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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-06445

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

P.O. BOX 161465, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33116

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 305-271-1900

Date of fiscal year end: 06/30/08

Date of reporting period: 07/01/06 - 6/30/08

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ITEM 1. SHAREHOLDER REPORT

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THE HERZFELD
CARIBBEAN BASIN
FUND, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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JUNE 30, 2008

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The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund Inc.'s investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its objective, the Fund invests in issuers that are likely, in the Advisor's view, to benefit from economic, political, structural and technological developments in the countries in the Caribbean Basin, which include, among others, Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Barbados, Aruba, Haiti, the Netherlands Antilles, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, the United States and Venezuela ("Caribbean Basin Countries"). The Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity and equity-linked securities of issuers, including U.S.-based companies which engage in substantial trade with, and derive substantial revenue from, operations in the Caribbean Basin Countries.

Listed NASDAQ Capital Market
Symbol: CUBA

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Letter to Stockholders

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[PHOTO]
Thomas J. Herzfeld
Chairman and President

August 5, 2008

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

We are pleased to present our annual report for the period ended June 30, 2008. On that date the Fund's net asset value was \$7.31 per share, which represents a loss of 13.12% for the one year period then ended (adjusted for distributions). The Fund's share price closed the fiscal year at \$7.69 per share, down from \$13.59 per share on June 30, 2007, and representing a 34.29% loss for the year (adjusted for distributions). A year-end distribution of \$1.28 per share was paid in January 9, 2008, to shareholders of record December 12, 2007.

The first half of the calendar year was particularly challenging for both the U.S. and most foreign markets. As of the date of this writing, however, both the Fund's share price and net asset value have begun to recover, with particularly strong gains on days when oil prices are lower.

There have been no greater headwinds in the region than the rapid appreciation in crude oil prices. High oil prices affect nearly every industry in the Caribbean, including shipping, tourism and infrastructure. Many of our largest holdings, such as Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (RCL), Carnival Corp. (CCL) and Copa Holdings, S.A. (CPA) have been especially hurt as their costs have increased as a result of rising oil prices. At current levels, we feel that much of the high price of oil is already reflected in the valuation of these companies, and any pullback in oil prices should benefit our portfolio.

In spite of the difficult market, the Fund traded at a premium to net asset value most of the fiscal year, reflecting continued interest by investors.

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Letter to Stockholders (Continued)

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We continue to position the Fund's portfolio in companies we believe will benefit from resumption of U.S. trade with Cuba and continue to monitor the political situation in Cuba very closely. In February, Raul Castro was elected President by the National Assembly, officially taking power from his brother Fidel. Under Raul, the island nation has begun to show some changes. For instance, Cubans are now allowed to stay in hotels, buy electronic products, own cell phones, buy motorcycles and operate independent taxis. Additionally, the government is considering changing the wage laws and reviewing the currency. These developments could pave the way for further human rights advances. Violations of human rights have been one of the primary arguments in favor of keeping the U.S. Embargo against Cuba, and such positive developments, although small steps, could lead to a reevaluation of U.S. policy.

Largest Allocations

The following tables present our largest investment and geographic allocations as of June 30, 2008:

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| Geographic Allocation | % of Net Assets | Largest Portfolio Positions | % of Net Assets |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| USA | 40.23% | Seaboard Corporation | 6.87% |
| Mexico | 26.26% | Consolidated Water Co. | 4.98% |
| Cayman Islands | 7.02% | Watsco Incorporated | 4.78% |
| Panama | 6.08% | Carnival Corp. | 4.56% |
| Bahamas | 5.76% | Norfolk Southern Corporation | 4.16% |
| Colombia | 3.99% | Coca Cola Femsa, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 4.05% |
| Latin American Regional | 3.34% | Bancolombia, S.A. | 3.99% |
| Netherlands Antilles | 2.52% | America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 3.89% |
| Puerto Rico | 2.35% | Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. | 3.73% |
| Belize | 0.71% | Teekay Corporation | 3.50% |
| Venezuela | 0.04% | | |
| Cuba | 0.00% | | |
| Cash and other | 1.70% | | |

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Letter to Stockholders (Continued)

Daily net asset values, annual and semi-annual reports as well as press releases and other SEC filings on the Fund are available on the Internet at www.herzfeld.com.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work and guidance and also to thank my fellow stockholders for their continued support and suggestions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas J. Herzfeld

Thomas J. Herzfeld
Chairman of the Board and President

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Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2008

| Shares or Principal Amount | Description | Market Value |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Common stocks - 98.95% of net assets | | |
| Banking and finance - 9.20% | | |
| 34,500 | Bancolombia, S.A. | \$ 1,082,955 |
| 44,420 | Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S.A. | 719,160 |
| 6,500 | Doral Financial Corp.* | 88,010 |
| 16,400 | Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A. de C.V. Series O | 77,195 |
| 9,900 | Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A. de C.V. Series O | 36,511 |
| 50,000 | Popular Inc. | 329,500 |
| 192,200 | W Holding Co. Inc. | 163,370 |

Communications - 18.80%

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|---|--|-----------|
| 20,000 | America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 1,055,000 |
| 35,600 | America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 93,286 |
| 50,891 | America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. Series L | 134,590 |
| 36,819 | Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. | 1,012,891 |
| 11,900 | Carso Global Telecom, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A1* | 65,276 |
| 176,000 | Fuego Entertainment Inc.* | 22,880 |
| 17,000 | Garmin Ltd. | 728,280 |
| 871 | Grupo Iusacell, S.A. de C.V. Series V* | 8,453 |
| 21,120 | Grupo Radio Centro, S.A.B. ADR | 248,160 |
| 32,400 | Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. ADR | 765,288 |
| 13,400 | Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. Series CPO | 63,503 |
| 80,304 | Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc.* | 91,547 |
| 15,000 | Telefonos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR Series L | 355,200 |
| 23,800 | Telefonos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 27,626 |
| 78,600 | Telefonos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series L | 93,370 |
| 15,000 | Telmex International, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 241,500 |
| 23,800 | Telmex International Series A | 19,865 |
| 78,600 | Telmex International Series L | 63,772 |
| 13,900 | TV Azteca, S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO | 8,890 |
| Conglomerates and holding companies - 1.75% | | |
| 250,000 | Admiralty Holding Company* | 200 |
| 5,400 | Alfa, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 38,651 |
| 42,595 | BB Holdings Ltd.* | 192,853 |
| 30,300 | Cockleshell Ltd. Ord.* | 32,864 |
| 3,200 | Corporacion Interamericana de Entretenimiento, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B* | 6,519 |

*Non-income producing

See accompanying notes

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Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2008 (continued)

| Shares or Principal Amount | Description | Market Value |
|---|---|--------------|
| ----- | | |
| Conglomerates and holding companies (continued) | | |
| 11,000 | Grupo Carso, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A1 | \$ 51,350 |
| 1,580 | Grupo Kuo S.A.B. de C.V.* | 1,150 |
| 20 | Grupo Pochteca, S.A.B. de C.V. * | 9 |
| 3,250 | Shellshock Ltd. Ord.* | 4,237 |
| 2,900 | Vitro, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 4,931 |
| 27,918 | Vitro, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 142,382 |
| Construction and related - 5.26% | | |
| 21,863 | Cemex S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 540,016 |
| 49,599 | Cemex S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO | 122,893 |
| 20 | Ceramica Carabobo Class A ADR* | 4,657 |
| 17,200 | Consorcio ARA, S.A.B. de C.V. | 15,892 |
| 1,580 | Dine S.A.B. de C.V. Series B* | 1,434 |
| 3,583 | Empresas ICA, S.A.B. de C.V.* | 22,457 |
| 800 | Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua, S.A.B. de C.V. | 4,346 |
| 67,132 | Mastec, Inc.* | 715,627 |
| Consumer products and related manufacturing - 6.38% | | |
| 13,273 | Grupo Casa Saba, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 434,691 |

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|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 31,000 | Watsco Incorporated | 1,295,800 |
| Food, beverages and tobacco - 6.41% | | |
| 1,219 | Alsea, S.A.B. de C.V. | 1,537 |
| 3,000 | Chiquita Brands International Inc.* | 45,510 |
| 19,500 | Coca Cola Femsa, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR | 1,099,605 |
| 200 | Coca Cola Femsa, S.A.B. de C.V. Series L | 1,133 |
| 18,900 | Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. Series UBD | 86,101 |
| 17,500 | Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.* | 412,475 |
| 800 | Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B* | 2,191 |
| 7,600 | Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 50,082 |
| 7,700 | Grupo Modelo, S.A.B. de C.V. Series C | 39,226 |
| Housing - 1.43% | | |
| 1,700 | Corporacion Geo S.A.B. de C.V. Series B* | 5,694 |
| 100 | Desarrolladora Homex, S.A.B. de C.V.* | 975 |
| 30,500 | Lennar Corporation | 376,370 |
| 400 | Sare Holding, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B* | 524 |
| 1,500 | Urbi Desarrollos Urbanos, S.A.B. de C.V.* | 5,190 |

*Non-income producing

See accompanying notes

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Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2008 (continued)

| Shares or Principal Amount | Description | Market Value |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Investment companies - 6.51% | | |
| 18,110 | Latin America Equity Fund | \$ 904,051 |
| 21,140 | The Mexico Fund, Inc. | 741,803 |
| 139 | Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund | 2,403 |
| 9,000 | Western Asset Worldwide Income Fund | 116,820 |
| Leisure - 8.78% | | |
| 37,500 | Carnival Corp. | 1,236,000 |
| 33,500 | Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. | 752,745 |
| 13,900 | Steiner Leisure Ltd.* | 394,065 |
| Medical - 2.61% | | |
| 8,386 | Micromet Inc.* | 22,139 |
| 23,660 | Orthofix International N.V.* | 684,957 |
| Mining - 0.03% | | |
| 3,600 | Grupo Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B | 8,176 |
| Pulp and paper - 0.09% | | |
| 6,100 | Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A | 24,865 |
| Railroad - 4.16% | | |
| 18,000 | Norfolk Southern Corporation | 1,128,060 |
| Retail - 0.87% | | |
| 3,700 | Controladora Comercial Mexicana, S.A.B. de C.V. | |

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|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | Series UBC | 11,114 |
| 1,270 | Grupo Elektra, S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO | 46,776 |
| 45,111 | Wal-Mart de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series V | 178,977 |
| Service - 0.01% | | |
| 700 | Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B | 3,631 |
| 100 | Promotora Ambiental, S.A.B. de C.V.* | 243 |
| Trucking and marine freight - 14.08% | | |
| 61,404 | Grupo TMM, S.A.B. ADR* | 114,825 |
| 1,201 | Seaboard Corporation | 1,862,751 |
| 21,000 | Teekay Corporation | 948,780 |
| 8,361 | Teekay LNG Partners LP | 220,145 |

*Non-income producing

See accompanying notes

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Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2008 (continued)

| Shares or Principal Amount | Description | Market Value |
|---|---|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| Trucking and marine freight (continued) | | |
| 66,797 | Trailer Bridge, Inc.* | \$ 384,751 |
| 23,000 | Ultrapetrol Bahamas Ltd.* | 290,030 |
| Utilities - 8.84% | | |
| 12,000 | Caribbean Utilities Ltd. Class A | 141,120 |
| 68,241 | Consolidated Water, Inc. | 1,351,172 |
| 700 | Cuban Electric Company* | 14,000 |
| 41,500 | Teco Energy Inc. | 891,835 |
| Other - 3.74% | | |
| 33,000 | Copa Holdings S.A. | 929,280 |
| 13,000 | Impellam Grp.* | 20,827 |
| 55,921 | Margo Caribe, Inc.* | 56,480 |
| 100 | Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V. | 809 |
| 843 | Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa, S.A. ADR | 6,674 |
| 75 | Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa, S.A. Series B | 594 |
| 45,000 | Xcelera, Inc. (Note 2)* | -- |
| Total common stocks (cost \$27,410,900) | | \$ 26,846,548 |
| Bonds - 0% of net assets | | |
| \$165,000 | Republic of Cuba - 4.5%, 1977 - in default (cost \$63,038) (Note 2)* | -- |
| Other assets less liabilities - 1.05% of net assets | | \$ 284,006 |
| Net assets - 100% | | \$ 27,130,554 |
| ===== | | |

The investments are concentrated in the following geographic regions (as percentages of net assets):

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| United States of America | 40.23% |
| Mexico | 26.26% |
| Cayman Islands | 7.02% |
| Panama | 6.08% |
| Bahamas | 5.76% |
| Other, individually under 5%** | 14.65% |
| | ----- |
| | 100.00% |

*Non-income producing

**Amount includes other assets less liabilities of 1.05%

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2008
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ASSETS

| | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| Investments in securities, at market value (cost \$27,473,938) (Notes 1 and 2) | | \$ 26,846,548 |
| Cash | | 168,626 |
| Receivable for securities sold | | 175,374 |
| Dividends receivable | | 38,279 |
| Other assets | | 33,249 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 27,262,076 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Accrued investment advisor fee (Note 3) | 106,107 | |
| Other payables | 25,415 | |
| | ----- | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 131,522 |

| | | |
|--|--|---------------|
| NET ASSETS (Equivalent to \$7.31 per share based on 3,713,071 shares outstanding) | | \$ 27,130,554 |
| | | ===== |

Net assets consist of the following:

| | | |
|---|--|---------------|
| Common stock, \$.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 3,713,071* shares issued and outstanding | | \$ 3,713 |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 27,029,699 |
| Undistributed net investment income | | 223,781 |
| Accumulated net realized gain on investments | | 500,751 |
| Net unrealized loss on investments (Notes 4 and 5) | | (627,390) |
| | | ----- |
| NET ASSETS | | \$ 27,130,554 |
| | | ===== |

*213,222 shares issued through dividend reinvestment plan and 1,812,293 shares issued through rights offering (Note 6)

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Statement of Operations
Year Ended June 30, 2008

| | | |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| ===== | | |
| INVESTMENT INCOME AND EXPENSES | | |
| Dividends and interest | | \$ 1,091,031 |
| | | ----- |
| Investment advisor fees (Note 3) | \$ 364,928 | |
| Professional fees | 79,535 | |
| Custodian fees | 54,000 | |
| Insurance | 46,665 | |
| Printing and postage | 28,220 | |
| CCO salary | 21,080 | |
| Transfer agent fees | 17,500 | |
| Director fees | 15,200 | |
| Listing fees | 15,000 | |
| Proxy services | 9,450 | |
| Other | 21,886 | |
| | ----- | |
| Total investment expenses | | 673,464 |
| | | ----- |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME | | 417,567 |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) | | |
| ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY | | |
| Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency | 3,127,940 | |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency | (8,184,478) | |
| | ----- | |
| NET LOSS ON INVESTMENTS | | (5,056,538) |
| | | ----- |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | | (\$4,638,971) |
| | | ===== |

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS: | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ 417,567 | (\$ 263,944) |
| Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency | 3,127,940 | 1,894,365 |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation | | |

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| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency | (8,184,478) | 2,866,877 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | | |
| resulting from operations | (4,638,971) | 4,497,298 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS: | | |
| Net investment income | (200,000) | -- |
| Long-term realized gains | (4,279,807) | (1,677,636) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| NET DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS | (4,479,807) | (1,677,636) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS: | | |
| Shares issued in reinvestment of distribution | | |
| (213,222 shares and 9,920 shares in 2008 and | | |
| 2007, respectively) (Note 6) | 1,692,977 | 108,062 |
| Shares issued in rights offering net of rights | | |
| offering costs (1,812,293 shares) (Note 6) | 18,075,138 | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS | 10,649,337 | 2,927,724 |
| NET ASSETS: | | |
| Beginning | 16,481,217 | 13,553,493 |
| Ending | \$ 27,130,554 | \$ 16,481,217 |
| | ===== | ===== |

See accompanying notes.

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Financial Highlights
Years Ended June 30, 2004 through 2008

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE | | | |
| (For a share of capital stock outstanding for the year) | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of year | \$ 9.77 | \$ 8.08 | \$ 7.00 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Operations: | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) (1) | 0.22 | (0.14) | (0.00) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment | | | |
| transactions(1) | (1.40) | 2.83 | 1.00 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total from operations | (1.18) | 2.69 | 0.00 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Distributions: | | | |
| From net investment income | (0.06) | -- | -- |
| From net realized gains | (1.22) | (1.00) | (0.00) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total distributions | (1.28) | (1.00) | (0.00) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |

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|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Net asset value, end of year | \$ 7.31 | \$ 9.77 | \$ 8. |
| Per share market value, end of year | \$ 7.69 | 13.59 | \$ 7. |
| Total investment return (loss) based on market value per share | (34.29%) | 94.61% | 22. |
| RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA | | | |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000's) | \$ 27,131 | \$ 16,481 | \$ 13,5 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets | 2.74% | 3.28% | 3. |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | 1.70% | (1.83%) | (1. |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 25% | 28% | |

(1) Computed by dividing the respective year's amounts from the Statement of Operations by the average outstanding shares for each year presented. For 2008, amounts were computed using the weighted average outstanding shares due to the significant one-time increase in shares from the rights offering.

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Related Matters

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on March 10, 1992, and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund commenced investing activities in January 1994. The Fund is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market and trades under the symbol "CUBA".

The Fund's investment objective is to obtain long-term capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its objective by investing primarily in equity and equity-linked securities of public and private companies, including U.S.-based companies, (i) whose securities are traded principally on a stock exchange in a Caribbean Basin Country or (ii) that have at least 50% of the value of their assets in a Caribbean Basin Country or (iii) that derive at least 50% of their total revenue from operations in a Caribbean Basin Country (collectively, "Caribbean Basin Companies"). Under normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity and equity-linked securities of Caribbean Basin Countries. This 80% policy may be changed without stockholder approval upon sixty days written notice to stockholders. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be changed without the approval of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

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At June 30, 2008, the Fund had foreign investments in companies operating principally in Mexico and the Cayman Islands representing approximately 26% and 7% of the Fund's net assets, respectively.

The Fund's custodian and transfer agent is State Street Bank & Trust Company ("SSBT"), 200 Clarendon Street, PO Box 9130, Boston, Massachusetts 02117.

Security Valuation

Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange (or reported on the NASDAQ National Market or Capital Market) are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation (or at the NASDAQ official closing price); other securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are stated at the last quoted bid price. Restricted securities and other securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined by the Board of Directors.

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In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will have on the Fund's financial statements.

In February 2007, FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115" (SFAS No. 159). SFAS No. 159 permits entities to elect to measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected will be reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will have on the Fund's financial statements.

Income Recognition

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date. Gains and losses on securities sold are determined on the basis of identified cost. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date, or in the case of certain foreign securities, as soon as the Fund is notified, and interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Pursuant to a custodian agreement, SSBT receives a fee reduced by credits which are determined based on the average daily cash balance the Fund maintains with SSBT. Credit balances used to reduce the Fund's custodian fees for the year ended June 30, 2008 were approximately \$2,362. Discounts and premiums on debt securities purchased are amortized over the life of the respective securities. It is the Fund's practice to include the portion of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments denominated in foreign currencies as components of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments and foreign currency.

Deposits with Financial Institutions

The Fund may, during the course of its operations, maintain account balances with financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits.

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Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Fund's policy is to continue to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code that are applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all its taxable income to its stockholders. Under these provisions, the Fund is not subject to federal income tax on its taxable income and no federal tax provision is required.

The Fund has adopted a June 30 year-end for federal income tax purposes.

Distributions to Stockholders

Distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. For the year ended June 30, 2008, a distribution from long-term capital gains of \$1.223 per share and a net investment income distribution of \$0.057 per share was declared on November 26, 2007, payable on January 9, 2008 to stockholders of record December 12, 2007. The distribution was paid in stock, unless an election to receive cash was made by the stockholder. Shares were issued at a reinvestment price of \$7.94 per share, which was equal to the net asset value of the common shares on the payable date of the distribution, January 9, 2008.

NOTE 2. NON-MARKETABLE SECURITY OWNED

Investments in securities, at market value include \$165,000 principal, 4.5%, 1977 Republic of Cuba bonds purchased for \$63,038. The bonds were listed on the New York Stock Exchange and had been trading in default since 1960. A "regulatory halt" on trading was imposed by the New York Stock Exchange in July 1995 and trading in the bond was suspended as of December 28, 2006. The New York Stock Exchange has stated that following the suspension of trading, application will be made to the Securities and Exchange Commission to delist the issue. As of June 30, 2008, the position was valued at \$0 by the Board of Directors, which approximates the bonds' fair value.

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Investments in securities also include 45,000 shares of Xcelera, Inc. The security traded on the Pink Sheets until the first quarter of 2007 when trading was discontinued. As of June 30, 2008, the position was valued at \$0 by the Board of Directors, which approximates the position's fair value.

NOTE 3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

HERZFELD / CUBA (the "Advisor"), a division of Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., is the Fund's investment advisor and charges a monthly fee at the annual rate of 1.45% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Total fees for the year ended June 30, 2008 amounted to \$364,928, of which \$106,107 is payable as of June 30, 2008.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Fund paid \$34,866 of brokerage commissions to Thomas J. Herzfeld & Co., Inc., an affiliate of the Advisor, at an average cost per share of \$0.04.

A director of the Fund serves on the Board of Directors of Margo Caribe, Inc., a company in which the Fund has an investment.

A director of the Fund is the owner of the Advisor and Thomas J. Herzfeld & Co., Inc.

The Fund reimbursed the Advisor in the amount of \$21,080 for the portion of the chief compliance officer's (the "CCO") salary determined to be attributable to the services provided as CCO of the Fund.

NOTE 4. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2008, purchases and sales of investment securities were \$23,986,609 and \$5,237,623, respectively.

At June 30, 2008, the Fund's investment portfolio had gross unrealized gains of \$3,552,023 and gross unrealized losses of \$4,179,413, resulting in a net unrealized loss of \$627,390 for financial statement purposes.

NOTE 5. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

For financial statement purposes, the Fund's net investment income for the year ended June 30, 2008 differs from the net investment income for tax purposes due to the tax characterization of foreign currency income received by the Fund. Realized gains differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of wash sales.

As of June 30, 2008, for tax purposes the Fund's undistributed net investment income was \$223,781 and its undistributed realized gain on investments was \$556,468.

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The cost basis of securities owned for financial statement purposes is lower than the cost basis for income tax purposes by \$55,717 due to wash sale

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adjustments. As of June 30, 2008, gross unrealized gains were \$3,496,306 and gross unrealized losses were \$4,179,413 for income tax purposes.

Permanent differences accounted for during the year ended June 30, 2008 result from differences between book and tax accounting for foreign currency income. Such amounts have been reclassified as follows:

| | Accumulated Net Investment Income | Accumulated Net Realized Gain on Investments | Additional Paid in Capital |
|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Year ended June 30, 2008 | \$ 6,214 | \$ (6,214) | \$ -- |

In June, 2006, FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes -- an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." This interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and was adopted by the Fund on July 1, 2007. The adoption had no effect on the Fund's financial statements.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Rights Offering

On October 26, 2007, the Fund issued 1,812,293 common shares in connection with a rights offering. Stockholders of record September 26, 2007 were issued one non-transferable right for every share owned on that date. The rights entitled the stockholders to purchase one new common share for every right held. In addition, the Fund had the discretion to increase the number of shares of common stock subject to subscription by up to 100% of the shares offered, or up to an additional 1,678,556 additional shares of common stock.

The subscription price was equal to 85% of the average volume-weighted sales price per share of the Fund's common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on October 26, 2007 and the four preceding trading days. The final subscription price was \$10.04 per share. Net proceeds to the Fund were \$18,075,138 after deducting rights offering costs of \$120,284. The net asset value of the Fund's common shares was increased by approximately \$0.09 per share as a result of the share issuance.

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Year-End Distributions

On January 9, 2008, the Fund issued 213,222 common shares in connection with a year-end distribution of \$1.28 per share paid in stock. Stockholders were also given the option of receiving the payment in cash. Shares were issued at \$7.94 per share, equal to the net asset value of the Fund on the payable date of January 9, 2008. New shares were issued at net asset value per share, therefore the reinvestment of distributions had no effect on net asset value.

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On January 12, 2007, the Fund issued 9,920 common shares in connection with the 2006 year-end distribution of \$1.00 per share. The distribution was paid on January 12, 2007 to shareholders of record December 15, 2006.

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Directors and Officers of the Fund

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| Name Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Lenth of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
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| Interested Directors | | | |
| ----- | | | |
| Thomas J. Herzfeld* PO Box 161465 Miami, FL 33116 Age: 63 | President, Chairman, Director | three years; 1993 to present | Chairman and President of Thomas J. Herzfeld & Co., Inc., a broker dealer, and Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc. |
| | | | |
| Independent Directors | | | |
| ----- | | | |
| Ann S. Lieff c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. PO Box 161465 Miami, FL 33116 Age: 56 | Director | three years; 1998 to present | President of the Lieff Company, a management consulting firm that offers ongoing advisory services as a corporate director to several leading regional and national retail operations 1998-present; former CEO Spec's Music 1980-1998, a retailer of recorded music |
| Michael A. Rubin c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. PO Box 161465 Miami, FL 33116 Age: 66 | Director | three years; 2002 to present | Partner of Michael A. Rubin P.A., attorney at law; Broker, Oaks Management & Real Estate Corp., a real estate corporation |
| Kay W. Tatum, Ph.D., CPA c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. PO Box 161465 Miami, FL 33116 Age: 56 | Director | three years; 2007 to present | Chair and Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Miami School of Business Administration, 2004-present; Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Miami 1992-present; Assistant Professor of Accounting, University of Miami, 1986-1992. |
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| Officers | | | |
| ----- | | | |
| Cecilia L. Gondor PO Box 161465 Miami, FL 33116 | Secretary, Treasurer | 1993 to present | Executive Vice President of Thomas J. Herzfeld & Co., Inc., a broker dealer, and Thomas J. |

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Age: 46

Herzfeld Advisors, Inc.

*Mr. Herzfeld is considered an "interested person" of the Fund, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder because of his position with the Advisor.

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| Public | 101 Montgomery Street, 22nd Floor | Dallas |
| Accountants | San Francisco, CA 94596 | Denver |
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| | | San Francisco |
| | | Walnut Creek |

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockbrokers of
The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") as of June 30, 2008, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years then ended, and financials highlights for each of three years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. The financial highlights for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2005 were audited by an independent registered public accounting firm whose report dated July 14, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial highlights.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatements. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of the internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of June 30, 2008, by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. as of June 30, 2008, the results of the

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operations for the year then ended, the changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Rothstein, Kass & Company, LLP

San Francisco, California
August 15, 2008

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Privacy Policy

Information We Collect

We collect nonpublic information about you from applications or other account forms you complete, from your transactions with us, our affiliates or others through transactions and conversations over the telephone.

Information We Disclose

We do not disclose information about you, or our former customers, to our affiliates or to service providers or other third parties except on the limited basis permitted by law. For example, we may disclose nonpublic information about you to third parties to assist us in servicing your account with us and to send transaction confirmations, annual reports, prospectuses and tax forms to you. We may also disclose nonpublic information about you to government entities in response to subpoenas.

Our Security Procedures

To ensure the highest level of confidentiality and security, we maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your personal information. We also restrict access to your personal and account information to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to you.

Quarterly Portfolio Reports

The Fund files quarterly schedules of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Form N-Q is available by link on the Fund's website at www.herzfeld.com/cuba.htm, by calling the Fund at 800-TJH-FUND, or on the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov. In addition, the Form N-Q can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. More information about the SEC's website or the operation of the public reference room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 800-732-0330.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

A description of the policies and procedures used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at 800-TJH-FUND, or by accessing the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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Information on how the investment adviser voted proxies on the Fund's behalf for the twelve month period ended June 30 is provided in the Fund's Form N-PX which is available on the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov. In addition, the Form N-PX can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. More information about the SEC's website or the operation of the public reference room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 800-732-0330.

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THE HERZFELD CARIBBEAN BASIN FUND, INC.
The Herzfeld Building
P.O. Box 161465
Miami, FL 33116

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS

(a) The registrant, as of the end of the period covered by this report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party.

(c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics description.

(d) The registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item's instructions.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

As of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant's board of directors has determined that Dr. Kay Tatum is an "audit committee financial expert" serving on its audit committee and that she is "independent" as such terms are defined by Item 3 of Form N-CSR.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) - (d)

Set forth in the table below are audit fees and non-audit related fees billed to the registrant by its principal accountant (the "Auditor") for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements and services provided by the Auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings during and for the Registrant's fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2008.

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30, | Audit Fees | Audit-Related Fees | Tax Fees (1) | All Other Fees (2) |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
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|------|----------|----------|----------|-----|
| 2007 | \$36,500 | \$4,500 | \$5,250 | \$0 |
| 2008 | \$39,500 | \$12,500 | \$12,000 | \$0 |

(1) These fees related to services consisting of the review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns

(2) These fees related to services consisting of accounting consultations, agreed upon procedure reports, attestation reports, comfort letters and review of statutory and regulatory filings.

(e) The registrant's Audit Committee charter requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve all auditing services and non-audit services (including the fees for such services and terms thereof) to be performed for the registrant by its Auditor, and the committee has not adopted pre-approval policies and procedures, although it may determine to do so in the future. The engagement to render auditing and non-auditing services would be presented to and pre-approved by the Audit Committee. All of the audit, audit-related and tax services described above for which the Auditor billed the registrant fees for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2008 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees bills by the registrant's Auditor for services rendered to the registrant, and rendered to the registrant's investment adviser, and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant were \$0 for 2007 and \$0 for 2008.

(h) Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

(a) The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. As of June 30, 2007, the registrant's audit committee was comprised of Kay W. Tatum, Ann S. Lieff, and Michael A. Rubin.

(b) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

(a) Not applicable as schedule is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

(b) Not applicable.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

A copy of the registrant's proxy voting policies and procedures as well as its adviser's policies and procedures are attached hereto as Appendix A.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(a)(1) Thomas J. Herzfeld, Chairman and President of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. serves as the portfolio manager of the Fund and has held this position since its inception in 1993. This information is as of August 29, 2008.

(a)(2)(i) and (ii) Mr. Herzfeld is also portfolio manager for approximately 46

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other accounts comprising \$48 million under management, and 0 pooled investment vehicles comprising \$0 under management, however, none of the these accounts are managed with an investment strategy similar to the Fund's. The Fund is the only investment company managed by Mr. Herzfeld; the Fund has total assets of approximately \$27 million.

(a) (2) (iii) No accounts are charged fees based on performance. For accounts other than the Fund, fees are calculated as a percentage of the value of assets under management at the end of each quarter.

(a) (2) (iv) The Fund does not believe that any material conflicts are likely to arise through Mr. Herzfeld's management of other accounts in addition to the Fund in that there is very little overlap in the type of investments made for the Fund and other accounts, which generally trade shares of closed-end funds. The Fund is permitted, to a limited extent, to buy shares of other closed-end funds and occasionally other clients or Mr. Herzfeld may buy shares of securities also held in the portfolio of the Fund. The advisor and the Fund have adopted procedures overseen by the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") intended to monitor compliance with such policies which include conflicts which may occur regarding allocation of investment opportunities between the Fund and other account. The CCO of the Fund reports directly to the Board of Directors at least annually.

(3) Mr. Herzfeld receives no direct compensation from the Fund for his services as Portfolio Manager. Mr. Herzfeld is 100% owner of the Advisor, a Subchapter S Corporation, therefore he profits from the success of the Advisor and is taxed on its profits.

(4) (a) Range of value of shares of the Fund owned by Mr. Herzfeld as of June 30, 2008: \$100,001-\$500,000.

(4) (b) Range of value of shares of the Fund owned by Mr. Herzfeld as of the date of this filing: \$100,001-\$500,000.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END FUND MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid Per Share | (c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans Programs |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Month #1 (beginning January 1, 2006 and ending January 31, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Month #2 (beginning February 1, 2006 and ending February 28, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Month #3 (beginning March 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |

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|--|---|-----|-----|
| Month #4 (beginning April 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Month #5 (beginning May 1, 2006 and ending May 31, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Month #6 (beginning June 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008) | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Total | 0 | n/a | n/a |

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the stockholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of directors, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101), or this Item.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last 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 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) Code of ethics is filed as Exhibit 99.CodeEth to the N-CSR filing dated 8/31/05.

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are filed herewith as Exhibits 99.302 Cert.

(a) (3) Not applicable.

(b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are filed herewith as Exhibits 99.906 Cert.

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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.

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Herzfeld

Thomas J. Herzfeld
President and Chairman

Date: August 29, 2008

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

By: /s/ Thomas J. Herzfeld

Thomas J. Herzfeld
President and Chairman

Date: August 29, 2008

By: /s/ Cecilia L. Gondor

Cecilia L. Gondor
Secretary and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: August 29, 2008

APPENDIX A
THE HERZFELD CARIBBEAN BASIN FUND, INC.
Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures

The Board of Directors of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") hereby adopts the following policy and procedures with respect to voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund:

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Directors of the Fund (the "Board") to delegate the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser") as a part of the Adviser's general management of the Fund, subject to the Board's continuing oversight.' The voting of proxies is an integral part of the investment management services that the Adviser provides pursuant to the advisory contract.

The Adviser may, but is not required to, delegate the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund to a sub-adviser ("Sub-Adviser") retained to provide investment advisory services, if applicable. If such responsibility is delegated to a Sub-Adviser, then the Sub-Adviser shall assume the fiduciary duty and reporting responsibilities of the Adviser under

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these policy guidelines.

Fiduciary Duty

The right to vote a proxy with respect to portfolio securities held by the Fund is an asset of the Fund. The Adviser, to which authority to vote on behalf of the Fund is delegated, acts as a fiduciary of the Fund and must vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders.

Procedures

The following are the procedures adopted by the Board for the administration of this policy:

A. Review of Adviser Proxy Voting Procedures. The Adviser with authority to vote proxies on behalf of the Fund shall present to the Board its policies, procedures and other guidelines for voting proxies at least annually, and must notify the Board promptly of material changes to any of these documents.

B. Voting Record Reporting. No less than annually, the Adviser shall report to the Board a record of each proxy voted with respect to portfolio securities of the Fund during the year. With respect to those proxies that the Adviser has identified as involving a conflict of interest(2), the Adviser shall submit a separate report indicating the nature of the conflict of interest and how that conflict was resolved with respect to the voting of the proxy.

Revocation

The delegation by the Board of the authority to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities of the Fund is entirely voluntary and may be revoked by the Board, in whole or in part, at any time.

Annual Filing

The Fund shall file an annual report of each proxy voted with respect to its portfolio securities during the twelve-month period ended June 30 on Form N-PX not later than August 31 of each year.

Disclosures

The Fund shall include in its annual report to stockholders:

A description of this policy and of the policies and procedures used by the Adviser to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities (3); and

A statement disclosing that information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's toll-free telephone number and on the SEC website(4).

The Fund shall also include in its annual and semi-annual reports to stockholders:

A statement disclosing that a description of the policies and procedures used by or on behalf of the Fund to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities of the Funds is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's toll-free telephone number and on the SEC website.(5)

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A statement disclosing that information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's toll-free telephone number and on the SEC website.(6)

Review of Policy.

At least annually, the Board shall review this Policy to determine its sufficiency and shall make and approve any changes that it deems necessary from time to time

- (1) This policy is adopted for the purpose of the disclosure requirements adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Release Nos. 33-8188, 34-47304, IC-25922.
- (2) As it is used in this document, the term "conflict of interest" refers to a situation in which the Adviser or Sub-Adviser or affiliated persons of the Adviser or Sub-Adviser have a financial interest in a matter presented by a proxy other than the obligation it incurs as investment adviser to the Fund which compromises the Adviser's or Sub-Adviser's independence of judgment and action with respect to the voting of the proxy.
- (3) This disclosure shall be included in the annual report next filed by the Fund, on Form N-CSR on or after July 1, 2003.
- (4) Id.
- (5) This disclosure shall be included in the report next filed by the Fund on or after July 1, 2003.
- (6) Id..

THOMAS J. HERZFELD ADVISORS, INC.

PROXY VOTING

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. POLICY

Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc. (the "Adviser") acts as discretionary investment adviser for various clients, including The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and clients governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Selected clients, including The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. have elected to have the Adviser vote proxies or act on the other shareholder actions on their behalf, while other clients vote proxies themselves.

When voting proxies or acting on corporate actions for clients, the Adviser's utmost concern is that all decisions be made in the best interest of its clients (for ERISA accounts, plan beneficiaries and participants, in accordance with the letter and spirit of ERISA). The Adviser will act in a manner deemed prudent and diligent and which is intended to enhance the economic value of the assets of its clients' accounts.

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II. PURPOSE

The purpose of these Policies and Procedures is to memorialize the procedures and policies adopted by the Adviser to enable it to comply with its responsibilities and the requirements of Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). These Policies and Procedures also reflect the fiduciary standards and responsibilities set forth by the Department of Labor for ERISA accounts.

III. PROCEDURES

Cecilia Gondor, Executive Vice President of the Adviser, is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all proxies received by the Adviser are voted in a timely manner and voted consistently across all portfolios. Although many proxy proposals can be voted in accordance with the Adviser's established guidelines (see Section V. below) (the "Guidelines"), the Adviser recognizes that some proposals require special consideration, which may dictate that the Adviser makes an exception to the Guidelines.

Cecilia Gondor is also responsible for ensuring that all corporate actions received by the Adviser are addressed in a timely manner and consistent action is taken across all portfolios.

A. Conflicts of Interest. Where a proxy proposal raises a material conflict of interest between the Adviser's interests and that of one or more its clients, the Adviser shall resolve such conflict in the manner described below.

1. Vote in Accordance with the Guidelines. To the extent that the Adviser has little or no discretion to deviate from the Guidelines with respect to the proposal in question, the Adviser shall vote in accordance with such pre-determined voting policy.

2. Obtain Consent of Clients. To the extent that the Adviser has discretion to deviate from the Guidelines with respect to the proposal in question, the Adviser shall disclose the conflict to the relevant clients and obtain their consent to the proposed vote prior to voting the securities. The disclosure to the clients will include sufficient detail regarding the matter to be voted on and the nature of our conflict that the clients would be able to make an informed decision regarding the vote. When a client does not respond to such a conflict disclosure request or denies the request, the Adviser will abstain from voting the securities held by that client's account.

B. Limitations. In certain circumstances, in accordance with a client's investment advisory contract (or other written directive) or where the Adviser has determined that it is in the client's best interest, the Adviser will not vote proxies received. The following are some circumstances where the Adviser will limit its role in voting proxies received on client securities:

1. Client Maintains Proxy Voting Authority: Where a client has not specifically delegated the authority to vote proxies to the Adviser or that it has delegated the right to vote proxies to a third party, the Adviser will not vote the securities and will direct the relevant custodian to send the proxy material directly to the client. If any proxy material is received by the Adviser, it will promptly be forwarded to the client.

2. Terminated Account: Once a client account has been terminated with the Adviser in accordance with its investment advisory agreement, the Adviser will not vote any proxies received after the termination. However, the client may

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specify in writing that proxies should be directed to the client for action.

3. Limited Value: If the Adviser concludes that the client's economic interest or the value of the portfolio holding is indeterminable or insignificant, the Adviser will abstain from voting a client's proxies. The Adviser does not vote proxies received for securities which are no longer held by the client's account. In addition, the Adviser generally does not vote securities where the economic value of the securities in the client's account is less than \$500.

4. Securities Lending Programs: When securities are out on loan, they are transferred into the borrower's name and are voted by the borrower, in its discretion. However, where the Adviser determines that a proxy vote (or shareholder action) is materially important to the client's account, the Adviser may recall the security.

5. Unjustifiable Costs: In certain circumstances, after doing a cost-benefit analysis, the Adviser may abstain from voting where the cost of voting a client's proxy would exceed any anticipated benefits of the proxy proposal.

IV. RECORD KEEPING

In accordance with Rule 204-2 under the Advisers Act, the Adviser will maintain for the time periods set forth in the Rule (i) these proxy voting procedures and policies, and amendments thereto; (ii) all proxy statements received regarding client securities (provided however, that the Adviser may rely on the proxy statement filed on EDGAR as its records)(1); (iii) a record of votes cast on behalf of clients; (iv) records of client requests for proxy voting information; (v) any documents prepared by the adviser that were material to making a decision how to vote or that memorialized the basis for the decision; and (vi) records relating to requests made to clients regarding conflicts of interest in voting the proxy.

The Adviser will describe in its Part II of Form ADV (or other brochure fulfilling the requirement of Rule 204-3) its proxy voting policies and procedures and advising clients how they may obtain information on how the Adviser voted their securities. Clients may obtain information on how their securities were voted or a copy of our Policies and Procedures by written request addressed to the Adviser.

V. GUIDELINES

Each proxy issue will be considered individually. The following guidelines are a partial list to be used in voting proposals contained in the proxy statements, but will not be used as rigid rules.

(1) Issues regarding the issuer's Board entrenchment and Oppose anti-takeover measures such as the following:

- b. Proposals to limit the ability of shareholders to call special meetings;
- c. Proposals to require super majority votes;
- d. Proposals requesting excessive increases in authorized common or preferred shares where management provides no explanation for the use or need for these additional shares;
- e. Proposals regarding "poison pill" provisions; and

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f. Permitting "green mail".

(1) Providing cumulative voting rights. Oppose

(2) "Social issues," unless specific client guidelines Oppose supersede, e.g., restrictions regarding South Africa.

(3) Election of directors recommended by management, Approve except if there is a proxy fight.

(4) Election of auditors recommended by management, unless Approve seeking to replace if there exists a dispute over policies.

(5) Date and place of annual meeting. Approve

(6) Limitation on charitable contributions or fees paid to Approve lawyers.

(7) Ratification of directors' actions on routine matters Approve since previous annual meeting.

(8) Confidential voting Approve Approve

(1) Because the Adviser primarily invests its clients' assets in securities of foreign issuers, the Adviser generally has not been receiving proxy statements from such issuers because the laws of the countries in which these issuers are domiciled respecting delivery of proxy statements to shareholders are different than those of the U.S.

Confidential voting is most often proposed by shareholders as a means of eliminating undue management pressure on shareholders regarding their vote on proxy issues.

The Adviser will generally approve these proposals as shareholders can later divulge their votes to management on a selective basis if a legitimate reason arises.

(9) Limiting directors' liability Approve

(10) Eliminate preemptive right Approve

Preemptive rights give current shareholders the opportunity to maintain their

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current percentage ownership through any subsequent equity offerings. These provisions are no longer common in the U.S., and can restrict management's ability to raise new capital.

The Adviser approves the elimination of preemptive rights, but will oppose the elimination of limited preemptive rights, e.g., on proposed issues representing more than an acceptable level of total dilution.

- (11) Employee Stock Purchase Plan Approve
- (12) Establish 401(k) Plan Approve
- (13) Rotate annual meeting location/date Approve
- (14) Establish a staggered Board Approve Approve
- (15) Eliminate director mandatory retirement policy Case-by-Case (16) Option and stock grants to management and directors Case-by-Case
- (17) Allowing indemnification of directors and/or officers Case-by-Case after reviewing the applicable laws and extent of protection requested.

EXHIBIT A

Chief Executive Officer - Thomas J. Herzfeld

Chief Financial Officer - Cecilia L. Gondor