

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER INDIA INVESTMENT  
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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-08238  
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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 22ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

RONALD E. ROBISON

1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 34TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-221-6726  
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Date of fiscal year end: 12/31  
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Date of reporting period: 6/30/04  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Fund's semi-annual report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 is as follows:

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

JUNE 30, 2004

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THE FUND'S NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND  
INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTMENTS  
COMPRISING THE FUND'S PORTFOLIO, PLEASE CALL

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.  
INVESTMENT ADVISER

MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

LETTER TO STOCKHOLDERS

OVERVIEW

PERFORMANCE

For the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") had a total return, based on net asset value per share of -15.73%, compared to -17.49% for the U.S. dollar adjusted Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) National Index (the "Index"). On June 30, 2004, the closing price of the Fund's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$20.15, representing a 4.3% premium to the Fund's net asset value per share.

FACTORS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- Year-to-date, the popular BSE state-owned Index was down 22% in local terms as compared to the Index which was down 16.7% in local terms.
- Stocks of state-owned companies fell sharply after the announcement of the results of the general elections. As a result, some of the state-owned banks and energy stocks that the Fund owned felt this impact.
- The Fund's overweight in industrials contributed positively towards relative performance, while the underweight in technology detracted from relative performance.

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- A powerful combination of abundant global liquidity, a cyclical economic upturn and ebullient foreign investor sentiment towards India made for spectacular gains in 2003. In our opinion, 2004 will be different. Excess liquidity can only take markets that far and the leading suppliers of global liquidity, from the U.S. to China, are in the process of tightening monetary policy. Coincidentally, global growth momentum may be waning. This is exactly the opposite of the 'sweet spot' witnessed last year.
- While global factors continue to drive emerging markets, we believe the Indian market faces the additional problem of the verdict from the general elections. The results have been interpreted as a vote against traditional economic reforms. While the Union Budget presented by the new government did allay fears of foreign investors that India was going down the socialistic path, there were few policy measures to suggest economic reforms were accelerating.
- In such an environment, our strategy will be more oriented towards stock selection. India is a very diverse market and it has historically been possible to generate positive returns even if the overall market is range bound. In this regard, we continue to favor long-term growth stories, as reflected in the Fund's top holdings. The only sector theme we remain convinced about is the power equipment industry, as we believe that the importance of this industry will continue to grow on the back of governmental initiatives.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald E. Robison  
 Ronald E. Robison  
 President and Director

July 2004

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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

June 30, 2004 (unaudited)

	SHARES	VALUE (000)
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COMMON STOCKS (94.1%) (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)		
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AUTO COMPONENTS (0.0%)		
Apollo Tyres Ltd.	2,075	\$ 8
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AUTOMOBILES PARTS & EQUIPMENT (2.6)%		
Amtek Auto Ltd.	356,075	3,954
Motor Industries Co., Ltd.	13,844	4,041
Patheja Forgings & Auto Ltd.	(a) (b) 450,000	@--
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		7,995
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AUTOMOBILES (6.7%)		
Hero Honda Motors Ltd.	1,881,332	20,767
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BIOTECHNOLOGY (0.1%)		
Shantha Biotechnics PCL	(a) (b) 500,000	435
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CHEMICALS (3.0%)		
Asian Paints (India) Ltd.	726,876	4,949
ICI (India) Ltd.	25,000	96
Indian Petrochemicals Co.	1,365,000	4,357
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		9,402
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COMMERCIAL BANKS (11.0%)		
HDFC Bank Ltd.	788,750	6,343
HDFC Bank Ltd. ADR	135,300	3,634
Industrial Development Bank of India Ltd.	6,405,000	5,830
Punjab National Bank Ltd.	655,000	4,017
State Bank of India Ltd.	(b) 1,420,016	14,011
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		33,835
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COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES (0.2%)		
Xerox Modicorp Ltd.	(a) (b) 718,225	547

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (2.9%)		
Associated Cement Co., Ltd.	1,686,000	8,875
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DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES (2.1%)		
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	2,290,000	6,572
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ELECTRIC UTILITIES (1.1%)		
Neyveli Lignite Corp., Ltd.	3,691,205	3,384
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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (9.6%)		
ABB Ltd.	651,491	9,525
Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	1,843,848	20,127
		29,652
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FOOD PRODUCTS (1.1%)		
Nestle (India) Ltd.	286,254	3,449
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CONSUMER STAPLES (2.2%)		
Hindustan Lever Ltd.	(a) 2,496,445	6,912
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INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES (6.0%)		
Grasim Industries Ltd.	382,500	\$ 8,416
Grasim Industries Ltd. GDR	58,000	1,247
Siemens India Ltd.	457,604	8,769
		18,432
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INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES (0.0%)		
IndiaInfo.com PCL	(a) (c) 532,875	@--
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (7.5)%		
Infosys Technologies Ltd.	108,975	13,091
Wipro Ltd.	689,591	7,980
Wipro Ltd. ADR	47,810	2,233
		23,304
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MACHINERY (1.7%)		
Cummins (India) Ltd.	1,752,174	3,750
Lakshmi Synthetic Machinery Manufacturers Ltd.	(a) (b) 137,700	10
Punjab Tractors Ltd.	341,000	1,507
		5,267
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TEXTILES (1.1%)		
Alok Industries Ltd.	3,065,700	3,344
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MEDIA (0.5%)		
New Delhi Television Ltd.	(a) (b) 833,250	1,399
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METALS & MINING (6.7%)		
Hindalco Industries Ltd.	318,938	6,923
Steel Authority of India Ltd.	(a) 12,193,286	7,254
Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	979,400	6,408
		20,585
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OIL & GAS (10.0%)		

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Bharat Petroleum Corp., Ltd.	574,600	4,440
Hindustan Petroleum Corp., Ltd.	566,000	4,141
Indian Oil Corp., Ltd.	680,500	5,454
Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	469,000	4,508
Oil & Natural Gas Corp., Ltd.	910,254	12,459
		31,002
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PAPER & FOREST PRODUCTS (0.9%)		
Ballarpur Industries Ltd.	1,812,000	2,428
Ballarpur Industries Ltd. GDR (Registered)	43,000	286
		2,714
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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (CONT'D)

June 30, 2004 (unaudited)

	SHARES	VALUE (000)
PHARMACEUTICALS (9.0%)		
Cipla Ltd.	2,326,310	\$ 10,747
Dabur (India) Ltd.	1,268,674	1,723
Dabur Pharma Ltd.	(a) (b) 634,337	316
GlaxoSmithkline Pharmaceuticals Ltd	381,954	4,937
Matrix Laboratories Ltd.	191,000	5,670
Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.	550,104	4,382
		27,775
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ROAD & RAIL (2.4%)		
Container Corp. of India Ltd.	596,251	7,326
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SOFTWARE (2.0%)		
I-Flex Solutions Ltd.	267,000	3,369
Mphasis BFL Ltd.	(a) 516,000	2,918
		6,287
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THRIFTS & MORTGAGE FINANCE (2.7)%		
Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.	746,507	8,397
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TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE (1.0%)		
Dredging Corp. of India Ltd.	326,723	3,056
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TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		
(Cost \$243,694)		290,721
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	FACE AMOUNT (000)	
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CORPORATE BOND (0.1%)		
CONSUMER STAPLES (0.1%)		
Hindustan Lever Ltd.,		
9.00%, 1/1/05		
(Cost \$@--)	INR	2,296
		305
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SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT (2.3%)		
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REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (2.3%)		
J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc., 1.25%,		
dated 6/30/04, due 7/1/04,		
repurchase price \$7,265		
(Cost \$7,265)	\$	(d) 7,265
		7,265
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS (96.5%)		
(Cost \$250,959)		298,291
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	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	(000)	(000)
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OTHER ASSETS (6.5%)		
Foreign Currency		
(Cost \$17,175)	\$	16,948
Receivable for Investments Sold		1,853
Dividends Receivable		775
Tax Reclaim Receivable		469
Interest Receivable		4
Other		14
		\$ 20,063
=====		
LIABILITIES (-3.0%)		
Payable For:		
Investments Purchased		(8,311)
Distribution Declared		(322)
Investment Advisory Fees		(280)
Directors' Fees and Expenses		(89)
Custodian Fees		(58)
Bank Overdraft		(38)
Administrative Fees		(14)
Other Liabilities		(154)
		(9,266)
=====		
NET ASSETS (100%)		
Applicable to 15,997,623, issued and		
outstanding \$ 0.01 par value shares		
(100,000,000 shares authorized)		\$309,088
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE		\$ 19.32
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AT JUNE 30, 2004, NET ASSETS CONSISTED OF:		
Common Stock		\$ 160
Paid-in Capital		275,923
Undistributed (Distributions in Excess of) Net		
Investment Income		(1,098)

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Accumulated Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(12,591)
Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments and Foreign Currency Translations	46,694
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$309,088
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- (a) Non-income producing.
- (b) Securities valued at fair value -- At June 30, 2004, the Fund held \$16,718,000 of fair valued securities, representing 5.4% of net assets.
- (c) Restricted security valued at fair value and not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. IndiaInfo.com PCL was acquired 3/00 at a cost of \$2,347,000. At June 30, 2004, this security had an aggregate market value of \$0, representing 0.0% of net assets.
- (d) The repurchase agreement is fully collateralized by U.S. government and/or agency obligations based on market prices at the date of this statement of net assets. The investment in the repurchase agreement is through participation in a joint account with affiliated funds.

@ Value is less than \$500.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

GDR Global Depositary Receipt

INR Indian Rupee

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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends  
Interest

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TOTAL INCOME

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EXPENSES

Investment Advisory Fees  
Custodian Fees  
Professional Fees  
Administrative Fees  
Stockholder Reporting Expenses  
Directors' Fees and Expenses  
Country Tax Expense  
Other Expenses



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TOTAL EXPENSES	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	
NET REALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON:	
Investments	
Foreign Currency Transactions	
NET REALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) ON:	
Investments	
Foreign Currency Translations	
CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)	
NET REALIZED GAIN (LOSS) AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED) (000)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	
Operations:	
Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$ 68
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	50,431
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	(108,187)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(57,688)
Distributions from and/or in excess of:	
Net Investment Income	(322)
Capital Share Transactions:	
Reinvestment of Shares (4,320 in 2004)	114
Repurchase of Shares (57,869 shares in 2003)	--
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)	(57,896)
Net Assets:	
Beginning of Period	366,984
END OF PERIOD (INCLUDING UNDISTRIBUTED (DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF) NET INVESTMENT INCOME OF \$(1,098) AND \$(844), RESPECTIVELY)	\$ 309,088

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SELECTED PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS

Financial Highlights

	SIX MONTHS	YEAR ENDED DE	
	ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)	2003	2002
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 22.95	\$ 11.98	\$ 10.53
Net Investment Income (Loss)	0.00#+	0.16+	0.03+
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(3.61)	11.01	1.39
Total from Investment Operations	(3.61)	11.17	1.42
Distributions from and/or in excess of:			
Net Investment Income	(0.02)	(0.20)	(0.01)
Net Realized Gain	--	--	--
Total Distributions	(0.02)	(0.20)	(0.01)
Anti-Dilutive Effect of Share Repurchase Program	--	0.00#	0.04
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 19.32	\$ 22.95	\$ 11.98
PER SHARE MARKET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 20.15	\$ 26.55	\$ 9.94
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN:			
Market Value	(24.03)%**	169.33%	15.07%
Net Asset Value (1)	(15.73)%**	93.15%	13.94%
RATIOS, SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:			
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD (THOUSANDS)	\$309,088	\$366,984	192,309
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	1.46%*	1.56%	1.56%
Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss) to Average Net Assets	0.04%*	1.10%	0.28%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	32%**	36%	23%

(1) Total investment return based on net asset value per share reflects the effects of changes in net asset value on the performance of the Fund during each period, and assumes dividends and distributions, if any, were reinvested. This percentage is not an indication of the performance of a stockholder's investment in the Fund based on market value due to differences between the market price of the stock and the net asset value per share of the Fund.

+ Per share amounts are based on average shares outstanding.

# Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

\* Annualized

\*\* Not Annualized

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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2004 (unaudited)

The Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in Maryland on December 22, 1993, and is registered as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), as amended. The Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation through investments primarily in equity securities.

A. ACCOUNTING POLICIES: The following significant accounting policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Such policies are consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

1. SECURITY VALUATION: Equity securities listed on a U.S. exchange are valued at the latest quoted sales price on the valuation date. Equity securities listed or traded on NASDAQ, for which market quotations are available, are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. Securities listed on a foreign exchange are valued at their closing price. Unlisted securities and listed securities not traded on the valuation date for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the mean between the current bid and asked prices obtained from reputable brokers. Debt securities purchased with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, if it approximates value.

All other securities and investments for which market values are not readily available, including restricted securities, and those securities for which it is inappropriate to determine prices in accordance with the aforementioned procedures, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, although the actual calculations may be done by others. Factors considered in making this determination may include, but are not limited to, information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities), analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents and, if necessary, available information concerning other securities in similar circumstances.

Most foreign markets close before the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Occasionally, developments that could affect the closing prices of securities and other assets may occur between the times at which valuations of such securities are determined (that is, close of the foreign market on which the securities trade) and the close of business on the NYSE. If these developments are expected to materially affect the value of the securities, the valuations may be adjusted to reflect the estimated fair value as of the close of the NYSE, as determined in good faith under procedures established by the Board of Directors.

2. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS: The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements under which the Fund lends excess cash and takes possession of securities with an agreement that the counterparty will repurchase such securities. In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, a bank as custodian for the Fund takes possession of the underlying securities (collateral), with a market value at least equal to the amount of the repurchase transaction, including principal and accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the

collateral is marked-to-market on a daily basis to determine the adequacy of the collateral. In the event of default on the obligation to repurchase, the Fund has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the counterparty to the agreement, realization and/or retention of the collateral or proceeds may be subject to legal proceedings.

The Fund, along with other affiliated investment companies, may utilize a joint trading account for the purpose of entering into one or more repurchase agreements.

3. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Amounts denominated in Indian rupees are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean of the bid and asked prices of such currency against U.S. dollars last quoted by a major bank as follows:
- investments, other assets and liabilities at the prevailing rate of exchange on the valuation date;
  - investment transactions and investment income at the prevailing rate of exchange on the dates of such transactions.

Although the net assets of the Fund are presented at the foreign exchange rate and market values at the close of the period, the Fund does not isolate that portion of the

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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

June 30, 2004 (unaudited)

results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rate from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities held at period end. Similarly, the Fund does not isolate the effect of changes in the foreign exchange rate from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities sold during the period. Accordingly, realized and unrealized foreign currency gains (losses) due to securities transactions are included in the reported net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investment transactions and balances.

Net realized gains (losses) on foreign currency transactions represent net foreign exchange gains (losses) from sales and maturities of foreign currency exchange contracts, disposition of foreign currency, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amount of investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized currency gains (losses) from valuing foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at period end exchange rates are reflected as a component of unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency translations in the Statement of Net Assets. The change in unrealized currency gains (losses) on foreign currency translations for the period is reflected in the Statement of Operations.

A significant portion of the Fund's net assets consist of Indian securities which involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. In addition to its smaller size,

less liquidity and greater volatility, the Indian securities market is less developed than the U.S. securities market and there is often substantially less publicly available information about Indian issuers than there is about U.S. issuers. Settlement mechanisms are also less developed and are accomplished, in certain cases, only through physical delivery, which may cause the Fund to experience delays or other difficulties in effecting transactions.

The Fund may use derivatives to achieve its investment objectives. The Fund may engage in transactions in futures contracts on foreign currencies, stock indices, as well as in options, swaps and structured notes. Consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, the Fund may use derivatives for non-hedging as well as hedging purposes.

Following is a description of derivative instruments that the Fund has utilized and their associated risks:

4. FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS: The Fund may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts generally to attempt to protect securities and related receivables and payables against changes in future foreign exchange rates and, in certain situations, to gain exposure to a foreign currency. A foreign currency exchange contract is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell currency at a set price on a future date. The market value of the contract will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates. The contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as unrealized gain or loss. The Fund records realized gains or losses when the contract is closed equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. Risk may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and is generally limited to the amount of unrealized gain on the contracts, if any, at the date of default. Risks may also arise from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.
  5. OTHER: Security transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Investments in new Indian securities are made by making applications in the public offerings. The issue price, or a portion thereof, is paid at the time of application and reflected as share application money on the Statement of Net Assets. Upon allotment of the securities, this amount plus any remaining amount of issue price is recorded as cost of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are determined on the specific identified cost basis. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date (except certain dividends which may be recorded as soon as the Fund is informed of such dividends) net of applicable withholding taxes, if any. Distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.
- B. ADVISER: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. (the "Adviser") provides investment advisory services to the Fund under the terms of an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement (the "Agreement"). Under the Agreement, the Adviser is paid a fee computed weekly and payable monthly at an annual rate of 1.10% of the Fund's average weekly net assets.

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MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

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C. ADMINISTRATOR: JPMorgan Chase Bank, through its corporate affiliate J.P. Morgan Investor Services Co. (the "Administrator"), provides administrative services to the Fund under an Administration Agreement. The Administrator is paid a fee computed weekly and payable monthly at an annual rate of 0.02435% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, plus \$24,000 per annum. In addition, the Fund is charged for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrator on its behalf. An employee of the Administrator is an Officer of the Fund.

Multiconsult, Ltd., whose registered office is in Mauritius, provides sub-administrative services to the Fund, including maintaining certain Fund records and preparing certain periodic filings, under an agreement whereby Multiconsult is paid a fee of \$22,000 per annum.

D. CUSTODIAN: JPMorgan Chase Bank serves as custodian for the Fund. The Custodian holds cash, securities, and other assets of the Fund as required by the 1940 Act. Custody fees are payable monthly based on assets held in custody, investment purchases and sales activity and account maintenance fees, plus reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

E. DIRECTORS: The Fund pays each of its Mauritian Independent Directors an annual fee of \$7,500 and all other Independent Directors an annual fee of \$5,000. Additionally, each Mauritian Independent Director is paid a fee of \$750 for each Board Meeting attended.

F. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES: It is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute all its taxable income. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes is required in the financial statements. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The rate of capital gains tax in India is 10.25% for long-term investments and 30.75% for short-term investments (the capital gains rates were 10.5% for long-term investments and 31.5% for short-term investments for the financial year ended March 31, 2003). The Fund invests in India through a registered branch office established in Mauritius and, as a result, obtains the benefits under the double taxation treaty between Mauritius and India ("Treaty"). To obtain benefits under the double taxation treaty the Fund must meet certain tests and conditions, including the establishment of Mauritius tax residence and related requirements. The Fund has obtained a tax residence certification from the Mauritian authorities and believes such certification is determinative of its resident status for treaty purposes. A fund which is a tax resident in Mauritius under the treaty but has no branch or permanent establishment in India will not be subject to capital gains tax in India on the sale of securities, but is subject to a 15% withholding tax on dividends declared, distributed or paid by an Indian company prior to June 1, 1997 and for the period from April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. During the period June 1, 1997 through March 31, 2002 and after April 1, 2003, dividend income from domestic companies was exempt from Indian income tax. The Fund currently is subject to and accrues Indian withholding tax on interest earned on Indian securities at 20.5% (21% for the financial year ended March 31, 2003).

The Treaty benefits accorded to foreign investors were challenged by a non-governmental organization and the matter was litigated before India's Supreme Court (the highest court in India). In October 2003, India's Supreme Court upheld the validity of treaty benefits accorded to foreign investors on the basis of a certificate of residence issued by Mauritian authorities (such as the one obtained by the Fund).

The tax character of distributions paid may differ from the character of distributions shown on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets due to short-term capital gains being treated as ordinary income for tax purposes. The tax

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character of distributions paid during 2003 and 2002 were as follows:

2003 DISTRIBUTIONS PAID FROM: (000)		2002 DISTRIBUTIONS PAID FROM: (000)	
ORDINARY INCOME	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN	ORDINARY INCOME	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN
\$3,169	\$--	\$214	\$--

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid by the Fund are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The book/tax differences are considered either temporary or permanent in nature.

Temporary differences are attributable to differing book and tax treatments for the timing of the recognition of gains and losses on certain investment transactions and the timing of the deductibility of certain expenses.

Permanent book and tax basis differences may result in reclassifications among undistributed (distributions in excess of) net investment income (or accumulated net investment loss), accumulated net realized gain (loss) and paid-in capital.

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At December 31, 2003, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

UNDISTRIBUTED ORDINARY INCOME (000)	UNDISTRIBUTED LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN (000)
\$321	\$--

At June 30, 2004, the U.S. Federal income tax cost basis of investments was \$250,959,000 and, accordingly, net unrealized appreciation for U.S. Federal income tax purposes was \$47,332,000 of which \$75,098,000 related to appreciated securities and \$27,766,000 related to depreciated securities.

At December 31, 2003, the Fund had a capital loss carryforwards for U.S. Federal income tax purposes of approximately \$61,101,000 available to offset future capital gains, of which \$43,303,000 will expire on December 31, 2009 and \$17,798,000 will expire on December 31, 2010.

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To the extent that capital loss carryforwards are used to offset any future capital gains realized during the carryforward period as provided by U.S. Federal income tax regulations, no capital gains tax liability will be incurred by the Fund for gains realized and not distributed. To the extent that capital gains are offset, such gains will not be distributed to the stockholders.

Net capital and currency losses incurred after October 31, and within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund's next taxable year. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Fund did not defer any capital losses to January 1, 2004, for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

G. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS: The Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

H. OTHER: During the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Fund made purchases and sales totaling \$110,849,000 and \$122,037,000 respectively, of investment securities other than long-term U.S. Government securities and short-term investments. There were no purchases or sales of long-term U.S. Government securities.

Future economic and political developments in India could adversely affect the liquidity or value, or both, of securities in which the Fund is invested. In addition, the Fund's ability to hedge its currency risk is limited and accordingly, the Fund may be exposed to currency devaluation and other exchange rate fluctuations.

On August 10, 1998, the Fund commenced a share repurchase program for purposes of enhancing stockholder value and reducing the discount at which the Fund's shares trade from their net asset value. During the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Fund did not repurchase any of its shares. Since the inception of the program, the Fund has repurchased 8,450,680 of its shares at an average discount of 30.06% from net asset value per share. The Fund expects to continue to repurchase its outstanding shares at such time and in such amounts as it believes will further the accomplishment of the foregoing objectives, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

On June 21, 2004 the Officers of the Fund, pursuant to authority granted by the Board of Directors declared a distribution of \$0.0201 per share, derived from net investment income, payable on July 15, 2004, to stockholders of record on June 30, 2004.

### I. SUPPLEMENTAL PROXY INFORMATION:

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Fund was held on June 22, 2004. The following is a summary of the proposal presented and the total number of shares voted:

#### PROPOSAL:

1. To elect the following Directors:

	VOTES IN FAVOR OF	VOTES AGAINST
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Fergus Reid	11,692,883	422,801
Ronald E. Robison	11,692,751	422,933
Hazareesing Ravindranath Santosh		



## PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND PROXY VOTING RECORD

A copy of (1) the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the voting of proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities; and (2) how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, 2004 is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-548-7786 or by visiting our website at [www.morganstanley.com/im](http://www.morganstanley.com/im). This information is also available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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## MORGAN STANLEY INDIA INVESTMENT FUND, INC.

## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

Pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), each stockholder will be deemed to have elected, unless American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the "Plan Agent") is otherwise instructed by the stockholder in writing, to have all distributions automatically reinvested in Fund shares. Participants in the Plan have the option of making additional voluntary cash payments to the Plan Agent, annually, in any amount from \$100 to \$3,000, for investment in Fund shares.

Dividend and capital gain distributions will be reinvested on the reinvestment date in full and fractional shares. If the market price per share equals or exceeds net asset value per share on the reinvestment date, the Fund will issue shares to participants at net asset value. If net asset value is less than 95% of the market price on the reinvestment date, shares will be issued at 95% of the market price. If net asset value exceeds the market price on the reinvestment date, participants will receive shares valued at market price. The Fund may purchase shares of its Common Stock in the open market in connection with dividend reinvestment requirements at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Should the Fund declare a dividend or capital gain distribution payable only in cash, the Plan Agent will purchase Fund shares for participants in the open market as agent for the participants.

The Plan Agent's fees for the reinvestment of dividends and distributions will be paid by the Fund. However, each participant's account will be charged a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred on any open market purchases effected on such participant's behalf. A participant will also pay brokerage commissions incurred on purchases made by voluntary cash payments. Although stockholders in the Plan may receive no cash distributions, participation in the Plan will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

In the case of stockholders, such as banks, brokers or nominees, that hold shares for others who are the beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the stockholder as representing the total amount registered in the stockholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who are participating in the Plan.

Stockholders who do not wish to have distributions automatically reinvested should notify the Plan Agent in writing. There is no penalty for non-participation or withdrawal from the Plan, and stockholders who have previously withdrawn from the Plan may rejoin at any time. Requests for additional information or any correspondence concerning the Plan should be

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directed to the Plan Agent at:

Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund, Inc.  
 American Stock Transfer & Trust Company  
 Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan  
 59 Maiden Lane  
 New York, New York 10030  
 1-800-278-4353

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS. Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT. Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES. Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS. Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED.]

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES. Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS  
 MORGAN STANLEY CLOSED-END FUNDS SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM  
 Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund, Inc.\*  
 1/1/04-6/30/04

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that may be Purchased under the Plans
January	--	--	--	Unlimited
February	--	--	--	Unlimited
March	--	--	--	Unlimited
April	--	--	--	Unlimited
May	--	--	--	Unlimited
June	--	--	--	Unlimited

\*The Share Repurchase Program commenced on 8/10/1998

\*\*The Fund expects to continue to repurchase its outstanding shares at such time and in such amounts as it believes will further the accomplishment of the foregoing objectives, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS. Not Applicable.

ITEM 10. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have

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concluded that the Fund's disclosure controls and procedures are sufficient to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Fund in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, based upon such officers' evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 11. EXHIBITS.

(a) Code of Ethics - Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

(b) Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer attached hereto as part of EX-99.CERT.

### SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Ronald E. Robison  
Name: Ronald E. Robison  
Title: Principal Executive Officer  
Date: August 19, 2004

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

By: /s/ Ronald E. Robison  
Name: Ronald E. Robison  
Title: Principal Executive Officer  
Date: August 19, 2004

By: /s/ James W. Garrett  
Name: James W. Garrett  
Title: Principal Financial Officer  
Date: August 19, 2004