

BRAZIL FUND INC
Form SC 13D
May 26, 2006
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13d-2(a)**

(AMENDMENT NO.)¹

The Brazil Fund, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

105759104

(CUSIP Number)

Andrew M. Weiss

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 18, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1/ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).

Weiss Asset Management, LLC

Weiss Capital, LLC

Andrew M. Weiss

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Weiss Asset Management, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.

Weiss Capital, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.

Andrew M. Weiss is a United States citizen.

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

SHARES

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 0 shares

BENEFICIALLY

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 0 shares

OWNED BY

Andrew M. Weiss -- 0 shares

EACH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

REPORTING

PERSON

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 3,282,526 shares (see Item 5)

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WITH

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 551,687 shares (see Item 5)

Andrew M. Weiss -- 3,834,213 shares (see Item 5)

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 0 shares

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 0 shares

Andrew M. Weiss -- 0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 3,282,526 shares (see Item 5)

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 551,687 shares (see Item 5)

Andrew M. Weiss -- 3,834,213 shares (see Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 3,282,526 shares -- 20.2% (see Item 5)

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 551,687 shares -- 3.4% (see Item 5)

Andrew M. Weiss -- 3,834,213 shares -- 23.6% (see Item 5)

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES* o

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- 3,282,526 shares -- 20.2% (see Item 5)

Weiss Capital, LLC -- 551,687 shares -- 3.4% (see Item 5)

Andrew M. Weiss -- 3,834,213 shares -- 23.6% (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

Weiss Asset Management, LLC -- OO

Weiss Capital, LLC -- OO

Andrew M. Weiss -- IN

***SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement relates to certain shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Brazil Fund, Inc. (the "Issuer"), a Maryland corporation with principal offices at 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) The names of the persons filing this statement are Weiss Asset Management, LLC, Weiss Capital, LLC and Andrew M. Weiss. This statement on Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of all such Reporting Persons.

(b) The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 29 Commonwealth Avenue, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116.

(c) The principal business of Weiss Asset Management, LLC is Investment Management. The principal business of Weiss Capital, LLC is Investment Management. Mr. Weiss's principal occupation is Investment Professional.

(d) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was subject to a

judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each of Weiss Asset Management, LLC and Weiss Capital, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company. Mr. Weiss is a United States citizen.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Shares were acquired in open market purchases by a private investment partnership ("BIP") of which Weiss Asset Management, LLC is the General Partner and a private investment corporation ("BGO") of which Weiss Capital, LLC is the Investment Manager for an aggregate of approximately \$230,789,000 cash. Mr. Weiss is the Managing Member of each of Weiss Asset Management, LLC and Weiss Capital, LLC.

The source of such funds was the working capital of such private investment partnership and private investment corporation.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Shares were acquired for investment purposes. From time to time, the Reporting Persons may consider the feasibility and advisability of various alternative courses of action with respect to their investment in the Issuer including, without limitation, (i) to hold the Shares as a passive investor or as an active investor (including as a member of a "group" with other beneficial owners of the Issuer's securities), (ii) to acquire beneficial ownership of additional securities of the Issuer in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, (iii) to take other actions which could involve one or more of the types of transactions or have one or more of the results described in Item 4 of Schedule 13D (including, without limitation, a change in the present composition of the Board of Directors of the Issuer and to fill any then existing vacancies on such Board), (iv) to enter into agreements with potential business combination partners to facilitate a transaction with the Issuer or (v) to change their intention with respect to any or all of the matters referred to above or in Item 4. The Reporting Persons' decisions and actions with respect to such possibilities will depend upon a number of factors, including, without limitation, the actions of the Issuer with respect to the potential acquisitions or business combinations, market activity in the Issuer's securities, an evaluation of the Issuer and its prospects, general market and economic conditions, conditions specifically affecting the Reporting Persons and other factors which the Reporting Persons may deem relevant to their investment decisions.

Except as set forth above, none of the Reporting Persons has any plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the actions described in Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

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(a) and (b) 3,282,526 Shares, representing approximately 20.2% of the outstanding shares of the Issuer, are held by BIP. Weiss Asset Management, LLC is the General Partner of BIP. Mr. Weiss is the Managing Member of Weiss Asset Management, LLC and in such capacity has the power to vote and dispose of such Shares.

551,687 Shares, representing approximately 3.4% of the outstanding shares of the Issuer, are held by BGO. Weiss Capital, LLC is the Investment Manager of BGO. Mr. Weiss is the Managing Member of Weiss Capital, LLC and in such capacity has the power to vote and dispose of such Shares.

All share numbers and ownership percentages reported herein are as of May 25, 2006. All ownership percentages reported herein are based on 16,241,288 shares of the Issuer's common stock issued and outstanding as of April 3, 2006, as reported by the Issuer in its Schedule 14A Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 12, 2006. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the Shares, except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any Shares for any purpose.

(c) During the past 60 days, BIP and BGO effected the transactions in the Issuer's common stock as set forth on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 1	Transactions Effected in Last 60 Days
Exhibit 2	Joint Filing Agreement

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

May 26, 2006

WEISS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Andrew M. Weiss
Name: Andrew M. Weiss
Title: Managing Member

WEISS CAPITAL, LLC

By: /s/ Andrew M. Weiss
Name: Andrew M. Weiss
Title: Managing Member

Andrew M. Weiss
/s/ Andrew M. Weiss

Exhibit 1

Transactions Effected in Last 60 Days

Transactions by BIP:

Date	Type of Transaction	Number of Shares	Purchase Price Per Share (\$)
3/27/2006	Open Market Purchase	20,790	59.55
3/28/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,000	58.05
3/28/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,900	58.73
3/29/2006	Open Market Purchase	14,070	58.89
3/30/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,000	60.16
3/31/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,340	60.34
4/3/2006	Open Market Purchase	6,510	62.00
4/4/2006	Open Market Purchase	23,940	62.87
4/5/2006	Open Market Purchase	10,094	62.95
4/5/2006	Open Market Purchase	8,330	62.70
4/6/2006	Open Market Purchase	100	63.07
4/6/2006	Open Market Purchase	10,430	63.30
4/11/2006	Open Market Purchase	5,460	61.63
4/12/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,300	62.00
4/12/2006	Open Market Purchase	100	61.12
4/19/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,020	64.56
4/20/2006	Open Market Purchase	300	64.69
4/21/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,500	66.23
4/25/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,640	64.42
4/26/2006	Open Market Purchase	9,100	65.27
4/26/2006	Open Market Purchase	100	65.16
4/27/2006	Open Market Purchase	21,000	64.92
4/28/2006	Open Market Purchase	14,770	65.63
5/1/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,500	66.39
5/2/2006	Open Market Purchase	14,700	67.70
5/3/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,888	67.83
5/4/2006	Open Market Purchase	65,160	68.51
5/5/2006	Open Market Purchase	8,500	69.42
5/8/2006	Open Market Purchase	31,752	69.91
5/9/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,300	70.30
5/10/2006	Open Market Purchase	79,900	70.44
5/11/2006	Open Market Purchase	33,900	68.32
5/11/2006	Open Market Sale	2,900	70.12

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5/12/2006	Open Market Purchase	30,800	65.51
5/15/2006	Open Market Purchase	23,688	62.73
5/16/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,248	63.41
5/17/2006	Open Market Purchase	40,500	61.08
5/18/2006	Open Market Purchase	36,000	61.23
5/18/2006	Open Market Purchase	50,328	61.32
5/19/2006	Open Market Purchase	625,000	61.31
5/19/2006	Open Market Purchase	18,700	61.33
5/22/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,020,000	58.18
5/22/2006	Open Market Purchase	5,950	57.19
5/22/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,373	57.32
5/23/2006	Open Market Purchase	425,000	60.33
5/23/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,608	59.22
5/23/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,000	58.69
5/24/2006	Open Market Purchase	54,655	58.48
5/24/2006	Open Market Purchase	425,850	58.87
5/25/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,152	58.8325

Transactions by BGO:

Date	Type of Transaction	Number of Shares	Purchase Price Per Share (\$)
3/27/2006	Open Market Purchase	8,910	59.55
3/29/2006	Open Market Purchase	6,030	58.89
3/30/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,700	59.98
3/31/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,860	60.34
4/3/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,790	62.00
4/4/2006	Open Market Purchase	10260	62.87
4/5/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,326	62.95
4/5/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,570	62.70
4/6/2006	Open Market Purchase	4,470	63.30
4/11/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,340	61.63
4/13/2006	Open Market Purchase	2100	60.94
4/18/2006	Open Market Purchase	2,400	63.11
4/20/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,800	64.62
4/21/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,500	66.23
4/25/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,560	64.42
4/26/2006	Open Market Purchase	3,900	65.27
4/27/2006	Open Market Purchase	9,000	64.92
4/28/2006	Open Market Purchase	6,330	65.63
5/1/2006	Open Market Sale	2,500	66.77
5/2/2006	Open Market Purchase	6,300	67.70
5/3/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,512	67.83
5/4/2006	Open Market Purchase	25,340	68.51
5/8/2006	Open Market Purchase	12,348	69.91
5/15/2006	Open Market Purchase	9,212	62.73
5/16/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,652	63.41
5/18/2006	Open Market Purchase	14,000	61.23
5/18/2006	Open Market Purchase	19,572	61.32
5/22/2006	Open Market Purchase	180,000	58.18
5/22/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,050	57.19
5/23/2006	Open Market Purchase	75,000	60.33
5/23/2006	Open Market Purchase	1,792	59.22
5/24/2006	Open Market Purchase	9,645	58.48
5/24/2006	Open Market Purchase	75,150	58.87
5/25/2006	Open Market Purchase	448	58.8325

Exhibit 2

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

This Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of May 26, 2006, is by and among Weiss Asset Management, LLC, Weiss Capital, LLC and Andrew M. Weiss (collectively, the "Weiss Filers").

Each of the Weiss Filers may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a statement on Schedule 13D and/or 13G with respect to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Brazil Fund, Inc. beneficially owned by them from time to time.

Pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 13(d)(1)(k) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Weiss Filers hereby agree to file a single statement on Schedule 13D and/or 13G (and any amendments thereto) on behalf of each of the Weiss Filers, and hereby further agree to file this Joint Filing Agreement as an exhibit to such statement, as required by such rule.

This Joint Filing Agreement may be terminated by any of the Weiss Filers upon one week's prior written notice or such lesser period of notice as the Weiss Filers may mutually agree.

Executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

WEISS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Andrew M. Weiss
Name: Andrew M. Weiss
Title: Managing Member

WEISS CAPITAL, LLC

By: /s/ Andrew M. Weiss
Name: Andrew M. Weiss
Title: Managing Member

Andrew M. Weiss
/s/ Andrew M. Weiss

