts or consultants at the expense of the Fund and approve the fees payable to such advisors and any other terms of their retention. The Committee has the authority and responsibility to retain and terminate the Fund's independent auditors. In connection therewith, the Committee must evaluate the independence of the Fund's independent auditors and receive the auditors' specific representations as to their independence.

**Composition and Term of Committee Members**

The Committee shall be comprised of at least three Directors who are Independent, which term shall mean each Director (i) who is not an interested person, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, of the Fund; and (ii) who has not accepted directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the Fund (other than fees for serving as a Director or member of the Committee or any other committee of the Board). The members of the Committee shall designate one member to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

No member of the Committee may serve on the audit committees of more than three public companies, unless the Board determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member effectively to serve on the Committee. For the purposes of this determination, service on the Committee of the Funds shall be counted as service on a single audit committee and service on multiple audit committees within the same fund complex shall be counted as service on a single audit committee. The Fund shall disclose in its annual proxy statement any such determination.

Each member of the Committee shall be Independent, as defined in the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE ) Listed Company Manual § 303A, and shall have no material relationship with the Fund (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Fund).

Each member of the Committee shall serve until a successor is appointed.

The Board shall determine whether: the Committee has at least one member who is an audit committee financial expert ( ACFE ), as such term is defined in the rules adopted under Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The designation of a person as an ACFE is not intended to impose any greater responsibility or liability on that person than the responsibility and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee, nor does it decrease the duties and obligations of other Committee members or the Board. In addition, with respect to those Funds listed on the NYSE, each member of the Committee must be financially literate and at least one member of the Audit Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise, as the Board of Directors interprets such qualifications in its business judgment under the NYSE listing requirements.

### **Meetings**

The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, no less frequently than semi-annually, and is empowered to hold special meetings as circumstances require. Periodically, the Committee shall meet to discuss with management the Fund's annual audited financial statements and semi-annual financial statements. Periodically, the Committee should meet separately with management, the Fund's administrator and independent auditors to discuss any matters that the Committee or any of these persons or firms believe should be discussed privately. The Committee may request any officer or employee of the Adviser or the Fund's legal counsel (or counsel to the Independent Board members) or independent auditors to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee.

Minutes of each meeting will be taken and circulated to all members of the Committee in a timely manner.

Any action of the Committee requires the vote of a majority of the Committee members present, whether in person or otherwise, at the meeting at which such action is considered. At any meeting of the Committee, one member of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking any action.



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**Duties and Powers and of the Committee**

The duties and powers of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

bear direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the Fund's independent auditors for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Fund, and the independent auditors must report directly to the Committee;

prepare an audit committee report to be included in the Fund's annual proxy statement as required by Item 407(d)(3)(i) of Regulation S-K;

set the compensation of the independent auditors, such amount to be paid by the Fund;

evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the Fund's independent auditors, including whether the auditors provide any consulting services to the Adviser or its affiliated companies, and receive the auditors' specific representations as to their independence;

to the extent required by applicable law, pre-approve: (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services<sup>1</sup> that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Fund, and (ii) all non-audit services that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund, if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund;

<sup>1</sup> The Committee shall not approve non-audit services that the Committee believes may impair the independence of the independent auditors. As of the date of the approval of this Audit Committee Charter, permissible non-audit services include any professional services (including tax services), that are not prohibited services as described below, provided to the Fund by the independent auditors, other than those provided to the Fund in connection with an audit or a review of the financial statements of the Fund. Prohibited non-audit services include: (i) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the Fund; (ii) financial information systems design and implementation; (iii) appraisal or valuation services, providing fairness opinions or preparing contribution-in-kind reports; (iv) actuarial services; (v) internal audit outsourcing services; (vi) management functions; (vii) human resources; (viii) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services; (ix) legal services; (x) expert services unrelated to the audit; and (xi) any other service the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ( PCAOB ) determines, by regulation, is prohibited.

Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services is not required so long as: (i) the aggregate amount of all such permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund, the Adviser and any service providers controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provide ongoing services to the Fund ( Covered Service Providers ) constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid to the independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the permissible non-audit services are provided to (a) the Fund, (b) the Adviser and (c) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund during the fiscal year in which the services are provided that would have to be approved by the Committee; (ii) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the Fund at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee (or its delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

provided that the Committee may implement policies and procedures by which such services are approved other than by the full Committee prior to their ratification by the Committee.<sup>2</sup>

meet with the Fund's independent auditors, including private meetings, as necessary to (i) review the arrangements for and scope of the annual audit, including the audit procedures to be utilized in the review of the Fund's financial statements, and any special audits; (ii) discuss any matters of concern relating to the Fund's financial statements, including any adjustments to such statements recommended by the auditors, or other results of the audit(s); (iii) consider the auditors' comments with respect to the Fund's financial policies, procedures and internal accounting controls and management's responses thereto; (iv) discuss any audit problems or difficulties the auditors experienced in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of the auditors' activities or on access to the requested information and management's response; and (v) review the form of opinion the auditors propose to render to the Directors and the members of the Fund;

review reports prepared by the Fund's independent auditors detailing the fees paid to the Fund's independent auditors for: (i) audit services (includes all services necessary to perform an audit, services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements and other services generally provided by independent auditors, such as comfort letters, statutory audits, attest services, consents and assistance with, and review of, documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)); (ii) audit-related services (covers assurance and due diligence services, including, employee benefit plan audits, due diligence related to mergers and acquisitions, consultations and audits in connection with acquisitions, internal control reviews and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards); (iii) tax services (services performed by a professional staff in the accounting firm's tax division, except those services related to the audit, including tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice) and (iv) other services (includes financial information systems implementation and design).

ensure that the Fund's independent auditors prepare and deliver annually to the Committee a written statement (the Auditors Statement) describing: (i) the auditors' internal quality control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review or peer review of the auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Fund, including each non-audit service provided to the Fund and the matters set forth in applicable PCAOB rules;

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Fund's Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies, as amended on May 12, 2015, individual tax or audit-related services that fall within certain enumerated categories and are not presented to the Committee as part of the annual pre-approval process may be pre-approved, if deemed consistent with the independent auditor's independence, by the Chairman (or any other Committee member who is a disinterested director under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, to whom this responsibility has been delegated) so long as the estimated fee for the services does not exceed \$75,000. Any such pre-approval shall be reported to the full Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

receive and review a written report (or update, with respect to a semi-annual filing), as of a date 90 days or less prior to the filing of the Fund's annual (or semi-annual) report with the SEC, to the Committee from the Fund's independent auditors regarding any: (i) critical accounting policies to be used; (ii) alternative accounting treatments that have been discussed with the Fund's management along with a description of the ramifications of the use of such alternative treatments and the treatment preferred by the independent auditors; (iii) material written communications between the auditor and management of the Fund; and (iv) all non-audit services provided to any entity in the Fund's investment company complex that were not pre-approved by the Committee;

at least annually, inquire of the independent auditors whether the Fund's financial statements have been selected by the PCAOB for inspection. To the extent the Fund has been selected, the Committee should discuss with the independent auditors any areas of the Fund's financial statements, internal controls and the audits thereof that are under review and whether any concerns have been raised regarding the Fund's financial statements, internal controls and the audits thereof. The Committee shall be apprised on a real time basis of any material developments in connection with this inspection. Finally, following the issuance by the PCAOB of any inspection reports relating to the independent registered public accountants, such firm shall discuss with the Committee any findings included in the report (whether the public or private portions of the report) to the extent relevant to the Fund;

review matters relating to the Fund's internal controls and annual and semi-annual financial reporting process, including results of the annual audit. Review internal accounting controls relating to the activities of the Fund's custodian and administrator and the Adviser through the periodic review of reports, discussions with appropriate officers and consideration of reviews provided by internal audit staff;

meet with the Fund's internal auditors (or other personnel responsible for the internal audit function), if any, following an internal audit of the Fund to discuss significant risks and exposures, if any, to the Fund's risk management processes and system of internal controls, and the steps taken to monitor and minimize such risks;

review of any issues brought to the Committee's attention by independent auditors or the Fund's management, including those relating to any deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data, any material weaknesses in internal controls and any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Fund's internal controls;

review and evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the lead partner of the Fund's independent auditors and confirm that the independent auditors have ensured the appropriate rotation of the lead partner pursuant to applicable regulations;

require the Fund's independent auditors to report any instance of an audit partner of those auditors earning or receiving compensation based on that partner procuring engagements with the Fund to provide any services other than audit, review or attest services;

resolve any disagreements between the Fund's management and independent auditors concerning the Fund's financial reporting;

to the extent there are Directors who are not members of the Committee, report its activities to the full Board on a regular basis and make such recommendations with respect to the above and other matters as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate;

discuss with management and the independent auditors, prior to the printing and distribution of the Fund's annual report, the Fund's audited financial statements, including any narrative discussion concerning the Fund's financial condition and investment performance and, if appropriate, recommend the publication of the Fund's annual audited financial statements in the Fund's annual report;

discuss with management, prior to the printing and distribution of the Fund's semi-annual report, the Fund's unaudited financial statements, including any narrative discussion concerning the Fund's financial condition and investment performance;

discuss the Fund's earnings press releases, financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and ratings agencies, if any;

review policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management;

review hiring policies for employees or former employees of the Fund's independent auditors;

establish and maintain the procedures set forth in Exhibit A regarding: (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Funds or the Adviser regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Fund, the Adviser, any sub-adviser, administrator, principal underwriter or provider of accounting-related services of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; and

review such other matters as may be appropriately delegated to the Committee by the Board.

**Annual Performance and Charter Evaluation**

The Committee shall perform a review and evaluation, at least annually, of the performance of the Committee and its members, including reviewing the compliance of the Committee with this charter. The Committee shall also perform a review and evaluation of the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Charter to the Board for approval. The Committee shall conduct such evaluations and reviews in such manner as it deems appropriate in its judgment.

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**WHISTLEBLOWER PROCEDURES**

A. Responsibilities of Audit Committee of the Fund (the Audit Committee ) With Respect to Specified Complaints

1. The Audit Committee shall receive, retain, investigate and act on complaints and concerns of Covered Persons<sup>3</sup> ( Reports ) regarding:
  - (a) accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters (an Accounting Allegation ), including, without limitation:
    - I. fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, review or audit of financial statements of the Fund;
    - II. fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of the Fund s financial records;
    - III. deficiencies in, or non-compliance with, the Fund s internal controls over financial reporting;
    - IV. misrepresentation or false statements regarding a matter contained in the Fund s financial records, financial statements, audit reports or any filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including periodic or current reports);
    - V. deviation from full and fair reporting of the Fund s financial condition and results;
    - VI. substantial variation in the Fund s financial reporting methodology from prior practice or from generally accepted accounting principles;
    - VII. issues affecting the independence of the Fund s independent registered public accounting firm; and
    - VIII. falsification, concealment or inappropriate destruction of Fund or financial records;
  - (b) compliance with legal and regulatory requirements ( Legal Allegation ); and

<sup>3</sup> For purposes of these Procedures, Covered Person means any Fund Covered Person or Vendor Covered Person ; Fund Covered Persons means officers of the Fund as well as those employees of the Fund s investment adviser and sub-adviser that provide services on behalf of those entities to the Fund; and Vendor Covered Persons means those employees of the Fund s custodian, administrator, transfer agent, auction agent and other third-party agents that, pursuant to agreements with the Fund, provide services to or on behalf of the Fund.

(c) retaliation against Covered Persons who make Accounting Allegations or Legal Allegations ( Retaliatory Act ).

2. In the discretion of the Audit Committee, responsibilities of the Audit Committee created by these procedures may be delegated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

B. Procedures for Receiving Reports

1. Any Report that is made directly to management, whether openly, confidentially or anonymously, shall be promptly reported to the Audit Committee.
2. Each Report forwarded to the Audit Committee by management and each Report that is made directly to the Audit Committee, whether openly, confidentially or anonymously, shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee, who may, in their discretion, consult with any member of management who is not the subject of the allegation and who may have appropriate expertise to assist the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall determine whether the Audit Committee or management should investigate the Report, taking into account the considerations set forth in Section C below.
  - a) If the Audit Committee determines that management should investigate the Report, the Audit Committee shall notify the Fund's Chief Legal Officer in writing of that conclusion. Management shall thereafter promptly investigate the Report and shall report the results of its investigation, in writing, to the Audit Committee. Management shall be free in its discretion to engage outside auditors, counsel or other experts to assist in the investigation and in the analysis of results.
  - b) If the Audit Committee determines that it should investigate the Report, the Audit Committee shall promptly determine what professional assistance, if any, it needs in order to conduct the investigation. The Audit Committee shall be free in its discretion to engage outside auditors, counsel or other experts to assist in the investigation and in the analysis of results.

C. Considerations Relative To Whether the Audit Committee or Management Should Investigate a Report

In determining whether management or the Audit Committee should investigate a Report, the Audit Committee shall consider, among any other factors that are appropriate under the circumstances, the following:

1. Who is the alleged wrongdoer? If an executive officer, senior financial officer or other high management official is alleged to have engaged in wrongdoing, that factor alone may militate in favor of the Audit Committee conducting the investigation.
2. How serious is the alleged wrongdoing? The more serious the alleged wrongdoing, the more appropriate that the Audit Committee should undertake the investigation. If the alleged

wrongdoing would constitute a crime involving the integrity of the financial statements of the Fund, that factor alone may militate in favor of the Audit Committee conducting the investigation.

3. How credible is the allegation of wrongdoing? The more credible the allegation, the more appropriate that the Audit Committee should undertake the investigation. In assessing credibility, the Audit Committee should consider all facts surrounding the allegation, including but not limited to whether similar allegations have been made in the press or by analysts.

D. Protection of Whistleblowers

Consistent with the policies of the Fund, the Audit Committee shall not retaliate, and shall not tolerate any retaliation by management or any other person or group, directly or indirectly, against anyone who, in good faith, makes an Accounting Allegation or Legal Allegation, reports a Retaliatory Act or provides assistance to the Audit Committee, management or any other person or group, including any governmental, regulatory or law enforcement body, investigating a Report. The Audit Committee shall not, unless compelled by judicial or other legal process, reveal the identity of any person who makes an Accounting Allegation or Legal Allegation or reports a Retaliatory Act and who asks that his or her identity as the person who made such Report remain confidential and shall not make any effort, or tolerate any effort made by any other person or group, to ascertain the identity of any person who makes a Report anonymously.

E. Records

The Audit Committee shall retain for a period of seven years all records relating to any Accounting Allegation or Legal Allegation or report of a Retaliatory Act and to the investigation of any such Report, unless notified by the chief legal officer of an extended retention period.

F. Procedures for Making Complaints

In addition to any other avenue available to a Covered Person, any Covered Person may report to the Audit Committee openly, confidentially or anonymously any Accounting Allegation or Legal Allegation or report of a Retaliatory Act. Accounting Allegations, Legal Allegations and reports of a Retaliatory Act can be made orally or in writing to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Such Reports can also be made directly to management openly, confidentially or anonymously by contacting the Fund's Chief Legal Officer in writing or in person.

**APPENDIX B**

**THE INDIA FUND INC.**

**THE ASIA TIGERS FUND, INC.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**Organization**

The Nominating Committee (the Committee) of each of The India Fund, Inc. and The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. (each, a Fund) shall be composed solely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and who are independent as defined in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Board of Directors of the Fund (the Board) shall nominate the members of the Committee and shall designate the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman shall preside at each meeting of the Committee.

**Responsibilities**

The Committee shall select and nominate persons for election as Directors of the Fund.

**Identification and Evaluation of Potential Nominees**

In identifying and evaluating a person as a potential nominee to serve as a Director of the Fund, the Committee should consider among other factors it may deem relevant:

whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act and whether the person is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve as a Director or Independent Director of the Fund;

whether or not the person has any relationships that might impair his or her independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment manager of the Fund, Fund service providers or their affiliates;

whether or not the person serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing financial service organizations or their related mutual fund complexes;

whether or not the person is willing to serve, and willing and able to commit the time necessary for the performance of the duties of a Director of the Fund;

the contribution which the person can make to the Board and the Fund, with consideration being given to the person's business and professional experience, education and such other factors as the Committee may consider relevant;

the character and integrity of the person; and

whether or not the selection and nomination of the person would be consistent with the requirements of the Fund's retirement policies. While the Committee is solely responsible for the selection and nomination of the Fund's Directors, the Committee shall accept nominations for the office of Director made by Fund Stockholders as it deems appropriate. Stockholders who wish to recommend a nominee should send nominations to the Secretary of the Fund which include biographical information and set forth the qualifications of the proposed nominee.



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**Quorum**

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members of the Committee present at any meeting at which there is quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

**Nomination of Directors**

After a determination by the Committee that a person should be selected and nominated as a Director of the Fund, the Committee shall present its recommendation to the full Board for its consideration.

**Meetings**

The Committee may meet either on its own or in conjunction with meetings of the Board. Meetings of the Committee may be held in person, video conference or by conference telephone. The Committee may take action by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting.

Adopted: December 18, 2003

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**Attend Stockholder Meeting**

**1735 Market St., 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Philadelphia, PA 19103**

**on June 22, 2016**

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**PROXY**

**THE INDIA FUND, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2016**

**PROXY**

**THIS PROXY IS BEING SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The undersigned Stockholder(s) of The India Fund, Inc., revoking previous proxies, hereby appoints Alan Goodson, Megan Kennedy, and Kasey Deja, or any one of them true and lawful attorneys with power of substitution of each, to vote all shares of The India Fund, Inc. which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern time, at the offices of Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market St., 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof as indicated on the reverse side.

**In their discretion, the proxy holders named above are authorized to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.**

**Receipt of the Notice of the Annual Meeting and the accompanying Proxy Statement is hereby acknowledged. If this Proxy is executed (or returned electronically) but no instructions are given, the votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast FOR the nominees for director (Proposal 1).**

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**Note:** Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on this Proxy. Joint owners should each sign personally. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, officer of corporation or other entity or in another representative capacity, please give the full title under the signature.

Signature and Title, if applicable

Signature (if held jointly)

Date

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for**

**The India Fund, Inc.**

**Stockholders Meeting to Be Held on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern time)**

**The Proxy Statement for this meeting is available at: <http://www.aberdeenIFN.com>**

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In their discretion, the proxy holders are authorized to vote upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement dated May 6, 2016 and upon all other such matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR IN PROPOSAL 1.**

**TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. Example: n**

1. To elect one Class I Director (Ms. Kumar) and three Class III Directors (Mr. Hardy, Mr. Young, and Ms. Maasbach) to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, respectively.

|                        | <b>FOR</b> | <b>AGAINST</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 01. Nisha Kumar        | ..         | ..             | ..             |
| 02. J. Marc Hardy      | ..         | ..             | ..             |
| 03. Hugh Young         | ..         | ..             | ..             |
| 04. Nancy Yao Maasbach | ..         | ..             | ..             |

2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

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