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The India Fund, Inc.

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The India Fund, Inc.
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10154

March 20, 2008

Dear Stockholder:

We are pleased to enclose the notice and proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The India Fund, Inc. (NYSE: IFN; the Fund) to be held on Friday, April 18, 2008, at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, Conference Room J, 30th Floor, New York, New York at 11:00 a.m., New York time.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Prakash A. Melwani
Director and President

The India Fund, Inc.
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10154

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

March 20, 2008

To the Stockholders:

An Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The India Fund, Inc. (the Fund) will be held on Friday, April 18, 2008, at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, Conference Room J, 30th Floor, New York, New York at 11:00 a.m., New York time, for the purpose of considering and voting upon proposals to:

1. Elect three Class II Directors to the Board of Directors.
2. Transact such other business as may be properly presented at the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The close of business on March 7, 2008, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. The enclosed proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Joshua B. Rovine
Secretary

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS

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

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

REGISTRATION

Corporate Accounts

Valid Signature

ABC Corp.
ABC Corp.
ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer
ABC Corp. Profit Sharing Plan

ABC Corp. (by John Doe, Treasurer)
John Doe, Treasurer
John Doe
John Doe, Trustee

Trust Accounts

ABC Trust
Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/28/78

Jane B. Doe, Trustee
Jane B. Doe

Custodial or Estate Accounts

John B. Smith, Cust. f/b/o John B. Smith, Jr. UGMA
John B. Smith

John B. Smith
John B. Smith, Jr., Executor

The India Fund, Inc.
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10154

PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with a solicitation by the Board of Directors of The India Fund, Inc. (the Fund) of proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York in Conference Room J on the 30th Floor, on Friday, April 18, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., New York time, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof (the Meeting), for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy are first being mailed to Stockholders on or about March 20, 2008.

At the Meeting, Stockholders will vote on a proposal to elect three Class II Directors to the Board of Directors.

This Proxy Statement sets forth concisely the information Stockholders of the Fund should know before voting on the proposal. Please read it carefully and retain it for future reference. **The Fund's Annual Report, containing financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, as filed on Form N-CSR, is available free of charge by contacting Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C., 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154, by calling 1-866-800-8933 toll-free or on the Internet at www.blackstone.com.** Information about the Fund is included in this proxy statement. Reports and other information filed by the Fund can be inspected in person at the Public Reference Room maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) at the address below, and copies of such materials can be obtained from the Public Reference Branch at the address below. In addition, shares of common stock of the Fund are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the ticker symbol IFN . Reports and other information concerning the Fund can be inspected by contacting the NYSE at New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. The Fund is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and in accordance therewith, file reports and other information, including proxy materials and charter documents, with the SEC.

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

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

By Phone: 1-800-SEC-0330

By Mail: Public Reference Branch

Officer of Consumer Affairs and Information Services
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549
(duplicating fee required)

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

By Internet: www.sec.gov

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

The close of business on March 7, 2008, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. Each Stockholder is entitled to one vote for each full share and an appropriate fraction of a vote for each fractional share held.

On the record date there were 42,516,771 shares of the Fund's common stock outstanding.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting, the persons named as proxies may propose, without notice other than by announcement at the Meeting, one or more adjournments or postponements of the Meeting to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date to permit further solicitation of proxies or until a quorum shall attend. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares represented at the Meeting in person or by proxy. The persons named as proxies will vote those proxies that they are entitled to vote FOR or AGAINST any such proposal at their discretion. Under the By-Laws of the Fund, a quorum is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Fund entitled to vote at the Meeting.

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

For purposes of the election of Directors, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast and will not affect the plurality vote required for Directors. The persons named as proxies will have discretionary authority to vote all shares for which they serve as proxies, including abstentions and broker non-votes, on the adjournment of the Meeting, whether or not a quorum is present, to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date to permit further solicitation of proxies.

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

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

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The principal business address of the Fund is 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154.

The date of this Proxy Statement is March 20, 2008.

PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Background

In accordance with the Fund's Charter, the Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. At the Meeting, Stockholders will be asked to elect three Class II Directors, each to hold office until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or thereafter until his successor is elected and qualified. The term of office of the Class I Directors expires at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2009, or thereafter until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The term of office of the Class III Directors expires at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2010, or thereafter until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. These staggered terms have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund by delaying the replacement of a majority of the Board of Directors and could have the effect of depriving Stockholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Fund.

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

The following table provides information concerning the nominees for election as Class II Directors:

| Name, Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) during Past 5 Years | Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years |
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Nominees to serve as Class II Directors until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Independent Directors/Nominees

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|--|---|------------|---|---|---|
| Leslie H. Gelb c/o Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. 345 Park Avenue New York, New York 10154 Birth Year: 1937 | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 1994 | President Emeritus, The Council on Foreign Relations (2003 Present); President, The Council on Foreign Relations (1993 2003); Columnist (1991 1993), Deputy Editorial Page Editor (1985 1990) and Editor, Op-Ed Page (1988 1990), <i>The New York Times</i> | 2 | Britannica.com; Director of 22 registered investment companies advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (LMPFA) and its affiliates |
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| Name, Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) during Past 5 Years | Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Nominee (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Nominee During Past Five Years |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Stephane R. F. Henry c/o Investment Professionals Ltd. 6th Floor Harbor Front Port Louis, Mauritius Birth Year: 1967 | Director and Member of the Nominating Committee | Since 2004 | Managing Director, Investment Professionals Ltd., (1998 Present) | 1 | Boyer Allan India Fund, Inc., Arisaig Partners Ltd. (fund management) |
| Luis F. Rubio c/o Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. 345 Park Avenue New York, New York 10154 Birth Year: 1955 | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 1999 | President, Centro de Investigacion para el Desarrollo, A.C. (Center of Research for Development) (2000 Present); frequent contributor of op-ed pieces to <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> and <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> | 2 | Member of Board of Trustees or Board of Managers of four registered investment companies advised by Advantage Advisors L.L.C. or its affiliates (Advantage) |

The following table provides information concerning the Class I and Class III Directors currently serving until the year 2009 and 2010 Annual Meetings of Stockholders, respectively:

| Name, Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) during Past 5 Years | Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director During Past Five Years |
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| Class I Directors serving until the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders | | | | | |
| Interested Director | | | | | |
| Peter G. Peterson ¹ The Blackstone Group 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1926 | Director | Since 2005 | Senior Chairman, The Blackstone Group L.P. (since 1985); Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2000 - 2004) | 1 | Chairman, Council on Foreign Relations; Chairman, Institute for International Economics (Washington, D.C.); President, Concord Coalition; Trustee, Committee for Economic Development; Trustee, Japan Society; Trustee, Museum of Modern Art; Director, National Bureau of Economic Research; Director, Public Agenda Foundation; Director, The Nixon Center |
| Independent Directors | | | | | |
| Lawrence K. Becker c/o Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 | Director and Member of the Audit and Nominating Committees | Since 2003 | Private Investor, Real Estate Investment Management (July 2003 - Present); Vice President, | 2 | Member of Board of Trustees or Board of Managers of four registered investment |

Birth Year: 1955

Controller/Treasurer,
National Financial
Partners (2000-2003);
Managing Director,
Controller/Treasurer,
Oppenheimer
Capital PIMCO
(1981-2000)

companies advised
by Advantage

Jeswald W. Salacuse
c/o Blackstone Asia
Advisors L.L.C.
345 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10154
Birth Year: 1938

Director and
Member of the
Audit and
Nominating
Committees

Since 1993

Henry J. Braker
Professor of
Commercial Law,
The Fletcher School
of Law & Diplomacy,
Tufts University
(1986-Present);
Consultant

2 Director of 22
registered
investment
companies advised
by LMPFA and its
affiliates

| Name, Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) during Past 5 Years | Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director During Past Five Years |
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Class III Directors serving until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Interested Director

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| Prakash A. Melwani ² The Blackstone Group L.P. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1958 | Director and President | Since 2005 | Senior Managing Director, Private Equity Group, The Blackstone Group L.P. (May 2003--Present); Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vestar Capital Partners (1988-2003) | 2 | Pinnacle Foods Group L.L.C., Vistar Corporation, RGIS Holdings L.L.C. and Kosmos Energy L.L.C. |
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Independent Director

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|--|--|------------|--|---|------|
| J. Marc Hardy c/o Multiconsult Limited Frere Felix de Valois Street Port Louis, Mauritius Birth Year: 1954 | Director and Member of the Nominating Committee | Since 2002 | Managing Director, ACMS Fund Management Ltd. (independent financial advisor)(June 2000-present) and Value Investors Ltd. (private investment company)(November 200-present) | 1 | None |
|--|--|------------|--|---|------|

¹ Mr. Peterson is an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, because he serves as Senior Chairman of The Blackstone Group L.P., the parent of Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. (Blackstone Advisors), the Fund's investment manager and administrator.

² Mr. Melwani is an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, because he serves as President of the Fund.

Director Compensation

Under the federal securities laws, the Fund is required to provide to Stockholders in connection with the Meeting information regarding compensation paid to Directors by the Fund as well as by the various other U.S. registered investment companies advised by the investment manager or an affiliate of the investment manager during the Fund's prior fiscal year. The following table provides information concerning the approximate compensation paid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 to each Director of the Fund and the aggregate compensation paid to them from all registered funds in the Fund Complex for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The Fund does not provide any pension or retirement benefits to Directors.

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

be in the same family if they share the same investment manager or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

| Name of Director | Aggregate Compensation from Fund | Total Compensation from Other Funds Advised by Adviser | Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex |
|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Lawrence K. Becker | \$ 39,500 | \$ 9,250 | \$ 48,750 |
| Leslie H. Gelb | 32,500 | 9,250 | 41,750 |
| J. Marc Hardy | 31,000 | 0 | 31,000 |
| Stephane R. F. Henry | 30,000 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Prakash A. Melwani | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter G. Peterson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Luis F. Rubio | 33,500 | 9,250 | 42,750 |
| Jeswald W. Salacuse | 48,500 | 11,750 | 60,250 |

Beneficial Share Ownership

At March 7, 2008, to the knowledge of the Fund, no person owned of record or owned beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund, except that Cede & Co., a nominee for participants in The Depository Trust Company, held of record 42,379,744 shares, equal to approximately 99.7% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

Security Ownership of Management

The following table provides information concerning the number and dollar range of equity securities owned beneficially by each Director as of March 7, 2008:

| Name of Director or Nominee | Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund | Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to Be Overseen by Director or Nominee in Family of Investment Companies |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Directors | | |
| Lawrence K. Becker | None | None |
| Leslie H. Gelb | None | None |
| J. Marc Hardy | None | None |
| Stephane R. F. Henry | None | None |
| Prakash A. Melwani | None | None |
| Peter G. Peterson | None | None |

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|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Luis F. Rubio | None | None |
| Jeswald W. Salacuse | \$1-\$10,000 | \$10,001-\$50,000 |
| All Directors and Executive Officers (as a group) | \$1-\$10,000 | \$10,001-\$50,000 |

As of March 7, 2008, the holdings of no Director or executive officer, nor the Directors and executive officers of the Fund as a group, represented more than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund's common stock. At March 7, 2008, no Director or nominee for election as Director who is not an interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act, nor any immediate family member of such persons, owned beneficially or of record any shares of Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. (Blackstone Advisors), the Fund's investment manager and administrator, Blackstone Fund Services India Private

Limited (Blackstone India), the Fund's country advisor, or any person or entity (other than the Fund) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Blackstone Advisors and Blackstone India.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the Fund is managed in the best interest of its Stockholders. The Directors oversee the Fund's business by, among other things, meeting with the Fund's management and evaluating the performance of the Fund's service providers including Blackstone Advisors, Blackstone India and the Fund's custodian and the transfer agent. As part of this process, the Directors consult with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and with their own separate independent counsel.

The Board of Directors has four regularly scheduled meetings each year and additional meetings are scheduled as needed. In addition, the Board has an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee which meet periodically during the year and whose responsibilities are described below.

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

Officers of the Fund

The executive officers of the Fund are chosen each year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fund following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to hold office until the meeting of the Board

following the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are chosen and qualified. The current executive officers of the Fund are:

| Name, Address and Age | Position(s) Held with Fund | Term of Office and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years |
|--|---|--|---|
| Prakash A. Melwani The Blackstone Group L.P. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1958 | President and Director | Since 2005 | Senior Managing Director, Private Equity Group, The Blackstone Group L.P. (May 2003 Present); Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vestar Capital Partners (1988 2003) |
| Robert L. Friedman The Blackstone Group L.P. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1943 | Chief Legal Officer and Vice President | Since 2005 | Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legal Officer, The Blackstone Group L.P. (2003 Present); Senior Managing Director, The Blackstone Group L.P. (1999 Present) |
| Joshua B. Rovine The Blackstone Group L.P. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1965 | Secretary | Since 2005 | Managing Director, Finance and Administration Group, The Blackstone Group L.P. (2003 Present); Partner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP (1994 2003) |
| Joseph M. Malangoni Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. 53 State Street Boston, Mass. 02109 Birth Year: 1976 | Treasurer and Vice President | Since 2007 | Chief Financial Officer, Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. (2007 Present); Controller and Chief Compliance Officer, Steadfast Financial LLC (2002 2007) |
| Barbara F. Pires Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. 345 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10154 Birth Year: 1952 | Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President | Since 2005 | Chief Compliance Officer and Principal, Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. (2006 Present); Consultant, BFP Consulting, L.L.C. (2005 2006); Chief Compliance Officer, The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. and The India Fund, Inc. (2005 Present); Senior Vice President, Oppenheimer Asset Management, Inc. (1996 2005) |

Punita Kumar-Sinha
Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C.
345 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10154
Birth Year: 1962

Portfolio Manager
Chief Investment
Officer

Since 1997
Since 2005

Senior Managing Director, The Blackstone Group L.P. (2006 Present); Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager, Advantage Advisers, Inc., an affiliate of Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. (1997 2005); Portfolio Manager, The Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. (1999 Present) and The India Fund, Inc. (1997 Present); Senior Portfolio Manager and Chief Investment Officer, The Asia Opportunities Fund L.L.C. (2007 Present)

Audit Committee

The Fund's Audit Committee is composed entirely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund, Blackstone Advisors or its affiliates within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and who are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Currently, Messrs. Becker, Gelb, Rubio and

Salacuse are members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee convened three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The principal functions of the Audit Committee are to appoint and retain the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, to review with the independent registered public accounting firm the scope, performance and anticipated cost of their audit and to receive and consider a report from the independent registered public accounting firm concerning their conduct of the audit, including the form of the opinion proposed to be rendered and any comments or recommendations the independent registered public accounting firm might want to make in that connection. The Board has determined that Mr. Becker will serve as the audit committee financial expert, as defined in Section 401(h) of Regulation S-K. The Fund adopted an Audit Committee Charter in February 2000, which was most recently amended and restated in November 2005. The Fund's amended and restated Audit Committee Charter was filed as Exhibit C to the Proxy Statement filed by the Fund on January 9, 2006.

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

Pursuant to the Fund's Audit Committee Pre-Approval policy, the Audit Committee pre-approved all audit and non-audit services provided by PwC to the Fund in 2007. A representative of PwC will be available at the Meeting to answer appropriate questions and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she chooses to do so.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is composed entirely of Directors who are not interested persons of the Fund, Blackstone Advisors or its affiliates within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and who are independent as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Currently Messrs. Becker, Gelb, Hardy, Henry, Rubio and Salacuse are members of the Nominating Committee. This Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The principal function of the Nominating Committee is to select and nominate persons for election as Directors of the Fund. The Fund adopted a Nominating Committee Charter on December 18, 2003, which was filed as Exhibit A to the Proxy Statement filed by the Fund on March 20, 2007.

The Nominating Committee identifies potential nominees through its network of contacts. While the Nominating Committee meets to discuss and consider such candidates' qualifications and then chooses a candidate by majority vote, the Nominating Committee does not have specific, minimum qualifications for nominees and has not established specific qualities or skills that it regards as necessary for one or

more of the Fund's Directors to possess (other than any qualities or skills that may be required by applicable law, regulation or listing standard).

In identifying and evaluating nominees, the Nominating Committee considers factors it deems relevant which include: whether or not the person is an interested person as defined in the 1940 Act and whether the person is otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations to serve on the Board of Directors of the Fund; whether or not the person has any relationship that might impair his or her independence, such as any business, financial or family relationships with Fund management, the investment manager of the Fund, Fund service providers or their affiliates; whether or not the person serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing organizations or funds; and the character and integrity of the person and the contribution which the person can make to the Board. The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for the office of Director made by Fund Stockholders. Stockholders who wish to recommend a nominee should send nominations to the Secretary of the Fund which include biographical information and set forth the qualifications of the proposed nominee. There are no differences in the manner in which the Nominating Committee evaluates nominees based on whether such nominees are recommended by a Stockholder.

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

Board Meetings

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, the Board of Directors held four regular meetings and three special meetings. Each Director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board or the committee(s) of the Board on which he served.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

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

Based solely on a review of those forms furnished to the Fund, the Fund believes that the Fund's Directors and officers, and Blackstone Advisors and their directors and officers, have complied with applicable filing requirements during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee reports that it has: (i) reviewed and discussed the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 with management; and (ii) discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (SAS 61). SAS 61 requires the independent registered public accounting firm to communicate to the Audit Committee

matters including, if applicable: (i) methods used to account for significant unusual transactions; (ii) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus; (iii) the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditor's conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates; and (iv) disagreements with management over the application of accounting principles and certain other matters.

The Audit Committee also reports that it previously received written confirmation from PwC that it is independent and written disclosures regarding such independence as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and discussed with PwC the independent registered public accounting firm's independence. In addition, the Audit Committee has reviewed the aggregate fees billed by PwC for professional services rendered to the Fund and for non-audit services provided to Blackstone Asia Advisors, L.L.C. ("Blackstone Advisors"), the Fund's investment manager, Blackstone Fund Services India Private Limited ("Blackstone India"), the Fund's country adviser, and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Blackstone Advisors or Blackstone India that provided services to the Fund. As part of this review, the Committee considered, in addition to other practices and requirements relating to selection of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whether the provision of such non-audit services was compatible with maintaining the independence of PwC.

Based on the foregoing review and discussions, the Audit Committee presents this report to the Board of Directors and recommends that: (i) the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 be included in the Fund's annual report to stockholders for such fiscal year; (ii) such annual report be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange; and (iii) PwC be reappointed as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

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

Lawrence K. Becker
Leslie H. Gelb
Luis F. Rubio
Jeswald W. Salacuse
February 19, 2008

Required Vote

Directors are elected by a plurality of all the votes cast by the holders of shares of common stock of the Fund present in person or represented by proxy at a meeting with a quorum present. A plurality of the votes cast means the candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate for the same position, but not necessarily a majority of the votes cast. For purposes of the election of Directors, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast, and do not affect the plurality vote required for Directors.

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Service Providers

Blackstone Advisors currently serves as the Fund's investment manager and as the Fund's administrator. The address of Blackstone Advisors is 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154. Blackstone Advisors is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Blackstone Group L.P.

Blackstone India currently serves as the Fund's country adviser. The address of Blackstone India is Express Towers, 5th Floor, Nariman Point, Mumbai, 400 021, India.

Blackstone Advisors subcontracts certain of its responsibilities as administrator to PFPC Inc. The address of PFPC Inc. is 103 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Fund's Audit Committee has adopted written policies relating to the pre-approval of the audit and non-audit services performed by the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. Unless a type of service to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm has received general pre-approval, it requires specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. Under the policies, on an annual basis, the Fund's Audit Committee reviews and pre-approves the services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm without having obtained specific pre-approval from the Audit Committee. In addition, the Audit Committee pre-approves any permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to Blackstone Advisors or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Blackstone Advisors if such services relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund.

Audit Fees. The aggregate fees paid to PwC in connection with the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements and for services normally provided by PwC in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings of the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$101,400 and \$107,900, respectively, including out-of-pocket expenses.

Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees paid to PwC in connection with assurance and related services related to the annual audit of the Fund and for review of the Fund's financial statements, other than the Audit Fees described above, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

Tax Fees. The aggregate fees paid for domestic and international tax-related services, including tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, rendered by PwC to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$49,080 and \$80,400, respectively.

All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed for all other non-audit services rendered by PwC to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

The aggregate non-audit fees billed by PwC for services rendered to the Fund, Blackstone Advisors, Blackstone India and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Fund, Blackstone Advisors or Blackstone India that provides ongoing services to the Fund for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007 were \$49,080 and \$0, respectively. The Audit

Committee has determined that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independence of PwC.

None of the services described above, provided in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, were approved pursuant to the *de minimis* exception provided in Rule 2-01(c)(7)(i)(C) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

Other Business

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

Stockholder Proposals

All proposals by Stockholders of the Fund that are intended to be presented at the Fund's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held in 2009, must be received by the Fund (addressed to The India Fund, Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154) for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy relating to that meeting no later than November 20, 2008. Any Stockholder who desires to bring a proposal for consideration at the Fund's year 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders without including such proposal in the Fund's proxy statement must deliver written notice thereof to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Fund (addressed to The India Fund, Inc., 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154) during the period from December 19, 2008 to January 18, 2009. However, if the Fund's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held earlier than March 19, 2009 or later than June 17, 2009, such written notice must be delivered to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Fund no earlier than 120 days before the date of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and no later than the later of 90 days before the date of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or 10 days following the public announcement of the date of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

The Fund has adopted procedures by which Fund Stockholders may send communications to the Board of Directors. Stockholders may mail written communications to the Board to the attention of the Board of Directors of The India Fund, Inc., c/o the Fund's Chief Legal Officer, 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154. Stockholder communications must (i) be in writing and be signed by the Stockholder and (ii) identify the number of shares held by the Stockholder. The Chief Legal Officer of the Fund is responsible for reviewing properly submitted Stockholder communications. The Chief Legal Officer shall either (i) provide a copy of each properly submitted Stockholder communication to the Board at its next regularly scheduled board meeting or (ii) if the Chief Legal Officer determines that the communication requires more immediate attention, forward the communication to the Directors promptly after receipt. The Chief Legal Officer may, in good faith, determine that a Stockholder communication should not be provided to the Board because it does not reasonably relate to the Fund or its operations, management, activities, policies, service providers, Board, officers, Stockholders or other matters relating to an investment in the Fund or is otherwise ministerial in nature. These procedures shall not apply to (i) any communication from an officer or Director of the Fund, (ii) any communication from an

employee or agent of the Fund, unless such communication is made solely in such employee's or agent's capacity as a Stockholder of the Fund, or (iii) any Stockholder proposal submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any communication made in connection with such a proposal.

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

Expenses of Proxy Solicitation

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

In addition, Georgeson Inc. (Georgeson), a proxy solicitation firm, has been retained to assist in the solicitation of the proxy vote. It is anticipated that Georgeson will be paid an amount estimated at \$9,500 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Therefore, expenses of the Meeting will include costs of (i) preparing, assembling and mailing material in connection with the solicitation, (ii) soliciting proxies by officers or employees, personally or by telephone or telegraph, (iii) reimbursing brokerage houses, banks and other fiduciaries and (iv) compensating the proxy solicitor.

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

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

March 20, 2008

TO VOTE BY MAIL, PLEASE DETACH PROXY CARD HERE

THE INDIA FUND, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS APRIL 18, 2008
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

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The undersigned hereby appoints Robert L. Friedman, Joshua B. Rovine and Barbara F. Pires, and each of them, attorneys and proxies for the undersigned, with full power of substitution and revocation, to represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund to be held at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, in Conference Room J on the 30th Floor on Friday, April 18, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., and at any adjournments or postponements thereof, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement dated March 20, 2008 and upon all other matters properly coming before said Meeting.

Please indicate your vote by an in the appropriate box on the reverse side. This Proxy, if properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed by the Stockholder. **IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR IN PROPOSAL 1 AND IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PERSONS NAMED AS PROXIES ON ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.** Please refer to the Proxy Statement for a discussion of the Proposals.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

SEE REVERSE SIDE

Continued and to be signed and dated, see the reverse side.

SEE REVERSE SIDE

**THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE YOUR PROXY
TELEPHONE VOTING**

This method of voting is available for residents of the U.S. and Canada. On a touch tone telephone, call **TOLL FREE 1-877-816-0834**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have this proxy card ready, then follow the prerecorded instructions. Your vote will be confirmed and cast as you have directed. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 5:00 p.m. New York Time on April 17, 2008.

INTERNET VOTING

Visit the Internet voting Web site at **http://proxy.georgeson.com**. Have this proxy card ready and follow the instructions on your screen. You will incur only your usual Internet charges. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 5:00 p.m. New York Time on April 17, 2008.

VOTING BY MAIL

Simply sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope to Georgeson Inc., Wall Street Station, P.O. Box 1100, New York, NY 10269-0646. If you are voting by telephone or the Internet, please do not mail your proxy card.

TO VOTE BY MAIL, PLEASE DETACH PROXY CARD HERE

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**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH NOMINEE
FOR DIRECTOR IN PROPOSALS 1.**

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| <p>1. To elect three Class II Directors to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</p> <p>(01) Leslie H. Gelb (02) Stephane R.F. Henry (03) Luis F. Rubio</p> | <p>FOR ALL NOMINEES</p> <p>o</p> | <p>WITHHOLD AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR ALL NOMINEES</p> <p>o</p> |
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(Instruction: to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's name in the space provided above.)

2. The persons named as proxies are authorized to vote in their discretion on any other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Please mark the box at right if you
plan to attend the Meeting.
(Please bring valid identification.)

Change of address and/or
comments appear on reverse.

Date _____, 2008

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Title)

Note: Please sign exactly as your name appears on this Proxy. If joint owners, EITHER may sign this Proxy. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or corporate officer, please give your full title.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.