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Form N-Q

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM N-Q  
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-06445

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The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

P.O. BOX 161465, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33116

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

THOMAS J. HERZFELD  
P.O. BOX 161465, MIAMI, FL 33116

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(Name and address of agent for service)

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

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Date of fiscal year end: 06/30/12

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Date of reporting period: 09/30/11

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (unaudited)

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Shares or Principal Amount	Description	Market Value
	Common stocks - 100.01% of net assets	
	Airlines - 7.70%	
30,500	Copa Holdings, S.A.	1,868,735
	Banking and finance - 9.20%	
21,280	Bancolombia, S.A.	1,185,296
42,000	Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S.A.	639,660
11,500	Doral Financial Corp.	12,535
60,000	Popular Inc.	90,000
3,844	W Holding Co. Inc.	769
20,000	Western Union Company	305,800

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Communications - 12.18%		
71,200	America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A	78,769
209,144	America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. Series L	231,529
45,190	America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	997,795
13,698	Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc.	450,390
377,100	Fuego Enterprises Inc.	5,732
23,666	Grupo Radio Centro, S.A.B. ADR	178,678
32,400	Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. ADR	595,836
8,030	Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc.	13,330
23,000	Telefonos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR Series L	343,850
78,600	Telefonos de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series L	59,050
Conglomerates and holdings companies - 0.25%		
250,000	Admiralty Holding Company	--
70,348	BCB Holdings Ltd.	57,534
3,250	Shellshock Ltd. Ord.	2,683
Construction and related - 5.96%		
55,790	Cemex S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO	17,790
55,438	Cemex S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	175,184
20	Ceramica Carabobo Class A ADR	--
71,132	Mastec, Inc.	1,252,635
Consumer products and related manufacturing - 6.64%		
13,273	Grupo Casa Saba, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	149,985
28,600	Watsco Incorporated	1,461,460
Food, beverages and tobacco - 11.84%		
20,000	Chiquita Brands International Inc.	166,800
53,874	Cleanpath Resources Corp.	11
22,500	Coca Cola Femsa, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	1,996,425
2,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	129,640
18,900	Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. Series UBD	122,996
19,690	Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.	456,808
Housing - 2.09%		
37,500	Lennar Corporation	507,750
Investment companies - 1.86%		
4,420	Shellproof Limited	2,961
6,000	iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	293,760
4,000	iShares S+P Latin America 40 Index Fund	155,520
Leisure - 11.59%		
41,500	Carnival Corp.	1,257,450
44,500	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	962,980
14,527	Steiner Leisure Ltd.	592,266
Mining - 0.04%		
3,863	Grupo Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B	9,162
Pulp and paper - 0.13%		
6,100	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series A	31,206
Railroad - 6.39%		
19,000	Norfolk Southern Corporation	1,159,380

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30,000 RailAmerica Inc.	390,900
Retail - 3.82%	
1,270 Grupo Elektra, S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO	96,884
10,000 Pricemart, Inc.	623,200
90,222 Wal-Mart de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. Series V	207,456
Service - 0.01%	
700 Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B	3,485
Trucking and marine freight - 13.95%	
12,280 Grupo TMM, S.A.B. ADR	22,104
1,321 Seaboard Corporation	2,380,429
2,000 Seacor Holdings, Inc.	160,420
20,000 Teekay Corporation	452,200
8,361 Teekay LNG Partners LP	260,194
93,687 Trailer Bridge, Inc.	46,844
28,000 Ultrapetrol Bahamas Ltd.	63,560
Utilities - 5.88%	
12,000 Caribbean Utilities Ltd. Class A	120,000
66,841 Consolidated Water, Inc.	526,707
700 Cuban Electric Company	53
45,500 Teco Energy Inc.	779,415
Other - 0.48%	
100,000 Cuba Business Development	--
25,000 Geltech Solutions Inc.	19,000
13,000 Impellam Group	65,108
55,921 Margo Caribe, Inc.	31,316
895 Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa, S.A. ADR	--
79 Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa, S.A. Series B	--
Total common stocks - 100.01% (cost \$25,799,133)	24,269,415
Bonds - 0.00% of net assets	
165,000 Republic of Cuba - 4.5%, 1977 - in default (cost \$63,038)	--
Other assets less liabilities - (0.01%) of net assets	(\$ 2,061)
Net assets - 100% (applicable to 3,713,071 shares; equivalent to \$6.54 per share)	\$ 24,267,354

### Security Valuation

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") records its investments in securities at fair value. Under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Fund uses various valuation approaches. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available.

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Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2: other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3: significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Fund in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Fund's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the classification of the Fund's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of September 30, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets (at fair value)				
Common Stocks	\$24,226,670	\$42,692	\$53	\$24,269,415
Debt Securities	0	0	0	0
Total Investments in securities	\$24,226,670	\$42,692	\$0	\$24,269,415

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used to determine fair value:

	Investments in Securities at Fair Value
Balance June 30, 2011	\$56

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Unrealized gain/(loss)	(3)
Net purchases	0
Net sales	(0)
Transfers into Level 3	0
Transfers out of Level 3	(0)
Balance September 30, 2011	\$53

### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers 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 this Form N-Q that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph based on their evaluation of the 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 (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 quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS

The certifications required by Rule 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached as an exhibit to this filing.

### 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

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Thomas J. Herzfeld  
Chairman and President

Date: November \_\_, 2011

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.

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By /s/ Thomas J. Herzfeld

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Thomas J. Herzfeld  
Chairman and President

Date: November \_\_, 2011

By /s/ Cecilia L. Gondor

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Cecilia L. Gondor  
Treasurer

Date: November \_\_, 2011