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THE CHINA FUND, INC.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

CITY OF LONDON INVESTMENT GROUP PLC

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City of London Investment Management Company Limited, together with the other participants named herein (collectively, “City of London”), has filed a definitive proxy statement and accompanying **BLUE** proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission to be used to solicit votes for the election of a slate of director nominees and certain business proposals at the upcoming 2018 annual meeting of stockholders of The China Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”).

Please contact Saratoga Proxy Consulting LLC, which is assisting us, if you have any questions, require assistance in voting your **BLUE** proxy card, or need additional copies of our proxy materials. Saratoga can be reached toll-free at (888) 368-0379.

City of London issued the following investor presentation:

CITY OF LONDON Investment Management Company Limited Additional Materials for ISS 0

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Performance of CHN v. Peer Funds and Benchmark 1 Source: Bloomberg 0.00% 10.00% 20.00% 30.00% 40.00%
50.00% 60.00% 70.00% 80.00% 1-Year 3-Year CHN US MCHI US MXGD Index GCH US TDF US CAF US FCSS
LN JMC LN Annualized NAV Returns (\$) through December 31, 2017

Non - Peer Funds (Significantly Different Allocations & Benchmarks) GRR – Asia Tigers Fund • Asia Regional; not pure China • Allocation includes large allocations to Singapore, India & South Korea APF – MS Asia Pacific • Asia Regional; not pure China • Allocation includes large allocations to Australia, India & South Korea IAE – Voya Asia Pacific High Dividend • Asia Regional; not pure China • Allocation includes large allocations to Australia, India & South Korea • Yield - focused strategy TWN – Taiwan Fund • No China exposure; 100% Taiwan 2

Nominees' Experience & Credentials » Our Nominees are highly qualified and have relevant experience in overseeing closed - end fund portfolio manager transitions » As Directors of The Korea Fund, Inc. (KF), a NYSE Listed Investment Company, in 2006 Julian Reid (Chairman) and Richard Silver instigated and oversaw the transition from Deutsche Asset Management to the current manager » The KF Board has worked with the current manager to ensure the best individuals are responsible for investment decisions on KF, and has changed portfolio managers multiple times Our Nominees are confident that the selection of a new manager could be achieved in a timely manner 3

The Director Nominees Took These Specific Steps in the KF Manager Transition

1. Determined, based on unsatisfactory performance, that a change of Manager was warranted
2. Engaged a Consultant to help identify, along with the Board's own input, a long list of approximately 20 possible candidates to examine
3. Based on basic data on the list, narrowed the field to 6 viable candidates
4. Had the Consultant conduct thorough reviews of the short - list firms
5. Further narrowed the list to 5 semi - finalists and conducted in - person sessions with key personnel from each firm
6. Narrowed the list to 2 finalists, and conducted further in - person sessions
7. Selected the winner and commenced the transition process

4 • It is rare in the U.S. investment company industry to change Managers, so few Fund Directors have experience with the process. • While this did not happen in the context of a shareholder vote to terminate the existing contract, the process would be similar

Nominees Have a Plan to Find a Qualified Manager » Dependent on the views of the whole CHN Board, the Nominees would request that the Board analyze every available manager who manages an open - ended or closed - ended fund, investing in China that is both suitable and available to US - based retail investors » The analysis would provide quarter - end statistics, and would include (but not be limited to):

- o Investment Style
- o Performance & Risk Summary - 3, 6, 12, 36, 60, and 120 months
- o Gross Returns relative to category by quartile from 2008 to present
- o Annual Net Returns from 2008 to present
- o Historic Peer Group Rankings - 3, 6, 12, 36, 60, and 120 months
- 5 o Major Holdings, with Contribution & Attribution Details
- o Relative Sector Weightings, Returns, Contributions, Allocation Effect, Selection Effect, & Active Return
- o Cumulative Attribution
- o Numerous Detailed Portfolio Valuation Statistics

Nominees Have a Track Record of Representing Shareholders' Best Interests Julian Reid » Background in portfolio management » Considerable savings in legal fees at KF » Developed Board travel and expense guidelines 6 Richard Silver » Worked with regulators on the SEC Yield Rule, which provides fair and consistent advertising of yields by income - oriented funds » Worked with regulators to strengthen rules on 12b - 1 fees » As Treasurer, enacted procedures to protect shareholders As Directors, our Nominees possess expertise and have consistently worked to manage funds for the benefit of shareholders, not the Manager, as shown by the Discount Management Program at KF

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