

Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund

Seeks to match the total return of the Standard & Poor's® 500
Composite Stock Price Index by investing in equity securities

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The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks to match the total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (S&P 500®). This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 95% of its assets in common stocks included in the index.

The fund attempts to have a correlation between its performance and that of the index of at least .95, before expenses. A correlation of 1.00 would mean that the fund and the index were perfectly correlated.

The fund generally invests in all 500 stocks in the S&P 500® in proportion to their weighting in the index. The S&P 500® is an unmanaged index of 500 common stocks chosen to reflect the industries of the U.S. economy and is often considered a proxy for the stock market in general. Each company's stock is weighted by the number of available float shares (i.e., those shares available to investors) divided by the total shares outstanding, which means larger companies with more available float shares have greater representation in the index than smaller ones. The fund may also use stock index futures as a substitute for the sale or purchase of securities.

Concepts to understand

Index funds: mutual funds that are designed to meet the performance of an underlying benchmark index.

To replicate index performance, the manager uses a passive management approach and purchases all or a representative sample of the securities comprising the benchmark index. Because the fund has expenses, performance will tend to be slightly lower than that of the target benchmark.

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MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.

- *Indexing strategy risk.* The fund uses an indexing strategy. It does not attempt to manage market volatility, use defensive strategies or reduce the effects of any long-term periods of poor stock performance. The correlation between fund and index performance may be affected by the fund's expenses, changes in securities markets, changes in the composition of the index and the timing of purchases and redemptions of fund shares.

Other potential risks

The fund may invest in stock index futures contracts whose performance is tied to the S&P 500 Index. While used primarily as a substitute for the sale or purchase of securities, such investments can increase the fund's volatility and lower its return. Derivatives, such as futures contracts, can be illiquid, and a small investment in certain derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



PAST PERFORMANCE

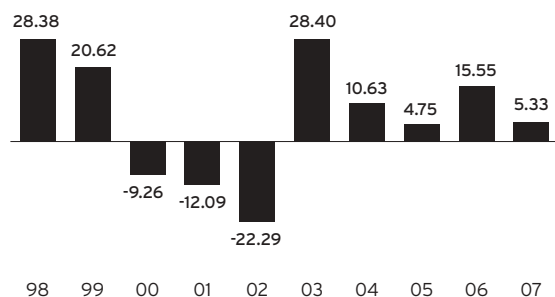
The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the fund's performance from year to year. The table compares the fund's average annual total returns to those of the S&P 500®, a broad measure of large-cap stock performance. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund <i>returns before taxes</i>	5.33%	12.61%	5.69%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	5.04%	12.30%	5.24%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	3.85%	10.99%	4.75%
S&P 500 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	5.49%	12.83%	5.91%

Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 **+21.32%**
Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 **-17.29%**



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is included in the share price. The fund has no sales charge (load) or Rule 12b-1 distribution fees.

Fee table

Annual fund operating expenses

% of average daily net assets

Management fees	0.20%
Other expenses*	0.01%

Total annual fund operating expenses	0.21%
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Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.01)%
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Net operating expenses	0.20%
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* The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
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\$20	\$64	\$113	\$255
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This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The figures shown would be the same whether you sold your shares at the end of a period or kept them. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concept to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors and extraordinary expenses.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.20% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semiannual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Dreyfus manages the fund by making investment decisions based on the fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions in seeking to match the performance of the S&P 500®.

Thomas Durante is the fund's primary portfolio manager. Mr. Durante has been the primary portfolio manager of the fund since January 2002 and has been employed by Dreyfus since August 1982. He is also a portfolio manager with Mellon Capital Corporation, an affiliate of Dreyfus, and has been employed by Mellon Bank, N.A. since January 2000. The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of portfolio shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's pre-clearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table describes the fund's performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all divi-

dends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	28.73	25.18	23.66	21.99	18.51
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.55	.47	.48	.35	.31
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	3.54	3.54	1.52	1.65	3.45
Total from investment operations	4.09	4.01	2.00	2.00	3.76
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.52)	(.46)	(.48)	(.33)	(.28)
Net asset value, end of period	32.30	28.73	25.18	23.66	21.99
Total Return (%)	14.41	16.13	8.48	9.19	20.56
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.21	.20	.20	.20	.20
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.82	1.77	1.91	1.51	1.59
Portfolio turnover rate	8.00	5.12	9.01	4.21	8.01
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	1,664,428	1,455,487	1,433,403	1,338,323	1,331,547

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

You pay no sales charges to invest in this fund. Your price for fund shares is the fund's net asset value per share (NAV), which is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When determining its NAV, the fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Please see "Account Policies — General Policies" for information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$10,000	\$1,000* \$100 for Dreyfus TéléTransfer investments
Traditional IRAs	\$5,000	\$1,000**†
Spousal IRAs	\$5,000	\$1,000**†
Roth IRAs	\$5,000	\$1,000**†
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	n/a	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* \$100 for investors who have held shares since September 14, 1995.

** No minimum for investors who have held shares since September 14, 1995.

† Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concepts to understand

Traditional IRA: an individual retirement account. Your contributions may or may not be deductible depending on your circumstances. Assets grow tax-deferred; withdrawals and distributions are taxable in the year made.

Spousal IRA: an IRA funded by a working spouse in the name of a nonworking spouse.

Roth IRA: an IRA with non-deductible contributions, and tax-free growth of assets and distributions to pay retirement expenses, provided certain conditions are met.

For more complete IRA information, consult Dreyfus or your tax professional.

Third-party investments: If you invest through a third party (rather than directly with the distributor), the policies, limitations and fees may be different than those described herein. Banks, brokers, 401(k) plans, financial advisers and financial supermarkets may charge transaction fees and may set different minimum investments or limitations on buying or selling shares. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$5,000*, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$5,000* after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.

** Below \$500 if you have been a fund shareholder since September 14, 1995.*



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends quarterly and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application or by calling 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder® For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

Dreyfus Dividend Sweep For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.

For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.

Dreyfus Financial Centers

A full array of investment services and products are offered at Dreyfus Financial Centers. This includes information on mutual funds, brokerage services, tax-advantaged products and retirement planning.

Experienced financial consultants can help you make informed choices and provide you with personalized attention in handling account transactions. The Financial Centers also offer informative seminars and events. To find out whether a Financial Center is near you, call **1-800-645-6561**.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing, by phone or online. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, purchase fund shares, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling 1-800-645-6561. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Retirement plans

Dreyfus offers a variety of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts. Here's where you call for information:

- for traditional, rollover and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts, call **1-800-645-6561**
- for SEP-IRAs, Keogh accounts, 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, call **1-800-358-0910**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299, Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105, Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044288
- the fund name
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044288
- the fund name
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Electronic check Same as wire, but insert "411" before your 14-digit account number.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561



Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div> Online (www.dreyfus.com)</div>	<p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</p>	<p>Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.</p> <p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.</p> <p>Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.</p>
<div> Automatically</div> <p>With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.</p>	<p>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.</p>	<p>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.</p> <p>Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail in the slip and the check (see "To Open an Account" at left).

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number
- the fund name
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required. (See "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail in your request (see "To Open an Account" at left).



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044288
- the fund name
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year

Electronic check Same as wire, but insert "411" before your 14-digit account number.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561



Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian

You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
 Online (www.dreyfus.com) _____	Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.	_____
 Automatically _____	All services Call to request a form to add an automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.	Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.

For More Information

Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings Reports. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

By E-mail Send your request to info@dreyfus.com

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund

Seeks to match the total return of the Lehman Brothers
U.S. Aggregate Index by investing in bonds

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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For More Information

See back cover.



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks to match the total return of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index. Total return includes changes in the fund's share price as well as interest income. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in bonds that are included in the index. To maintain liquidity, the fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in various short-term, fixed-income securities and money market instruments.

The fund attempts to have a correlation between its performance and that of the index of at least .95 before expenses. A correlation of 1.00 would mean that the fund and the index were perfectly correlated.

The fund's investments are selected by a "sampling" process. By using this sampling process, the fund typically will not invest in all of the securities in the index.

The Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based, unmanaged index that covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The index includes bonds from the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Government-related, corporate, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities sectors. Most of the bonds in the index are issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government and agency issuers. Lehman Brothers is not affiliated with this fund, and it does not sell or endorse the fund, nor does it guarantee the performance of the fund or the index.

Concepts to understand

Index funds: mutual funds that are designed to meet the performance of an underlying benchmark index. In seeking to match index performance, the manager uses a passive management approach and purchases all or a representative sample of the bonds comprising the benchmark index. Because the fund has expenses, performance will tend to be slightly lower than that of the target benchmark.

Sampling: a statistical process used to select bonds so that the fund has investment characteristics that closely approximate those of the index.

Investment grade bonds: independent rating organizations analyze and evaluate a bond issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, credit profile and ability to repay debts. Based on their assessment, these rating organizations assign letter grades that reflect the issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, creditworthiness. AAA or Aaa represents the highest credit rating. AA/Aa the second highest, and so on down to D, for defaulted debt. Bonds rated BBB or Baa and above are considered investment grade.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Indexing strategy risk.* The fund uses an indexing strategy. It does not attempt to manage market volatility, use defensive strategies or reduce the effects of any long-term periods of poor performance among bonds. The correlation between fund and index performance may be affected by the fund's expenses and use of sampling techniques, changes in securities markets, changes in the composition of the index and the timing of purchases and redemptions of fund shares.
- *Interest rate risk.* Prices of bonds tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect bond prices and, accordingly, the fund's share price. The longer the effective maturity and duration of the fund's portfolio, the more the fund's share price is likely to react to interest rates.
- *Call risk.* Some bonds give the issuer the option to call, or redeem, the bonds before their maturity date. If an issuer "calls" its bond during a time of declining interest rates, the fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield, and therefore might not benefit from any increase in value as a result of declining interest rates. During periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates, prices of the fund's "callable" issues are subject to increased price fluctuation.
- *Credit risk.* Failure of an issuer to make timely interest or principal payments, or a decline or perception of a decline in the credit quality of a bond, can cause a bond's price to fall, potentially lowering the fund's share price.
- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry.

- *Liquidity risk.* When there is no little or no active trading market for specific types of securities, it can become more difficult to buy or sell the securities at or near their perceived value. In such a market, the value of such securities and the fund's share price may fall dramatically even during periods of declining interest rates.
- *Prepayment and extension risk.* When interest rates fall, the principal on mortgage-backed and certain asset-backed securities may be prepaid. The loss of higher yielding, underlying mortgages and the reinvestment of proceeds at lower interest rates can reduce the fund's potential price gain in response to falling interest rates, reduce the fund's yield, or cause the fund's share price to fall. When interest rates rise, the effective duration of the fund's mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities may lengthen due to a drop in prepayments of the underlying mortgages or other assets. This is known as extension risk and would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising rates and its potential for price declines.

Other potential risks

General downturns in the economy could cause the value of asset-backed securities to fall, and the risk that any recovery on repossessed collateral might be inadequate is greater than for mortgage-backed securities.

While some of the fund's securities may carry guarantees of the U.S. government or its agencies, these guarantees do not apply to shares of the fund itself.

To the extent that the fund invests in securities not included in the index to maintain liquidity, it will not achieve its goal of matching the total return of the index.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



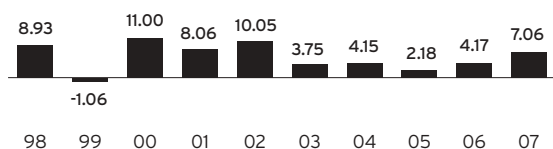
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the changes in the performance of the fund's BASIC shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of each of the fund's share classes to those of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index, a broad-based, unmanaged, market-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share class due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for BASIC shares. After-tax performance of the fund's Investor shares will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

BASIC shares



Best Quarter: Q3 '02 +4.81%
Worst Quarter: Q2 '04 -2.44%

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
BASIC shares (11/30/93) <i>returns before taxes</i>	7.06%	4.25%	5.77%
BASIC shares <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	5.19%	2.55%	3.66%
BASIC shares <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	4.54%	2.63%	3.64%
Investor shares (4/28/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	6.68%	3.99%	5.50%
Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	6.97%	4.42%	5.97%

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is included in the share price. The fund has no sales charge (load).

Fee table

	BASIC shares	Investor shares
Annual fund operating expenses		
<i>% of average daily net assets</i>		
Management fees	0.15%	0.15%
Rule 12b-1 fee	none	0.25%
Other expenses*	0.01%	0.01%
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.16%	0.41%
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.01)%	(0.01)%
Total	0.15%	0.40%

* The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

** The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) is required to reduce the fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members, including counsel fees.

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
BASIC shares	\$15	\$48	\$85	\$192
Investor shares	\$41	\$128	\$224	\$505

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The figures shown would be the same whether you sold your shares at the end of a period or kept them. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to Dreyfus for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid for distribution and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.15% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Dreyfus manages the fund by making investment decisions based on the fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions in seeking to match the total return of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index.

Laurie Carroll is the primary portfolio manager of the fund. She has held this position since the fund's inception and has been employed by Dreyfus since October 1994. Ms. Carroll also is the director of index, stable value and short-duration strategies, responsible for overseeing the development of, and strategy for, all index, stable value and short-duration portfolios, for Standish Mellon Asset Management Company LLC (Standish Mellon), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus. Ms. Carroll joined Mellon Bond Associates in 1988, which merged into Standish Mellon in July 2003.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because these payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

BASIC shares		<i>Year Ended October 31,</i>				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		10.03	10.02	10.39	10.36	10.39
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.50	.47	.44	.43	.43
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.01	.02	(.34)	.11	.02
Total from investment operations		.51	.49	.10	.54	.45
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.50)	(.48)	(.46)	(.46)	(.48)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	–	(.01)	(.05)	(.00) ²
Total distributions		(.50)	(.48)	(.47)	(.51)	(.48)
Net asset value, end of period		10.04	10.03	10.02	10.39	10.36
Total Return (%)		5.25	5.06	.97	5.29	4.36
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		.16	.15	.15	.15	.15
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		4.99	4.78	4.31	4.19	4.06
Portfolio turnover rate		42.83 ³	31.05	46.96	44.84	99.57
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		246,724	197,732	187,827	171,827	140,249

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Amount represents less than \$.01.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the period ended October 31, 2007 was 41.80%.

Investor shares		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		10.02	10.01	10.38	10.35	10.38
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.47	.45	.41	.41	.40
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.02	.02	(.34)	.10	.02
Total from investment operations		.49	.47	.07	.51	.42
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.48)	(.46)	(.43)	(.43)	(.45)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	–	(.01)	(.05)	(.00) ²
Total distributions		(.48)	(.46)	(.44)	(.48)	(.45)
Net asset value, end of period		10.03	10.02	10.01	10.38	10.35
Total Return (%)		4.99	4.79	.72	5.02	4.10
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		.41	.40	.40	.40	.40
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		4.73	4.53	4.06	3.94	3.77
Portfolio turnover rate		42.83 ³	31.05	46.96	44.84	99.57
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		297,998	225,507	211,701	208,234	218,731

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Amount represents less than \$.01.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the period ended October 31, 2007 was 41.80%.

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

The fund offers two share classes — BASIC shares and Investor shares. Both classes of shares are offered to any investor. The classes differ in their expenses, minimum purchase and account balance requirements, and the services they offer to shareholders. **You pay no sales charges** to invest in this fund. Your price for fund shares is the net asset value per share (NAV) for the class of shares you purchase, which is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating its NAV, the fund's investments generally are valued by one or more independent pricing services approved by the fund's board or on the basis of market quotations. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of securities may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
BASIC shares		
Regular accounts	\$10,000	\$1,000* ; \$100 for Dreyfus TeleTransfer investments
Traditional IRAs, Spousal IRAs, Roth IRAs	\$5,000	\$1,000**
Education Savings Accounts	n/a	n/a
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	n/a	\$100
Investor shares		
Regular accounts	\$2,500***	\$100
Traditional IRAs, Spousal IRAs, Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum†
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum†
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

** \$100 for shareholders who have held BASIC shares since August 14, 1997.*

*** No minimum for shareholders who have held BASIC shares in such accounts since August 14, 1997.*

**** \$1,000 for clients of certain agents and certain other purchases.*

† Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): a mutual fund's share price on a given day. A fund's NAV is calculated by dividing the value of its net assets by the number of its existing shares outstanding.

When calculating its NAV, the fund's investments are generally valued by using available market quotations or at fair value, which may be determined by one or more pricing services approved by the fund's board.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

Third-party investments

If you invest through a third party (rather than directly with the distributor), the policies, limitations and fees may be different than those described herein. Banks, brokers, 401(k) plans, financial advisers and financial supermarkets may charge transaction fees and may set different minimum investments or limitations on buying or selling shares. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$5,000* in the BASIC share class, or below \$500 in the Investor share class, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below the minimum balance amount after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.

* Below \$500 for holders of BASIC shares since August 14, 1997.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends monthly and distributes capital gains annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application or by calling 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder® For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

Dreyfus Dividend Sweep For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.

For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.

Dreyfus Financial Centers

A full array of investment services and products are offered at Dreyfus Financial Centers. This includes information on mutual funds, brokerage services, tax-advantaged products and retirement planning.

Experienced financial consultants can help you make informed choices and provide you with personalized attention in handling account transactions. The Financial Centers also offer informative seminars and events. To find out whether a Financial Center is near you, call **1-800-645-6561**.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing, by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online through www.dreyfus.com, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application. Shares held in an IRA or Educational Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, purchase fund shares, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling 1-800-645-6561. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Retirement plans

Dreyfus offers a variety of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts. Here's where you call for information:

- for traditional, rollover and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts, call **1-800-645-6561**
- for SEP-IRAs, Keogh accounts, 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, call **1-800-358-0910**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



— In Writing —

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299, Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105, Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501



— By Telephone —

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name and the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Return your application with the account number on the application.

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- DDA# 044210
- the fund name and the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "445" for BASIC shares **or** "446" for Investor shares.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance,
call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

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Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

Without any initial investment (Investor shares only) Check the Dreyfus Step Program option on your application. Return your application, then complete the additional materials when they are sent to you.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and share class and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.
Mail in the slip and the check (see "To Open an Account" at left).

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required. (See "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail in your request (see "To Open an Account" at left).



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name and the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "445" for BASIC shares **or** "446" for Investor shares.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit **www.dreyfus.com** to request your transaction.



- Automatically

Without any initial investment (Investor shares only) Call to request a Dreyfus Step Program form. Complete and return the form along with your application.

All services Call to request a form to add an automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

All contributions will count as current year.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.

For More Information

Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

By E-mail Send your request to info@dreyfus.com

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund

Seeks capital appreciation by investing
in large-cap stocks

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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For More Information

See back cover.

The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks capital appreciation. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks. The fund focuses on stocks of large-cap companies. The fund invests in growth and value stocks, which are chosen through a disciplined investment process that combines computer modeling techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. The fund's investment process is designed to provide investors with investment exposure to sector weightings and risk characteristics generally similar to those of the Standard & Poor's® 500 Composite Stock Price Index (S&P 500).

In selecting securities, the fund's portfolio managers use a computer model to identify and rank stocks within an industry or sector, based on several characteristics, including:

- **value**, or how a stock is priced relative to its perceived intrinsic worth
- **growth**, in this case the sustainability or growth of earnings
- **financial profile**, which measures the financial health of the company

Next, based on fundamental analysis, the fund's portfolio managers generally select the most attractive of the higher ranked securities, drawing on a variety of sources, including internal as well as Wall Street research, and company management.

Finally, the fund's portfolio managers manage risk by diversifying across companies and industries, seeking to limit the potential adverse impact from any one stock or industry. The fund is structured so that its sector weightings and risk characteristics, such as growth, size, quality and yield, are generally similar to those of the S&P 500.

Concepts to understand

Large-cap companies: generally, established companies that are considered "known quantities," with market capitalizations of \$5 billion or more at the time of purchase. Large companies often have the resources to weather economic shifts, though they can be slower to innovate than small companies.

Computer model: a proprietary model that evaluates and ranks a large universe of stocks. The model screens each stock for relative attractiveness within its economic sector and industry. The fund's portfolio managers review each of the screens on a regular basis, and maintain the flexibility to adapt the screening criteria to changes in market conditions.

S&P 500: an unmanaged index of 500 common stocks chosen to reflect the industries of the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 is often considered a proxy for the stock market in general.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Large cap stock risk.* By focusing on large capitalization stocks, the fund may underperform funds that invest in the stocks of lower quality, smaller capitalization companies during periods when the stocks of such companies are in favor.
- *Stock selection risk.* Although the fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the S&P 500, the fund is expected to hold fewer securities than the index. Owning fewer securities and the ability to purchase companies not listed in the index can cause the fund to underperform the index.

- *Growth and value stock risk.* By investing in a mix of value and growth companies, the fund assumes the risks of both. Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth, or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price even though in theory they are already undervalued. Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns.

Other potential risks

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.

Although the fund invests principally in the securities of U.S. issuers, it may invest in ADRs, which are U.S. dollar denominated securities that represent indirect ownership of securities issued by foreign companies, and, to a limited extent, in foreign securities and securities issued by foreign companies that are listed on U.S. exchanges. The securities of foreign issuers carry additional risks such as less liquidity, changes in currency exchange rates, a lack of comprehensive company information, differing auditing and legal standards and political and economic instability. Purchases or sales of certain ADRs may result, indirectly, in fees being paid to the Depositary Receipts Division of The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the fund's investment adviser, by brokers executing the purchases or sales.

The fund may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs). The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.

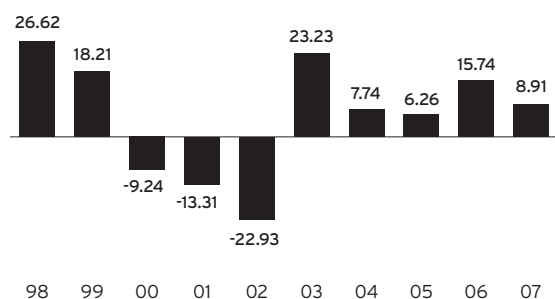


PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund from year to year. The table compares the fund's average annual total returns to those of the S&P 500, a broad measure of large-cap stock performance. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 +22.56%
Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 -15.97%

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund <i>returns before taxes</i>	8.91%	12.20%	4.91%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	6.71%	11.34%	4.17%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	7.74%	10.55%	4.08%
S&P 500 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	5.49%	12.82%	5.91%

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is included in the share price. The fund has no sales charge (load).

Fee table

Annual fund operating expenses

% of average daily net assets

Management fees	0.90%
Rule 12b-1 fee	0.10%
Other expenses*	0.01%

Total annual fund operating expenses	1.01%
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Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.01)%
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Net operating expense	1.00%
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* The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
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\$102	\$318	\$552	\$1,225
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This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The figures shown would be the same whether you sold your shares at the end of a period or kept them. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

For the period from November 1, 2006 through April 4, 2007, Dreyfus assumed certain expenses of the fund pursuant to an undertaking, reducing total fund expenses from 1.01% to 0.98%.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid for distribution and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.88% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

The fund's primary portfolio manager is Sean P. Fitzgibbon. Mr. Fitzgibbon has held this position and been employed by Dreyfus since October 2004. He also is a senior vice president, portfolio manager, analyst and member of the U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Team at The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC, a Dreyfus affiliate, where he has been employed since 1991.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table describes the fund's performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all divi-

dends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

		<i>Year Ended October 31,</i>			
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	37.35	32.52	30.02	28.64	25.06
Investment operations:					
Investment income – net ¹	.26	.29	.34	.19	.17
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	6.31	4.88	2.46	1.38	3.58
Total from investment operations	6.57	5.17	2.80	1.57	3.75
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income – net	(.23)	(.34)	(.30)	(.19)	(.17)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(3.45)	–	–	–	–
Total distributions	(3.68)	(.34)	(.30)	(.19)	(.17)
Net asset value, end of period	40.24	37.35	32.52	30.02	28.64
Total Return (%)	18.98	16.01	9.37	5.54	14.99
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.98	.93	.90	.93	1.00
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.69	.86	1.06	.66	.66
Portfolio turnover rate	49.43	96.40	68.42	79.49	50.96
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	945,819	941,091	1,075,938	1,245,344	1,464,281

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

You pay **no sales charges** to invest in this fund. Your price for fund shares is the fund's net asset value per share (NAV), which is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business.

Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When determining NAV, the fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund. Please see "Your Investment — Account Policies — General Policies" for information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$2,500	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concepts to understand

Traditional IRA: an individual retirement account. Your contributions may or may not be deductible depending on your circumstances. Assets grow tax-deferred; withdrawals and distributions are taxable in the year made.

Spousal IRA: an IRA funded by a working spouse in the name of a nonworking spouse.

Roth IRA: an IRA with nondeductible contributions, and tax-free growth of assets and distributions to pay retirement expenses, provided certain conditions are met.

Education Savings Account: an IRA with nondeductible contributions, and tax-free growth of assets and distributions, if used to pay certain educational expenses.

For more complete IRA information, consult Dreyfus or your tax professional.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

** Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.*

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- “redeem in kind,” or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Third-party investments

If you invest through a third party (rather than directly with the distributor), the policies and fees may be different than those described herein. Banks, brokers, 401(k) plans, financial advisers and financial supermarkets may charge transaction fees and may set different minimum investments or limitations on buying or selling shares. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends quarterly and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application or by calling 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder® For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

Dreyfus Dividend Sweep For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.

For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.

Dreyfus Financial Centers

A full array of investment services and products are offered at Dreyfus Financial Centers. This includes information on mutual funds, brokerage services, tax-advantaged products and retirement planning.

Experienced financial consultants can help you make informed choices and provide you with personalized attention in handling account transactions. The Financial Centers also offer informative seminars and events. To find out whether a Financial Center is near you, call **1-800-645-6561**.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing, by phone or online. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, purchase fund shares, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling **1-800-645-6561**. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Retirement plans

Dreyfus offers a variety of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts. Here's where you call for information:

- for traditional, rollover and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts, call **1-800-645-6561**
- for SEP-IRAs, Keogh accounts, 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, call **1-800-358-0910**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299, Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105, Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

Electronic check Same as wire, but insert "405" before your 14-digit account number.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Call to request your transaction. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

Without any initial investment Check the Dreyfus Step Program option on your application. Return your application, then complete the additional materials when they are sent to you.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail in the slip and the check (see "To Open an Account" at left).

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number
- the fund name
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail in your request (see "To Open an Account" at left).



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year

Electronic check Same as wire, but insert "405" before your 14-digit account number.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian

You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit **www.dreyfus.com** to request your transaction.

TO SELL SHARES



 — Automatically

Without any initial investment Call to request a Dreyfus Step Program form. Complete and return the form along with your application.

All services Call to request a form to add an automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

All contributions will count as current year.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.

For More Information

Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

By E-mail Send your request to info@dreyfus.com

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Money Market Reserves

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Each fund seeks current income, safety of principal and liquidity
by investing in high-quality, short-term securities

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008

Investor Shares

Class R shares



Dreyfus
A BNY Mellon CompanySM

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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The Funds

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves
Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves
Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.



INTRODUCTION

Each fund is a money market mutual fund with a separate investment portfolio. The operations and results of one fund are unrelated to those of the other funds. This combined prospectus has been prepared for the convenience of investors so that investors can consider three investment choices in one document.

Each fund seeks to maintain a stable share price (although it cannot guarantee that it will always do so) and is designed to offer current investment income and high liquidity.

The main differences among these funds are the securities in which they invest. Dreyfus Money Market Reserves invests in a range of high-quality money market instruments. Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves maintains an even higher quality standard by investing exclusively in U.S. Treasury obligations and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations. Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves invests in municipal obligations from around the country, allowing the fund's dividends to be free from federal income tax and the federal alternative minimum tax in most cases.

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves

Ticker Symbols: Class R shares **DPOXX**

Investor shares **DPIXX**



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks a high level of current income consistent with stability of principal. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to maturity, quality and diversification requirements designed to help it maintain a stable share price.

To pursue its goal, the fund invests in a diversified portfolio of high-quality, short-term debt securities, including:

- securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities
- certificates of deposit, time deposits, bankers' acceptances and other short-term securities issued by domestic or foreign banks or thrifts or their subsidiaries or branches
- repurchase agreements, including tri-party repurchase agreements
- asset-backed securities
- domestic and dollar-denominated foreign commercial paper, and other short-term corporate obligations, including those with floating or variable rates of interest

Concepts to understand

Money market fund: a specific type of fund that seeks to maintain a \$1.00 price per share. Money market funds are subject to strict federal requirements and must:

- maintain an average dollar-weighted portfolio maturity of 90 days or less
- buy individual securities that have remaining maturities of 13 months or less
- invest only in high-quality, dollar-denominated obligations

Repurchase agreement: a commercial bank or securities dealer sells securities to the fund and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed-upon date and price. These agreements offer the fund a means of investing money for a short period of time.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's yield will fluctuate as the short-term securities in the portfolio mature and the proceeds are reinvested in securities with different interest rates.

An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

Not all obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. Some obligations, such as those issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, are backed only by the credit of the issuing agency or instrumentality, and in some cases there may be some risk of default by the issuer. Any guarantee by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities of a security held by the fund does not apply to the market value of such security or to shares of the fund itself. In addition, because many types of U.S. government securities trade actively outside the U.S., their prices may rise and fall as changes in global economic conditions affect the demand for these securities.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.

While the fund has maintained a constant share price since inception, and will continue to try to do so, the following factors could reduce the fund's income level and/or share price:

- interest rates could rise sharply, causing the value of the fund's investments and its share price to drop
- interest rates could drop, thereby reducing the fund's yield
- adverse developments could occur in the banking industry, which issues or guarantees many of the securities the fund typically owns
- any of the fund's holdings could have its credit rating downgraded or could default
- the risks generally associated with dollar-denominated foreign investments, such as economic and political developments, seizure or nationalization of deposits, imposition of taxes or other restrictions on the payment of principal and interest

The fund is subject to the risk that a counterparty in a repurchase agreement could fail to honor the terms of its agreement.

Key concept

Credit rating: a measure of the issuer's expected ability to make all required interest and principal payments in a timely manner. An issuer with the highest credit rating has a very strong degree of certainty (or safety) with respect to making all payments. An issuer with the second-highest credit rating has a strong capacity to make all payments, but the degree of safety is somewhat less.

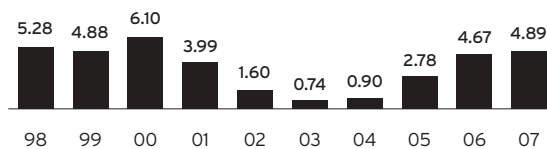
Generally, the fund is required to invest at least 95% of its assets in securities of issuers with the highest credit rating, with the remainder invested in securities with the second-highest credit rating, or the unrated equivalent as determined by The Dreyfus Corporation.



PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class R shares from year to year. The table shows the average annual total returns of each share class over time. Each of the fund's share classes invest in the same portfolio of securities. Performance for one share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share class due to differences in expenses. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results.

Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*
Class R shares



Best Quarter: Q3 '00 **+1.59%**
Worst Quarter: Q2 '04 **+0.14%**

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class R shares	4.89%	2.79%	3.57%
Investor shares	4.68%	2.58%	3.36%

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/07 was 4.33% for Class R shares and 4.13% for Investor shares. For the fund's current yield, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described for Class R shares and Investor shares in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is reflected in the amount of income available for distribution to shareholders. The fund has no sales charge (load).

Fee table

	Class R shares	Investor shares
Annual fund operating expenses		
<i>% of average daily net assets</i>		
Management fees	0.50%	0.50%
Rule 12b-1 fee	none	0.20%
Other expenses*	0.01%	0.01%
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.51%	0.71%
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.01)%	(0.01)%
Net operating expenses	0.50%	0.70%

* The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class R shares	\$51	\$160	\$280	\$628
Investor shares	\$72	\$224	\$390	\$871

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The figures shown would be the same whether you sold your shares at the end of a period or kept them. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to Dreyfus for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid for distribution and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves

Ticker Symbols: Class R shares **DUTXX**

Investor shares **DUIXX**



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks a high level of current income consistent with stability of principal. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to strict federal requirements and must maintain an average dollar-weighted portfolio maturity of 90 days or less and buy individual securities that have remaining maturities of 13 months or less.

To pursue its goal, the fund invests exclusively in direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury and in repurchase agreements secured by these obligations.

Concept to understand

Repurchase agreement: a commercial bank or securities dealer sells securities to the fund and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed-upon date and price. These agreements offer the fund a means of investing money for a short period of time.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's yield will fluctuate as the short-term securities in its portfolio mature and the proceeds are reinvested in securities with different interest rates.

An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

A security backed by the U.S. Treasury or the full faith and credit of the United States is guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. The current market prices for such securities are not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Because U.S. Treasury securities trade actively outside the U.S., their prices may rise and fall as changes in global economic conditions affect the demand for these securities. While the fund has maintained a constant share price since inception, and will continue to try to do so, the fund is subject to the risk that interest rates could rise sharply, causing the value of the fund's investments and its share price to drop. In addition, interest rates could drop, thereby reducing the fund's yield.

The fund is subject to the risk that a counterparty in a repurchase agreement could fail to honor the terms of its agreement.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

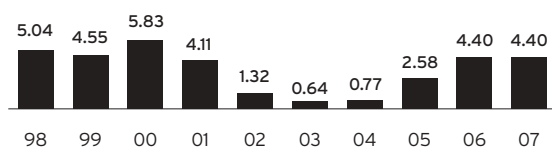
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Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*
Class R shares



Best Quarter: Q3 '00 +1.53%
Worst Quarter: Q2 '04 +0.12%

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class R shares	4.40%	2.54%	3.35%
Investor shares	4.19%	2.34%	3.14%

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/07 was 3.03% for Class R shares and 2.83% for Investor shares. For the fund's current yield, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.



EXPENSES

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Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Ticker Symbols: Class R shares **DTMXX**

Investor shares **DLTXX**



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with stability of principal, that is exempt from federal income tax. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. The fund also seeks to provide income exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to maturity, quality and diversification requirements designed to help it maintain a stable share price.

To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests substantially all of its assets in tax-exempt municipal obligations, including short-term municipal debt securities, that do not pay interest that is subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. Among these are municipal notes, short-term municipal bonds, tax-exempt commercial paper and municipal leases. The fund also may invest in high-quality, short-term structured notes, which are derivative instruments whose value is tied to underlying municipal obligations.

The fund may invest temporarily in high-quality, taxable money market instruments, including when the fund manager believes acceptable municipal obligations are not available for investment.

Concepts to understand

Money market fund: a specific type of fund that seeks to maintain a \$1.00 price per share. Money market funds are subject to strict federal requirements and must:

- maintain an average dollar-weighted portfolio maturity of 90 days or less
- buy individual securities that have remaining maturities of 13 months or less
- invest only in high-quality, dollar-denominated obligations

Municipal obligations: debt securities that provide income free from federal income tax, and state income tax if the investor lives in the issuing state. Municipal obligations are typically of two types:

- **general obligation bonds**, which are secured by the full faith and credit of the issuer and its taxing power
- **revenue bonds**, which are payable from the revenues derived from a specific revenue source, such as charges for water and sewer service or highway tolls



MAIN RISKS

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While the fund has maintained a constant share price since inception, and will continue to try to do so, the following factors could reduce the fund's income level and/or share price:

- interest rates could rise sharply, causing the value of the fund's investments and its share price to drop
- interest rates could drop, thereby reducing the fund's yield
- any of the fund's holdings could have its credit rating downgraded or could default

To be tax-exempt, municipal obligations generally must meet certain regulatory requirements. Although the fund will invest in municipal obligations that pay interest that is exempt, in the opinion of counsel to the issuer (or on the basis of other authority believed by Dreyfus to be reliable), from federal income tax and from the federal alternative minimum tax, if any such municipal obligations fail to meet these regulatory requirements, the interest received by the fund from its investment in such obligations and distributed to fund shareholders will be taxable.

To the extent the fund invests in municipal leases, it takes on additional risks. Because municipal leases generally are backed by revenues from a particular source or that depend on future appropriations by municipalities and are not obligations of their issuers, they are less secure than most municipal obligations.

The fund temporarily may invest in high-quality, taxable money market instruments.

Derivative securities, such as structured notes, can be highly volatile, and the possibility of default by the financial institution or counterparty may be greater for these securities than for other types of money market instruments. Structured notes typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions and, thus, an active trading market for such instruments may not exist.

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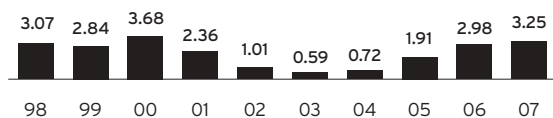


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Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*

Class R shares



Best Quarter: Q2 '00 +0.95%

Worst Quarter: Q3 '03 +0.11%

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class R shares	3.25%	1.89%	2.24%
Investor shares	3.04%	1.68%	2.03%

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/07 was 3.18% for Class R shares and 2.98% for Investor shares. For the fund's current yield, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.



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Net operating expenses	0.50%	0.70%

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MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for each fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, each fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at an annual rate of 0.50% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving each fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Distributor

The funds' distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any 12b-1 fees paid by the funds to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the funds, a fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the funds on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of a fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the funds.

Code of ethics

The funds, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by a fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves

The following tables describe the performance for each share class of the fund for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total Return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assum-

ing you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class R shares	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.048	.044	.024	.007	.008
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.048)	(.044)	(.024)	(.007)	(.008)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Return (%)	4.96	4.45	2.43	.74	.83
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.51	.50	.50	.50	.50
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	4.85	4.40	2.38	.72	.84
Net assets, end of period (\$ X 1,000)	162,075	185,772	115,384	179,552	214,112

		Year Ended October 31,			
Investor shares	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.046	.042	.022	.005	.006
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.046)	(.042)	(.022)	(.005)	(.006)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Return (%)	4.75	4.24	2.23	.54	.64
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.71	.70	.70	.70	.70
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	4.65	4.15	2.19	.53	.64
Net assets, end of period (\$ X 1,000)	352,108	284,623	308,202	357,163	379,265



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves

The following tables describe the performance for each share class of the fund for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total Return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assum-

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Class R shares	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.045	.041	.022	.006	.007
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.045)	(.041)	(.022)	(.006)	(.007)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Return (%)	4.62	4.17	2.23	.62	.72
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.51	.50	.50	.50	.50
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	4.40	4.05	2.10	.63	.72
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	63,941	17,640	25,243	82,911	60,297

Investor shares	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.043	.039	.020	.004	.005
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.043)	(.039)	(.020)	(.004)	(.005)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Return (%)	4.41	3.96	2.03	.42	.51
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.71	.70	.70	.70	.70
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	4.31	3.89	2.01	.42	.51
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	108,151	93,091	93,973	77,043	91,987



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

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Class R shares	2007	Year Ended October 31,				2003
		2006	2005	2004		
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.032	.028	.017	.006	.006	
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.032)	(.028)	(.017)	(.006)	(.006)	
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Total Return (%)	3.26	2.86	1.69	.64	.65	
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.51	.51	.51	.51	.50	
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.50	.51	.51	.51	.50	
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3.20	2.84	1.60	.60	.65	
Net assets, end of period (\$ X 1,000)	76,056	83,413	65,188	124,838	249,243	

Investor shares	2007	Year Ended October 31,				2003
		2006	2005	2004		
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Investment Operations: Investment income – net	.030	.026	.015	.004	.004	
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.030)	(.026)	(.015)	(.004)	(.004)	
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Total Return (%)	3.05	2.65	1.48	.44	.44	
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.71	.71	.71	.71	.70	
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.70	.71	.71	.71	.70	
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3.01	2.65	1.44	.43	.45	
Net assets, end of period (\$ X 1,000)	19,885	25,896	22,170	26,380	31,311	

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

Each fund is offering its **Class R shares and Investor shares** in this prospectus. Class R shares are sold primarily to financial service providers acting on behalf of customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution, or to customers who hold shares of the fund distributed to them through such account or relationship. Investor shares are offered primarily to clients of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with MBSC. The financial institution with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different than those described herein. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information. Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves offers other classes of shares, which are described in separate prospectuses. You should consult a representative of your financial institution to determine which class of shares your financial institution makes available to you.

You pay no sales charges to invest in the funds.

Applicable to Dreyfus Money Market Reserves and Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves only:

Your price for fund shares is the fund's net asset value (NAV) per share for the class of shares you purchase, which is generally calculated twice a day, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on days the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Each fund's investments are valued based on amortized cost.

Applicable to Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves only:

Your price for fund shares is the fund's NAV for the class of shares you purchase, which is generally calculated three times a day, at 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., on days the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund's investments are valued based on amortized cost.

If an order in proper form is received by 3:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined after the order is accepted and will receive the dividend declared that day. If such an order is received after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 11:00 a.m. the next business day, the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined at 8:00 p.m. and will begin to accrue dividends on the next business day.

All times are Eastern time.

Because Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves seeks tax-exempt income, it is not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$100,000	no minimum; \$100 for Dreyfus TeleTransfer investments
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	n/a	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

Concepts to understand

Net asset value (NAV): a mutual fund's share price on a given day. A fund's NAV is calculated by dividing the value of its net assets by the number of existing shares outstanding.

When calculating its NAV, a fund compares the NAV using amortized cost to its NAV using available market quotations or market equivalents which generally are provided by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board.

Amortized cost: a method of valuing a money market fund's portfolio securities, which does not take into account unrealized gains or losses. As a result, portfolio securities are valued at their acquisition cost, adjusted over time based on the discounts or premiums reflected in their purchase price. Each fund uses this valuation method pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 in order to be able to price its shares at \$1.00 per share. In accordance with Rule 2a-7, each fund is subject to certain maturity, quality and diversification requirements to help maintain the \$1.00 share price.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and, except as described below for Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, you will generally receive the proceeds of a redemption within a week.

Applicable to Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves only:

If a redemption request is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity by 3:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the same day, and the shares will not receive the dividend declared on that day. If a request for redemption is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the next business day, and the shares will receive the dividend declared on that day. Except as otherwise noted above, you will generally receive the proceeds of a redemption within a week.

All times are Eastern time.

Applicable to all funds:

Before selling or writing a check against shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay selling the shares for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not honor redemption checks, or process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests, for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

** Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.*

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

Money market funds generally are used by investors for short-term investments, often in place of bank checking or savings accounts, or for cash management purposes. Investors value the ability to add and withdraw their funds quickly, without restriction. For this reason, although Dreyfus discourages excessive trading and other abusive trading practices, the funds have not adopted policies and procedures, or imposed redemption fees or other restrictions such as minimum holding periods, to deter frequent purchases and redemptions of fund shares. Dreyfus also believes that money market funds, such as the funds, are not targets of abusive trading practices, because money market funds seek to maintain a \$1.00 per share price and typically do not fluctuate in value based on market prices. However, frequent purchases and redemptions of the funds' shares could increase the relevant fund's transaction costs, such as market spreads and custodial fees, and may interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio, which could detract from the fund's performance. Accordingly, each fund reserves the right to refuse any purchase or exchange request. Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds that are not money market mutual funds have approved policies and procedures that are intended to discourage and prevent abusive trading practices in those mutual funds, which may apply to exchanges from or into a fund. If you plan to exchange your fund shares for shares of another Dreyfus fund, please read the prospectus of that other Dreyfus fund for more information.

Each fund reserves the right to:

- refuse any purchase or exchange request
- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only in cases of very large redemptions, excessive trading or during unusual market conditions)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount you are redeeming is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)

Each fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its NAV on days the fund's primary trading markets are open and the fund's management determines to do so.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$10,000*, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$10,000* after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.

** Below \$500 if you were a fund shareholder since August 31, 1995.*



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Each fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. Each fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. Each fund normally pays dividends once a month and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in your fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Dividends and other distributions paid by Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves and Dreyfus Money Market Reserves are subject to federal income tax, and may be subject to state and local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account).

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves anticipates that virtually all of its income dividends paid to you will be exempt from federal personal income tax. However, for federal tax purposes, certain distributions, such as distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income, while long-term capital gains are taxable to you as capital gains. Income exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state and local taxes.

The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone's tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.

Third-party investments

If you invest through a third party (rather than directly with the distributor), the policies, limitations and fees may be different than those described herein. Banks, brokers, 401(k) plans, financial advisers and financial supermarkets may charge transaction fees and may set different minimum investments or limitations on buying or selling shares. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder® For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

Dreyfus Dividend Sweep For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.

For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.

Dreyfus Financial Centers

A full array of investment services and products are offered at Dreyfus Financial Centers. This includes information on mutual funds, brokerage services, tax-advantaged products and retirement planning.

Experienced financial consultants can help you make informed choices and provide you with personalized attention in handling account transactions. The Financial Centers also offer informative seminars and events. To find out whether a Dreyfus Financial Center is near you, call **1-800-645-6561**.

Checkwriting privilege

You may write redemption checks against your account in amounts of \$500 or more. These checks are free; however, a fee will be charged if you request a stop payment or if the transfer agent cannot honor a redemption check due to insufficient funds or another valid reason. Please do not post-date your checks or use them to close your account.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing, by phone or online. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Educational Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, purchase fund shares, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling 1-800-645-6561. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You will also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

Retirement plans

Dreyfus offers a variety of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts. Here's where you call for information:

- for traditional, rollover and Roth IRAs, and Education Savings Accounts, call **1-800-645-6561**
- for SEP-IRAs, Keogh accounts, 401(k) and 403(b) accounts, call **1-800-358-0910**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299, Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105, Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a redemption check **or** write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- Dreyfus Money Market Reserves DDA# 043435
- Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves DDA# 043435
- Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves DDA# 043508
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- Dreyfus Money Market Reserves DDA# 043435
- Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves DDA# 043435
- Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves DDA# 043508
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert the appropriate number as shown below.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

Electronic check numbers

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves	"480" – Class R shares "479" – Investor shares
Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves	"489" – Class R shares "490" – Investor shares
Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves	"485" – Class R shares "486" – Investor shares

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$10,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552
Boston, MA 02205-8568

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail in the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552
Boston, MA 02205-8568

TO SELL SHARES

Write a redemption check* **or** write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
 - your account number and fund name
 - the share class
 - the dollar amount you want to sell
 - how and where to send the proceeds
 - whether the distribution is qualified or premature
 - whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld
- Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552
Boston, MA 02205-8568

* A redemption check written for a qualified distribution is not subject to TEFRA.



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- Dreyfus Money Market Reserves
DDA# 043435
- Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves
DDA# 043435
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert the appropriate number as shown below.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

Electronic check numbers

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves	"480" – Class R shares "479" – Investor shares
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For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.



1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div data-bbox="77 199 154 268"></div> <div data-bbox="175 216 492 247">Online (www.dreyfus.com)</div> <div data-bbox="305 283 397 294">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 273 1026 380">Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</div>	<div data-bbox="1214 283 1307 294">_____</div>
<div data-bbox="77 678 154 747"></div> <div data-bbox="175 695 342 726">Automatically</div> <div data-bbox="305 762 397 772">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 751 1026 913">All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.</div>	<div data-bbox="1068 751 1523 804">Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.</div>

For More Information

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on these funds is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes each fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The funds' most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about a fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

Each fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center — Dreyfus Mutual Funds — Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a 15 day lag and will remain available on the website until the fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information was current.

A complete description of the funds' policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the funds' portfolio securities is available in the funds' SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

By E-mail Send your request to info@dreyfus.com

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Seeks current income, safety of principal and liquidity
by investing in high-quality, short-term municipal securities

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008

Class B Shares



Dreyfus
A BNY Mellon CompanySM

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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For More Information

See back cover.



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with stability of principal, that is exempt from federal income tax. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. The fund also seeks to provide income exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to maturity, quality and diversification requirements designed to help it maintain a stable share price.

To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests substantially all of its assets in tax-exempt municipal obligations, including short-term municipal debt securities, that do not pay interest that is subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. Among these are municipal notes, short-term municipal bonds, tax-exempt commercial paper and municipal leases. The fund also may invest in high-quality, short-term structured notes, which are derivative instruments whose value is tied to underlying municipal obligations.

The fund may invest temporarily in high-quality, taxable money market instruments, including when the fund manager believes acceptable municipal obligations are not available for investment.

The Fund

Concepts to understand

Money market fund: a specific type of fund that seeks to maintain a \$1.00 price per share. Money market funds are subject to strict federal requirements and must:

- maintain an average dollar-weighted portfolio maturity of 90 days or less
- buy individual securities that have remaining maturities of 13 months or less
- invest only in high-quality, dollar-denominated obligations

Municipal obligations: debt securities that provide income free from federal income tax, and state income tax if the investor lives in the issuing state. Municipal obligations are typically of two types:

- **general obligation bonds**, which are secured by the full faith and credit of the issuer and its taxing power
- **revenue bonds**, which are payable from the revenues derived from a specific revenue source, such as charges for water and sewer service or highway tolls



MAIN RISKS

The fund's yield will fluctuate as the short-term securities in its portfolio mature and the proceeds are reinvested in securities with different interest rates.

An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

While the fund has maintained a constant share price since inception, and will continue to try to do so, the following factors could reduce the fund's income level and/or share price:

- interest rates could rise sharply, causing the value of the fund's investments and its share price to drop
- interest rates could drop, thereby reducing the fund's yield
- any of the fund's holdings could have its credit rating downgraded or could default

To be tax-exempt, municipal obligations generally must meet certain regulatory requirements. Although the fund will invest in municipal obligations that pay interest that is exempt, in the opinion of counsel to the issuer (or on the basis of other authority believed by Dreyfus to be reliable), from federal income tax and from the federal alternative minimum tax, if any such municipal obligations fail to meet these regulatory requirements, the interest

received by the fund from its investment in such obligations and distributed to fund shareholders will be taxable.

To the extent the fund invests in municipal leases, it takes on additional risks. Because municipal leases generally are backed by revenues from a particular source or that depend on future appropriations by municipalities and are not obligations of their issuers, they are less secure than most municipal obligations.

The fund temporarily may invest in high-quality, taxable money market instruments.

Derivative securities, such as structured notes, can be highly volatile, and the possibility of default by the financial institution or counterparty may be greater for these securities than for other types of money market instruments. Structured notes typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions and, thus, an active trading market for such instruments may not exist.

Key concept

Credit rating: a measure of the issuer's expected ability to make all required interest and principal payments in a timely manner. An issuer with the highest credit rating has a very strong degree of certainty (or safety) with respect to making all payments. An issuer with the second-highest credit rating has a strong capacity to make all payments, although the degree of safety is somewhat less.

Generally, the fund is required to invest its assets in securities with the highest or second-highest credit rating, or the unrated equivalent as determined by The Dreyfus Corporation.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.

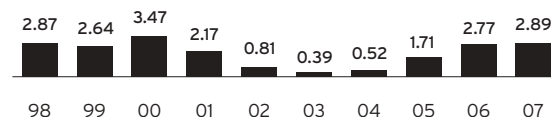


PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class B shares from year to year. The table shows the average annual total returns of the fund's Class B shares over time. The historical performance of the fund's Investor shares, which are not offered in this prospectus, is used to calculate the performance shown in the bar chart and table for periods prior to July 2, 2007 (the date the fund's Class B shares were initially offered). All of the fund's share classes invest in the same portfolio of securities. Performance for each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in expenses. The performance figures shown for periods prior to July 2, 2007 have not been adjusted to reflect differences in service and distribution fees; if these expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B shares for such periods would have been lower. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results.

Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*

Class B shares*



Best Quarter: Q2 '00 **+0.90%**

Worst Quarter: Q3 '03 **+0.06%**

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

Class B shares*

1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
2.89%	1.65%	2.02%

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/07 was 2.98% for Class B shares.* For the current yield of the fund's Class B shares, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.

* Based on the performance of the fund's Investor shares for periods prior to July 2, 2007.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described for Class B shares in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is reflected in the amount of income available for distribution to shareholders.

Fee table

Annual fund operating expenses

% of average daily net assets

Management fees	0.50%
Rule 12b-1 fees	
Distribution fee	0.25%
Shareholder services fee	0.25%
Other expenses*	0.03%

Total annual fund operating expenses	1.03%
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Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.03)%
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Net operating expenses	1.00%
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* The 0.03% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

1 Year	3 Years
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\$102

\$318

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The figures shown would be the same whether you sold your shares at the end of a period or kept them. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to Dreyfus for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Rule 12b-1 fees: the fees paid out of fund assets attributable to Class B shares for distribution expenses and shareholder service relating to Class B shares. Because these fees are paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time such fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at an annual rate of 0.50% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table describes the performance for Class B shares of the fund for the period from July 2, 2007 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2007. “Total return” shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during the period, assuming you had

reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund’s financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	<i>Period Ended October 31, 2007</i>
Per-Share Data (\$):	
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.009
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.009)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00
Total Return (%) ¹	2.75
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):	
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets ¹	1.03
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets ¹	1.00
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets ¹	2.69
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	1

¹ Annualized.

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

The fund's Class B shares are offered only to clients of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with MBSC. The financial institution with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different than those described herein. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information. The fund offers other classes of shares, which are described in separate prospectuses. You should consult a representative of your financial institution to determine which class of shares your financial institution makes available to you.

Your price for fund shares is the fund's net asset value per share (NAV), which is generally calculated three times a day, at 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., on days the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund's investments are valued based on amortized cost.

If an order in proper form is received by 3:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined after the order is accepted and will receive the dividend declared that day. If such an order is received after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 11:00 a.m. the next business day, the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined at 8:00 p.m. and will begin to accrue dividends on the next business day.

All times are Eastern time.

Because the fund seeks tax-exempt income, it is not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$2,500	\$100
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

Concepts to understand

Net asset value (NAV): a mutual fund's share price on a given day. A fund's NAV is calculated by dividing the value of its net assets by the number of existing shares outstanding.

When calculating its NAV, the fund compares the NAV using amortized cost to its NAV using available market quotations or market equivalents which generally are provided by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board.

Amortized cost: a method of valuing a money market fund's portfolio securities, which does not take into account unrealized gains or losses. As a result, portfolio securities are valued at their acquisition cost, adjusted over time based on the discounts or premiums reflected in their purchase price. The fund uses this valuation method pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 in order to be able to price its shares at \$1.00 per share. In accordance with Rule 2a-7, the fund is subject to certain maturity, quality and diversification requirements to help maintain the \$1.00 share price.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time through your financial representative, or you can contact the fund directly. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. If a redemption request is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity by 3:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the same day, and the shares will not receive the dividend declared on that day. If a request for redemption is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the next business day, and the shares will receive the dividend declared on that day. Except as otherwise noted above, you will generally receive the proceeds of a redemption within a week. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request.

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Before selling or writing a check against shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay selling the shares for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not honor redemption checks, or process wire, telephone or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests, for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone	Maximum phone
Check	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline telephone privileges on your application, you may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to verify that the order is from a representative of your financial institution.

Money market funds generally are used by investors for short-term investments, often in place of bank checking or savings accounts, or for cash management purposes. Investors value the ability to add and withdraw their funds quickly, without restriction. For this reason, although Dreyfus discourages excessive trading and other abusive trading practices, the fund has not adopted policies and procedures, or imposed redemption fees or other restrictions such as minimum holding periods, to deter frequent purchases and redemptions of fund shares. Dreyfus also believes that money market funds, such as the fund, are not targets of abusive trading practices, because money market funds seek to maintain a \$1.00 per share price and typically do not fluctuate in value based on market prices. However, frequent purchases and redemptions of the fund's shares could increase the fund's transaction costs, such as market spreads and custodial fees, and may interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio, which could detract from the fund's performance. Accordingly, the fund reserves the right to refuse any purchase or exchange request. Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds that are not money market mutual funds have approved policies and procedures that are intended to discourage and prevent abusive trading practices in those mutual funds, which may apply to exchanges from or into the fund. If you plan to exchange your fund shares for shares of another Dreyfus fund, please read the prospectus of that other Dreyfus fund for more information.

The fund reserves the right to:

- refuse any purchase or exchange request
- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only in cases of very large redemptions, excessive trading or during unusual market conditions)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount you are redeeming is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)

The fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its NAV on days the fund's primary trading markets are open and the fund's management determines to do so.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends once a month and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

The fund anticipates that virtually all of its income dividends paid to you will be exempt from federal personal income tax. However, for federal tax purposes, certain distributions, such as distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income, while long-term capital gains are taxable to you as capital gains. Income exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state and local taxes.

The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder® For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plans For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

Dreyfus Dividend Sweep For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.

For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.

Checkwriting privilege

You may write redemption checks against your account in amounts of \$500 or more. These checks are free; however, a fee will be charged if you request a stop payment or if the transfer agent cannot honor a redemption check due to insufficient funds or another valid reason. Please do not post-date your checks or use them to close your account.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing or by phone. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling 1-800-645-6561. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You will also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299
Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105
Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a redemption check **or** write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263
Boston, MA 02205-8501



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 043508
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

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- DDA# 043508
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "459".

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

For More Information

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on the fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center — Dreyfus Mutual Funds — Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a 15 day lag and will remain available on the website until the fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information was current.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

Seeks current income, safety of principal and liquidity
by investing in high-quality, short-term municipal securities

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008

BASIC Shares



 **Dreyfus**
A BNY Mellon CompanySM

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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For More Information

See back cover.

The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks a high level of current income, consistent with stability of principal, that is exempt from federal income tax. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. The fund also seeks to provide income exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to maturity, quality and diversification requirements designed to help it maintain a stable share price.

To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests substantially all of its assets in tax-exempt municipal obligations, including short-term municipal debt securities, that do not pay interest that is subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. Among these are municipal notes, short-term municipal bonds, tax-exempt commercial paper and municipal leases. The fund also may invest in high-quality, short-term structured notes, which are derivative instruments whose value is tied to underlying municipal obligations.

The fund may invest temporarily in high-quality, taxable money market instruments, including when the fund manager believes acceptable municipal obligations are not available for investment.

Concepts to understand

Money market fund: a specific type of fund that seeks to maintain a \$1.00 price per share. Money market funds are subject to strict federal requirements and must:

- maintain an average dollar-weighted portfolio maturity of 90 days or less
- buy individual securities that have remaining maturities of 13 months or less
- invest only in high-quality, dollar-denominated obligations

Municipal obligations: debt securities that provide income free from federal income tax, and state income tax if the investor lives in the issuing state. Municipal obligations are typically of two types:

- **general obligation bonds**, which are secured by the full faith and credit of the issuer and its taxing power
- **revenue bonds**, which are payable from the revenues derived from a specific revenue source, such as charges for water and sewer service or highway tolls



MAIN RISKS

The fund's yield will fluctuate as the short-term securities in its portfolio mature and the proceeds are reinvested in securities with different interest rates.

An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

While the fund has maintained a constant share price since inception, and will continue to try to do so, the following factors could reduce the fund's income level and/or share price:

- interest rates could rise sharply, causing the value of the fund's investments and its share price to drop
- interest rates could drop, thereby reducing the fund's yield
- any of the fund's holdings could have its credit rating downgraded or could default

To be tax-exempt, municipal obligations generally must meet certain regulatory requirements. Although the fund will invest in municipal obligations that pay interest that is exempt, in the opinion of counsel to the issuer (or on the basis of other authority believed by Dreyfus to be reliable), from federal income tax and from the federal alternative minimum tax, if any such municipal obligations fail to meet these regulatory requirements, the interest

received by the fund from its investment in such obligations and distributed to fund shareholders will be taxable.

To the extent the fund invests in municipal leases, it takes on additional risks. Because municipal leases generally are backed by revenues from a particular source or that depend on future appropriations by municipalities and are not obligations of their issuers, they are less secure than most municipal obligations.

The fund temporarily may invest in high-quality, taxable money market instruments.

Derivative securities, such as structured notes, can be highly volatile, and the possibility of default by the financial institution or counterparty may be greater for these securities than for other types of money market instruments. Structured notes typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions and, thus, an active trading market for such instruments may not exist.

Key concept

Credit rating: a measure of the issuer's expected ability to make all required interest and principal payments in a timely manner. An issuer with the highest credit rating has a very strong degree of certainty (or safety) with respect to making all payments. An issuer with the second-highest credit rating has a strong capacity to make all payments, although the degree of safety is somewhat less.

Generally, the fund is required to invest its assets in securities with the highest or second-highest credit rating, or the unrated equivalent as determined by The Dreyfus Corporation.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.

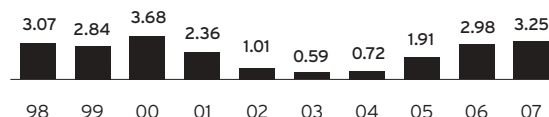


PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's BASIC shares from year to year. The table shows the average annual total returns of the fund's BASIC shares over time. The historical performance of the fund's Class R shares, which are not offered in this prospectus, is used to calculate the performance shown in the bar chart and table for periods prior to July 2, 2007 (the date the fund's BASIC shares were initially offered). The fund's BASIC shares should have similar annual returns to those of the fund's Class R shares. All of the fund's share classes invest in the same portfolio of securities. Performance for each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in expenses. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results.

Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*

BASIC shares*



Best Quarter: Q2 '00 **+0.95%**

Worst Quarter: Q3 '03 **+0.11%**

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

BASIC shares*

1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
3.25%	1.89%	2.24%

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/07 was 3.18% for BASIC shares.* For the current yield of the fund's BASIC shares, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.

* Based on the performance of the fund's Class R shares for periods prior to July 2, 2007.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described for BASIC shares in the table below. Annual fund operating expenses are paid out of fund assets, so their effect is reflected in the amount of income available for distribution to shareholders. The fund has no sales charge (load) or Rule 12b-1 distribution fees for BASIC shares.

Fee table

Annual fund operating expenses

% of average daily net assets

Management fees	0.50%
Other expenses*	0.02%

Total annual fund operating expenses	0.52%
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Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement**	(0.02)%
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Net operating expenses	0.50%
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* The 0.02% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

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Expense example

1 Year	3 Years
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\$51

\$160

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The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table describes the performance for BASIC shares of the fund for the period from July 2, 2007 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2007. “Total return” shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during the period, assuming you had

reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund’s financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	<i>Period Ended October 31, 2007</i>
Per-Share Data (\$):	
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.011
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.011)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00
Total Return (%) ¹	3.26
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):	
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets ¹	.52
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets ¹	.50
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets ¹	3.26
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	8,852

¹ Annualized.

Your Investment



ACCOUNT POLICIES

Buying shares

You pay no sales charges to invest in BASIC shares of the fund. Your price for fund shares is the fund's net asset value per share (NAV), which is generally calculated three times a day, at 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., on days the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund's investments are valued based on amortized cost.

If an order in proper form is received by 3:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined after the order is accepted and will receive the dividend declared that day. If such an order is received after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., and Federal Funds are received by 11:00 a.m. the next business day, the shares will be purchased at the NAV determined at 8:00 p.m. and will begin to accrue dividends on the next business day.

All times are Eastern time.

Because the fund seeks tax-exempt income, it is not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$10,000	\$100
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

Concepts to understand

Net asset value (NAV): a mutual fund's share price on a given day. A fund's NAV is calculated by dividing the value of its net assets by the number of existing shares outstanding.

When calculating its NAV, the fund compares the NAV using amortized cost to its NAV using available market quotations or market equivalents which generally are provided by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board.

Amortized cost: a method of valuing a money market fund's portfolio securities, which does not take into account unrealized gains or losses. As a result, portfolio securities are valued at their acquisition cost, adjusted over time based on the discounts or premiums reflected in their purchase price. The fund uses this valuation method pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 in order to be able to price its shares at \$1.00 per share. In accordance with Rule 2a-7, the fund is subject to certain maturity, quality and diversification requirements to help maintain the \$1.00 share price.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. If a redemption request is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity by 3:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the same day, and the shares will not receive the dividend declared on that day. If a request for redemption is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., the proceeds of the redemption, if transfer by wire is requested, ordinarily will be transmitted in Federal Funds on the next business day, and the shares will receive the dividend declared on that day. Except as otherwise noted above, you will generally receive the proceeds of a redemption within a week. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request.

All times are Eastern time.

Before selling or writing a check against shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay selling the shares for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not honor redemption checks, or process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests, for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through www.dreyfus.com

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

Money market funds generally are used by investors for short-term investments, often in place of bank checking or savings accounts, or for cash management purposes. Investors value the ability to add and withdraw their funds quickly, without restriction. For this reason, although Dreyfus discourages excessive trading and other abusive trading practices, the fund has not adopted policies and procedures, or imposed redemption fees or other restrictions such as minimum holding periods, to deter frequent purchases and redemptions of fund shares. Dreyfus also believes that money market funds, such as the fund, are not targets of abusive trading practices, because money market funds seek to maintain a \$1.00 per share price and typically do not fluctuate in value based on market prices. However, frequent purchases and redemptions of the fund's shares could increase the fund's transaction costs, such as market spreads and custodial fees, and may interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio, which could detract from the

fund's performance. Accordingly, the fund reserves the right to refuse any purchase or exchange request. Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds that are not money market mutual funds have approved policies and procedures that are intended to discourage and prevent abusive trading practices in those mutual funds, which may apply to exchanges from or into the fund. If you plan to exchange your fund shares for shares of another Dreyfus fund, please read the prospectus of that other Dreyfus fund for more information.

The fund reserves the right to:

- refuse any purchase or exchange request
- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only in cases of very large redemptions, excessive trading or during unusual market conditions)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount you are redeeming is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)

The fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its NAV on days the fund's primary trading markets are open and the fund's management determines to do so.

Third party investments

If you invest through a third party (rather than directly with the distributor), the policies, limitations and fees may be different than those described herein. Banks, brokers, financial advisers and financial supermarkets may charge transaction fees and may set different minimum investments or limitations on buying or selling shares. Consult a representative of your financial institution for further information.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends once a month and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

The fund anticipates that virtually all of its income dividends paid to you will be exempt from federal personal income tax. However, for federal tax purposes, certain distributions, such as distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income, while long-term capital gains are taxable to you as capital gains. Income exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state and local taxes.

The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plans	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from one Dreyfus fund into another (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.
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Dreyfus Financial Centers

A full array of investment services and products are offered at Dreyfus Financial Centers. This includes information on mutual funds, brokerage services, tax-advantaged products and retirement planning.

Experienced financial consultants can help you make informed choices and provide you with personalized attention in handling account transactions. The Financial Centers also offer informative seminars and events. To find out whether a Dreyfus Financial Center is near you, call **1-800-645-6561**.

Checkwriting privilege

You may write redemption checks against your account in amounts of \$500 or more. These checks are free; however, a fee will be charged if you request a stop payment or if the transfer agent cannot honor a redemption check due to insufficient funds or another valid reason. Please do not post-date your checks or use them to close your account.

Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more from one Dreyfus fund into another. You can request your exchange in writing, by phone or online. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative.

Dreyfus Express® voice-activated account access

You can easily manage your Dreyfus accounts, check your account balances, purchase fund shares, transfer money between your Dreyfus funds, get price and yield information and much more — when it's convenient for you — by calling 1-800-645-6561. Certain requests may require the services of a representative.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You will also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55299, Boston, MA 02205-8553

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 105, Newark, NJ 07101-0105

TO SELL SHARES

Write a redemption check **or** write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Account Policies – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 043508
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A, with these instructions:

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- the share class
- your account number
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Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "460".

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

For information and other assistance, call toll free in the U.S.

1-800-645-6561

Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452

Make checks payable to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds



You also can deliver requests to any Dreyfus Financial Center. Because processing time may vary, please ask the representative when your account will be credited or debited.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES

 Online (www.dreyfus.com)	<p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</p>	<p>Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.</p> <p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.</p> <p>Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.</p>
 Automatically <p>With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.</p>	<p>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.</p>	<p>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.</p> <p>Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.</p>

For More Information

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on the fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center — Dreyfus Mutual Funds — Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a 15 day lag and will remain available on the website until the fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information was current.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call 1-800-645-6561

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

By E-mail Send your request to info@dreyfus.com

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:

SEC <http://www.sec.gov>

Dreyfus <http://www.dreyfus.com>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund

Seeks total return by
investing in stocks and bonds

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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See back cover.

Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund

Ticker Symbols **Class A: PRBAX**
Class B: PRBBX
Class C: DPBCX
Class I: PDBLX
Class T: DBFTX



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks total return (consisting of capital appreciation and income). This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund invests in a diversified mix of stocks and bonds (fixed-income securities) of both U.S. and foreign issuers.

The fund's normal asset allocation is approximately 60% stocks and 40% bonds. However, the fund is permitted to invest up to 75% and as little as 40% of its assets in stocks, and up to 60% and as little as 25% of its assets in bonds.

In allocating assets between stocks and bonds, the portfolio managers assess the relative return and risks of each asset class, analyzing several factors, including interest-rate-adjusted price/earnings ratio, the valuation and volatility levels of stocks relative to bonds, and other economic factors, such as interest rates.

In choosing stocks, the portfolio managers use a "growth style" of investing, searching for companies whose fundamental strengths suggest the potential to provide superior earnings growth over time. The portfolio managers use a consistent, bottom-up approach that emphasizes individual stock selection to build the equity portion of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio managers go beyond Wall Street analysis and perform qualitative and quantitative in-house research to determine whether companies meet their investment criteria.

The portfolio managers monitor the stocks in the fund's portfolio, and consider selling a security if the company's business momentum deteriorates or valuation becomes excessive. The portfolio managers also may sell a security if an event occurs that contradicts the portfolio managers' rationale for owning it, such as a deterioration in the company's financial fundamentals. In addition, the portfolio managers may sell a security if better investment opportunities emerge elsewhere, or if the portfolio managers change the fund's industry or sector weightings.

In choosing bonds, the portfolio managers review economic, market and other factors, leading to valuations by sector, maturity and quality. The fund

The Fund

invests primarily in U.S. government securities, corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities for its fixed-income portfolio. The average effective maturity of the fund's fixed-income portfolio normally will not exceed 10 years.

Up to 20% of the fund's fixed-income portfolio may be invested in securities rated below investment grade (BB/Ba and lower), but no lower than B, or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus at the time of purchase (commonly referred to as "high yield" or "junk" bonds).

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as futures, options, swap agreements and forward contracts, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, to manage credit or interest rate risk, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund may enter into swap agreements, such as credit default swaps, which can be used to transfer the credit risk of a security without actually transferring ownership of the security or to customize exposure to particular corporate credit. To enhance current income, the fund also may engage in a series of purchase and sale contracts or forward roll transactions in which the fund sells a mortgage-related security, for example, to a financial institution and simultaneously agrees to purchase a similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed-upon price.

Concepts to understand

Investment grade bonds: independent rating organizations analyze and evaluate a bond issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, credit profile and ability to repay debts. Based on their assessment, these rating organizations assign letter grades that reflect the issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, creditworthiness. AAA or Aaa represents the highest credit rating, AA/Aa the second highest, and so on down to D, for defaulted debt. Bonds rated BBB or Baa and above are considered investment grade.

Average effective maturity: an average of the maturities of the bonds held by the fund directly and the bonds underlying derivative instruments entered into by the fund, as adjusted to reflect provisions or market conditions that may cause a bond's principal to be repaid earlier than at its stated maturity.



MAIN RISKS

The stock and bond markets can perform differently from each other at any given time (as well as over the long term), so the fund will be affected by its asset allocation. If the fund favors an asset class during a period when that class underperforms, the fund's performance may be hurt. The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Foreign investment risk.* To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Foreign currency risk.* Investments in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will reduce the value of securities held by the fund and denominated in those currencies. Foreign currencies also are subject to risks caused by inflation, interest rates, budget deficits and low savings rates, political factors and government controls.

- *Derivatives risk.* The fund may use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to securities, indexes and interest rates), forward contracts, swaps (including credit default swaps on corporate bonds and asset-backed securities), options on swaps, and other credit derivatives, and may invest in mortgage-related securities and asset-backed securities. A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Credit default swaps and similar instruments involve greater risks than if the fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, since, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risks.
- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.

The fund's investments in stocks and other equity securities also are subject to the following principal risks:

- *Growth stock risk.* Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks may lack the dividend yield that may cushion stock prices in market downturns. Because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, the fund's performance may sometimes be lower or higher than that of other types of funds (such as those emphasizing value stocks).
- *Midsized company stock risk.* Investments in midsized company stocks tend to be more volatile than large company stocks and could have a disproportionate effect on performance.
- *IPO risk.* The fund may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs). The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.

The fund's investments in bonds and other fixed-income securities also are subject to the following principal risks:

- *Interest rate risk.* Prices of bonds tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect bond prices and, accordingly, the fund's share price. The longer the effective maturity and duration of the bond portion of the fund's portfolio, the more the fund's share price is likely to react to interest rates.
- *Credit risk.* Failure of an issuer to make timely interest or principal payments, or a decline or perception of a decline in the credit quality of a bond, can cause a bond's price to fall, potentially lowering the fund's share price. Although the fund's bond investments are primarily in investment grade bonds, the fund may invest to a limited extent in high yield ("junk") bonds which involve greater credit risk, including the risk of default, than investment grade bonds and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. The prices of high yield bonds can fall dramatically in response to bad news about the issuer or its industry, or the economy in general.
- *Call risk.* Some bonds give the issuer the option to call, or redeem, the bonds before their maturity date. If an issuer "calls" its bond during a time of declining interest rates, the fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield. During periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates, prices of the fund's "callable" issues are subject to increased price fluctuation.
- *Liquidity risk.* When there is little or no active trading market for specific types of securities, it can become more difficult to sell the securities at or near their perceived value. In such a market, the value of such securities and the fund's share price may fall dramatically. Investments in foreign securities tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities.

- *Prepayment and extension risk.* When interest rates fall, the principal on mortgage-backed and certain asset-backed securities may be prepaid. The loss of higher yielding, underlying mortgages and the reinvestment of proceeds at lower interest rates can reduce the fund's potential price gain in response to falling interest rates, reduce the fund's yield, or cause the fund's share price to fall. When interest rates rise, the effective duration of the fund's mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities may lengthen due to a drop in prepayments of the underlying mortgages or other assets. This is known as extension risk and would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising rates and its potential for price declines.

Other potential risks

Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

At times, the fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

The fund may lend its securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



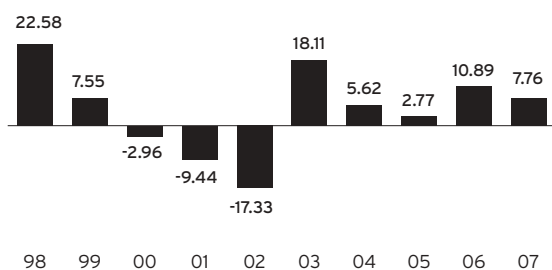
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class I shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of each of the fund's share classes to those of the listed indexes. The returns shown in the table reflect any applicable sales loads. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class I shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

Class I shares



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 +14.53%

Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 -12.31%

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I (9/15/93) <i>returns before taxes</i>	7.76%	8.90%	3.91%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	7.20%	8.43%	3.01%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	5.28%	7.55%	2.89%
Class A (4/14/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	1.28%	7.35%	3.02%
Class B (12/19/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	2.60%	7.52%	3.17%*
Class C (12/19/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	5.66%	7.81%	2.87%
Class T (8/16/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	2.28%	7.35%	2.98%†
S&P 500 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	5.49%	12.82%	5.91%
U.S. Aggregate Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	6.97%	4.42%	5.97%
Hybrid Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	6.08%	9.54%	6.36%

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

† For the fund's Class T shares, periods prior to 8/16/99 reflect the performance of the fund's Class I shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class T shares for such periods may have been lower.

Concepts to understand

S&P 500: a widely recognized, unmanaged index designed to measure U.S. stock market performance.

U.S. Aggregate Index: a broad-based, unmanaged market-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market, and includes corporate, U.S. government and U.S. government agency, mortgage-related and asset-backed securities.

Hybrid Index: an unmanaged index composed of 60% S&P 500 and 40% U.S. Aggregate Index.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I	Class T
Shareholder transaction fees <i>(fees paid from your account)</i>					
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases % of offering price	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	none**	4.00	1.00	none	none**
Annual fund operating expenses <i>(expenses paid from fund assets)</i>					
% of average daily net assets					
Management fees	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	1.00	1.00	none	.50
Other expenses***	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.26	2.01	2.01	1.01	1.51
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement****	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)
Net operating expenses	1.26	2.01	2.01	1.00	1.51

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

*** The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

**** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$696	\$952	\$1,227	\$2,010
Class B				
with redemption	\$604	\$930	\$1,283	\$1,967 [†]
without redemption	\$204	\$630	\$1,083	\$1,967 [†]
Class C				
with redemption	\$304	\$630	\$1,083	\$2,338
without redemption	\$204	\$630	\$1,083	\$2,338
Class I	\$102	\$318	\$552	\$1,225
Class T	\$597	\$906	\$1,237	\$2,170

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Dreyfus undertook to waive a portion of its management fee from November 1, 2006 through April 4, 2008. As a result, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, Dreyfus waived a portion of its management fee reducing total fund expenses from 1.26% to 1.11% for Class A, from 2.01% to 1.86% for Class B, from 2.01% to 1.86% for Class C, from 1.00% to 0.85% for Class I and from 1.51% to 1.36% for Class T.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.85% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semiannual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

John B. Jares is responsible for the fund's asset allocation and is the primary portfolio manager for the equity portion of the fund's portfolio. Mr. Jares has held this position since July 1, 2006 and has been employed by Dreyfus since May 2006 and The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC, an affiliate of Dreyfus, since July 2006. He is also a vice president of investments of Founders Asset Management LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since November 2001.

Catherine Powers is the primary portfolio manager for the fixed-income portion of the fund's portfolio. Ms. Powers has held this position since January 2005 and has been employed by Dreyfus since September 2001. She also is a senior portfolio manager for active core strategies, responsible for high grade core and core plus fixed-income strategies, for Standish Mellon Asset Management Company, LLC (Standish Mellon), an affiliate of Dreyfus. Ms. Powers joined Standish Mellon in 1988.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had

reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	13.76	12.58	12.31	11.90	10.73
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.25	.23	.24	.15	.09
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	1.46	1.22	.29	.43	1.19
Total from investment operations	1.71	1.45	.53	.58	1.28
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.29)	(.27)	(.26)	(.17)	(.11)
Net asset value, end of period	15.18	13.76	12.58	12.31	11.90
Total Return (%) ²	12.64	11.72	4.36	4.90	12.05
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.26	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.11	1.10	1.12	1.18	1.25
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.77	1.79	1.88	1.20	.86
Portfolio turnover rate	226.73 ³	229.90 ³	246.46 ³	215.48	305.24
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	77,416	83,422	87,328	98,546	128,519

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transaction for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005 were 162.96%, 121.54% and 197.43%, respectively.

Class B	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	13.72	12.53	12.26	11.85	10.69
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.14	.13	.14	.05	.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.47	1.23	.30	.44	1.19
Total from investment operations	1.61	1.36	.44	.49	1.20
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.19)	(.17)	(.17)	(.08)	(.04)
Net asset value, end of period	15.14	13.72	12.53	12.26	11.85
Total Return (%) ²	11.83	10.93	3.58	4.13	11.21
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.01	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.86	1.85	1.88	1.93	2.00
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.04	1.05	1.18	.44	.12
Portfolio turnover rate	226.73 ³	229.90 ³	246.46 ³	215.48	305.24
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	8,275	16,913	34,655	78,262	103,904

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transaction for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005 were 162.96%, 121.54% and 197.43%, respectively.

Class C	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	13.76	12.58	12.30	11.89	10.73
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.15	.14	.14	.05	.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.47	1.21	.31	.44	1.19
Total from investment operations	1.62	1.35	.45	.49	1.20
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.19)	(.17)	(.17)	(.08)	(.04)
Net asset value, end of period	15.19	13.76	12.58	12.30	11.89
Total Return (%) ²	11.87	10.81	3.57	4.20	11.17
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.01	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.86	1.85	1.87	1.93	2.00
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.02	1.04	1.15	.45	.11
Portfolio turnover rate	226.73 ³	229.90 ³	246.46 ³	215.48	305.24
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	8,705	9,609	11,735	16,426	20,370

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transaction for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005 were 162.96%, 121.54% and 197.43%, respectively.

Class I	2007¹	<i>Year Ended October 31,</i>			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	13.74	12.59	12.32	11.91	10.74
Investment operations: Investment income – net ²	.30	.26	.27	.18	.12
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.46	1.21	.29	.43	1.19
Total from investment operations	1.76	1.47	.56	.61	1.31
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.33)	(.32)	(.29)	(.20)	(.14)
Net asset value, end of period	15.17	13.74	12.59	12.32	11.91
Total Return (%)	13.02	11.93	4.61	5.25	12.19
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.85	.85	.87	.93	1.00
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	2.08	2.05	2.22	1.46	1.10
Portfolio turnover rate	226.73 ³	229.90 ³	246.46 ³	215.48	305.24
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	14,640	22,547	32,390	54,429	99,620

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R shares to Class I shares.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

³ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transaction for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005 were 162.96%, 121.54% and 197.43%, respectively.

Class T	2007	<i>Year Ended October 31,</i>			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	13.76	12.57	12.30	11.88	10.72
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.22	.20	.21	.12	.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.47	1.21	.29	.44	1.18
Total from investment operations	1.69	1.41	.50	.56	1.25
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.26)	(.22)	(.23)	(.14)	(.09)
Net asset value, end of period	15.19	13.76	12.57	12.30	11.88
Total Return (%) ²	12.44	11.38	4.10	4.73	11.69
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.51	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.36	1.35	1.37	1.43	1.50
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.55	1.53	1.66	.95	.62
Portfolio turnover rate	226.73 ³	229.90 ³	246.46 ³	215.48	305.24
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	132	203	193	249	320

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transaction for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005 were 162.96%, 121.54% and 197.43%, respectively.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Class A, C, I and T shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A or Class T shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C or Class T shares, and Class T shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fee)	0.25%	1.00%	0.50%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Class T share considerations

When you invest in Class T shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

The initial sales charge on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

Class A and Class T shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in certain qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B shares considerations

Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges

For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C and T shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating its NAV, the fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices or by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If valuations for investments (received from the pricing service or otherwise) are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain foreign, high yield and thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund cal-

culates its NAV. If short-term investors in the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund's shares are offered at NAV, but Class A and Class T shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. The fund has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded high yield securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends quarterly and distributes capital gains annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class T shares into Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds and Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You'll also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call us to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

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- the fund name
- the share class
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- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "413" for Class A, "415" for Class C, "416" for Class I, or "560" for Class T.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.
Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "413" for Class A, "415" for Class C, "416" for Class I, or "560" for Class T.



Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div data-bbox="77 199 154 268"></div> <div data-bbox="175 216 492 247">Online (www.dreyfus.com)</div> <div data-bbox="305 283 397 294">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 273 1031 382">Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</div>	<div data-bbox="1214 283 1307 294">_____</div>
<div data-bbox="77 678 154 747"></div> <div data-bbox="175 695 342 726">Automatically</div> <div data-bbox="305 762 397 772">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 751 1031 915">All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.</div>	<div data-bbox="1068 751 1529 804">Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.</div>

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.
SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's managers discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semi-annual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:
<http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



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Seeks high current income by
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PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income as is consistent with safety of principal and maintenance of liquidity. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 65% of its assets in various types of U.S. and foreign investment grade bonds or their unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus. The fund's portfolio may include government bonds, corporate debt securities, mortgage-related securities and asset-backed securities.

To select securities for the fund, the portfolio manager conducts extensive research into the credit history and current financial strength of investment grade bond issuers. The portfolio manager also examines such factors as maturity of the securities, the long-term outlook for the industry in which an issuer operates, the economy and the bond market.

Although the portfolio manager may invest in individual bonds with different remaining maturities, the fund's average effective maturity will be no more than 10 years.

The fund may invest in inflation-indexed securities. These are fixed-income securities designed to protect investors from a loss of value due to inflation by periodically adjusting their principal and/or coupon according to the rate of inflation.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as futures, options and forward contracts, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, to manage market, foreign currency and/or duration or interest rate risk, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund may enter into swap agreements, such as interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, which can be used to transfer the credit risk of a security without actually transferring ownership of the security or to customize exposure to particular corporate credit. The fund also may invest in collateralized debt obligations

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(CDOs), which include collateralized loan obligations and other similarly structured securities. To enhance current income, the fund may engage in a series of purchase and sale contracts or forward roll transactions in which the fund sells a mortgage-related security, for example, to a financial institution and simultaneously agrees to purchase a similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed-upon price. The fund also may make forward commitments in which the fund agrees to buy or sell a security in the future at a price agreed upon today.

Concepts to understand

Investment grade bonds: independent rating organizations analyze and evaluate a bond issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, credit profile and ability to repay debts. Based on their assessment, these rating organizations assign letter grades that reflect the issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, creditworthiness. AAA or Aaa represents the highest credit rating, AA/Aa the second highest, and so on down to D, for defaulted debt. Bonds rated BBB or Baa and above are considered investment grade. The fund currently intends to invest only in bonds rated grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus at the time of purchase.

Average effective maturity: an average of the maturities of bonds held by the fund directly and the bonds underlying derivative instruments entered into by the fund, as adjusted to reflect provisions or market conditions that may cause a bond's principal to be repaid earlier than at its stated maturity.

Credit default swap: a derivative instrument whereby the buyer makes fixed, periodic premium payments to the seller in exchange for being made whole on an agreed-upon amount of principal, should the specified reference entity (i.e., the issuer of a particular security) experience a "credit event" (e.g., failure to pay interest or principal, bankruptcy or restructuring).



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Interest rate risk.* Prices of bonds tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect bond prices and, accordingly, the fund's share price. The longer the effective maturity and duration of the fund's portfolio, the more the fund's share price is likely to react to interest rates.
- *Call risk.* Some bonds give the issuer the option to call, or redeem, the bonds before their maturity date. If an issuer "calls" its bond during a time of declining interest rates, the fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield, and therefore might not benefit from any increase in value as a result of declining interest rates. During periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates, prices of the fund's "callable" issues are subject to increased price fluctuation.
- *Credit risk.* Failure of an issuer to make timely interest or principal payments, or a decline or perception of a decline in the credit quality of a bond, can cause a bond's price to fall, potentially lowering the fund's share price.
- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Liquidity risk.* When there is little or no active trading market for specific types of securities, it can become more difficult to sell the securities at or near their perceived value. In such a market, the value of such securities and the fund's share price may fall dramatically even during periods of declining interest rates. Investments in foreign securities tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities.
- *Prepayment and extension risk.* When interest rates fall, the principal on mortgage-backed and most asset-backed securities may be prepaid. The loss of higher yielding, underlying mortgages and the reinvestment of proceeds at lower interest rates can reduce the fund's potential price gain in response to falling interest rates, reduce the fund's yield, or cause the fund's share price to fall. When interest rates rise, the effective duration of the fund's mortgage-related and asset-backed securities may lengthen due to a drop in prepayments of the underlying mortgages or other assets. This is known as extension risk and would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising rates and its potential for price declines.
- *Foreign investment risk.* The prices and yields of foreign bonds can be affected by political and economic instability or changes in currency exchange rates. The bonds of issuers located in emerging markets can be more volatile and less liquid than those of issuers in more mature economies.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund's overall risk level will depend on the market sectors in which the fund is invested and the current interest rate, liquidity and credit quality of such sectors. The fund may overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.

- *Inflation-indexed bond risk.* Interest payments on inflation-indexed bonds can be unpredictable and will vary as the principal and/or interest is periodically adjusted based on the rate of inflation. If the index measuring inflation falls, the interest payable on these securities will be reduced. In the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds, the U.S. Treasury has guaranteed that in the event of a drop in prices, it would repay the par amount of its inflation-indexed bonds. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by corporations generally do not guarantee repayment of principal. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity. As a result, the fund may be required to make annual distributions to shareholders that exceed the cash the fund received, which may cause the fund to liquidate certain investments when it is not advantageous to do so. Also, if the principal value of an inflation-indexed bond is adjusted downward due to deflation, amounts previously distributed may be characterized in some circumstances as a return of capital.
- *Derivatives risk.* The fund may use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to securities, foreign currencies, indexes and interest rates), forward contracts, swaps (including credit default swaps on corporate bonds and asset-backed securities), options on swaps, and other credit derivatives, and may invest in mortgage-related securities and CDOs and other asset-backed securities. A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Credit default swaps and similar instruments involve

greater risks than if the fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, since, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risks.

Additionally, some derivatives the fund may use may involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these instruments as they may increase or decrease in value more quickly than the underlying security, index, futures contracts, or other economic variable. The fund may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets to cover its obligations relating to its purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as borrowing money to purchase securities, engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.

Other potential risks

Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

At times, the fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance. The fund's forward roll transactions will increase its portfolio turnover rate.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



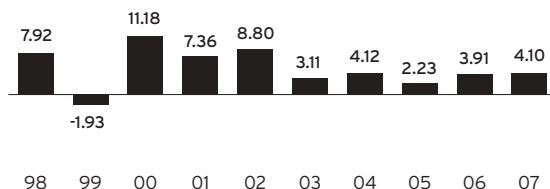
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the changes in the performance of the fund's Class I shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of each of the fund's share classes to those of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index, a widely recognized, unmanaged index of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market performance. The returns shown in the table reflect any applicable sales loads. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class I shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

Class I shares



Best Quarter: Q3 '98 +4.74%
Worst Quarter: Q2 '04 -2.68%

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ Inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I (7/11/91) <i>returns before taxes</i>	4.10%	3.49%	5.02%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	2.36%	1.92%	3.12%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	2.65%	2.09%	3.13%
Class A (4/7/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	0.74%	2.60%	4.44%
Class B (12/19/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	0.27%	2.54%	4.45%*
Class C (12/19/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	2.58%	2.72%	4.22%
Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	6.97%	4.42%	5.97%

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I
Shareholder transaction fees <i>(fees paid from your account)</i>				
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases % of offering price	3.00	none	none	none
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	none**	3.00	.75	none
Annual fund operating expenses <i>(expenses paid from fund assets)</i>				
% of average daily net assets				
Management fees	.60	.60	.60	.60
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	.75	.75	none
Other expenses***	.01	.01	.01	.01
Total	.86	1.36	1.36	.61
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement****	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Net operating expense	.85	1.35	1.35	.60

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

*** The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members.

**** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fee in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$384	\$563	\$757	\$1,318
Class B				
with redemption	\$437	\$628	\$839	\$1,362 [†]
without redemption	\$137	\$428	\$739	\$1,362 [†]
Class C				
with redemption	\$212	\$428	\$739	\$1,624
without redemption	\$137	\$428	\$739	\$1,624
Class I	\$61	\$192	\$335	\$750

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, The Dreyfus Corporation pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.60% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semianual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Christopher Pellegrino is the fund's primary portfolio manager. Mr. Pellegrino has been a portfolio manager of the fund since the fund's inception and has been employed by Dreyfus as a portfolio manager since October 1994. Mr. Pellegrino also is a senior portfolio manager at Standish Mellon Asset Management LLC, an affiliate of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since July 2003. Mr. Pellegrino has been employed by Mellon Bank, N.A. since August 1988.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because these payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		11.02	11.14	11.57	11.44	11.44
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.49	.45	.38	.38	.37
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.13)	.03	(.28)	.16	.01
Total from investment operations		.36	.48	.10	.54	.38
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.50)	(.46)	(.40)	(.40)	(.38)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	(.14)	(.13)	(.01)	–
Total distributions		(.50)	(.60)	(.53)	(.41)	(.38)
Net asset value, end of period		10.88	11.02	11.14	11.57	11.44
Total Return (%) ²		3.31	4.52	.88	4.76	3.34
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		.86	.85	.85	.85	.85
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		4.44	4.13	3.34	3.33	3.13
Portfolio turnover rate		436.92 ³	458.50 ³	388.58 ³	202.27 ³	173.68
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		14,843	15,327	17,278	19,293	20,176

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006, October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004 were 344.58%, 239.66%, 188.33% and 144.28%, respectively.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class B		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		11.05	11.71	11.61	11.47	11.48
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.42	.39	.32	.32	.30
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.12)	.04	(.29)	.17	.01
Total from investment operations		.30	.43	.03	.49	.31
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.44)	(.41)	(.34)	(.34)	(.32)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	(.14)	(.13)	(.01)	–
Total distributions		(.44)	(.55)	(.47)	(.35)	(.32)
Net asset value, end of period		10.91	11.05	11.17	11.61	11.47
Total Return (%) ²		2.80	4.00	.29	4.32	2.74
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		3.91	3.62	2.84	2.83	2.64
Portfolio turnover rate		436.92 ³	458.50 ³	388.58 ³	202.27 ³	173.68
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		3,785	6,977	11,855	17,225	24,877

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006, October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004 were 344.58%, 239.66%, 188.33% and 144.28%, respectively.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class C		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		10.90	11.01	11.44	11.31	11.32
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.43	.39	.32	.32	.30
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.13)	.05	(.28)	.15	.01
Total from investment operations		.30	.44	.04	.47	.31
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.44)	(.41)	(.34)	(.33)	(.32)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	(.14)	(.13)	(.01)	–
Total distributions		(.44)	(.55)	(.47)	(.34)	(.32)
Net asset value, end of period		10.76	10.90	11.01	11.44	11.31
Total Return (%) ²		2.78	4.10	.34	4.25	2.73
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		3.96	3.63	2.83	2.83	2.64
Portfolio turnover rate		436.92 ³	458.50 ³	388.58 ³	202.27 ³	173.68
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		6,119	5,977	7,994	9,838	11,104

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006, October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004 were 344.58%, 239.66%, 188.33% and 144.28%, respectively.

Class I		2007 ¹	Year Ended October 31,			
			2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		11.02	11.13	11.57	11.44	11.44
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ²	.52	.48	.41	.41	.39
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.14)	.04	(.29)	.15	.02
Total from investment operations		.38	.52	.12	.56	.41
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.52)	(.49)	(.43)	(.42)	(.41)
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	–	(.14)	(.13)	(.01)	–
Total distributions		(.52)	(.63)	(.56)	(.43)	(.41)
Net asset value, end of period		10.88	11.02	11.13	11.57	11.44
Total Return (%)		3.56	4.87	1.03	5.02	3.61
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		.61	.60	.60	.60	.60
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		4.69	4.37	3.57	3.57	3.37
Portfolio turnover rate		436.92 ³	458.50 ³	388.58 ³	202.27 ³	173.68
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		9,954	9,756	11,794	13,203	14,711

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R shares as Class I shares.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

³ The portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the years ended October 31, 2007, October 31, 2006, October 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004 were 344.58%, 239.66%, 188.33% and 144.28%, respectively.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders Asset Management, LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Class A, C and I shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 3.00%	none	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fee)	0.25%	0.75%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$100,000	3.00%	3.10%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2.75%	2.80%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.25%	2.30%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

** No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- shareholders holding Class A shares of the fund since December 19, 1994
- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A shares of the fund at NAV in such account.

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B share considerations

Class B shares sold within five years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	3.00%
Second year	3.00%
Third year	2.00%
Fourth year	2.00%
Fifth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund’s Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating its NAV, the fund’s investments generally are valued by one or more independent pricing services approved by the fund’s board or on the basis of market quotations. The pricing service’s procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund’s board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund’s board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security’s most recent price and from prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days that the fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the fund’s assets on days when fund investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain foreign, municipal and thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund’s shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies

will prevent dilution of the fund’s NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see “Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies” for further information about the fund’s frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund’s shares are offered at NAV, but Class A shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions, and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing, and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. The fund has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policy and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends monthly and distributes capital gains annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You'll also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "424" for Class A, "426" for Class C, or "427" for Class I.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.
Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.



Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES

 Online (www.dreyfus.com)	<p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</p>	<p>Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.</p> <p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.</p> <p>Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.</p>
 Automatically <p>With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.</p>	<p>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.</p>	<p>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.</p> <p>Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 0011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "424" for Class A, "426" for Class C, or "427" for Class I.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit **www.dreyfus.com** to request your transaction.



Automatically

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Limited Term Income Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.
SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semi-annual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:
<http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund

Seeks capital appreciation by investing
in large-cap stocks

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund

Ticker Symbols **Class A: DRDEX**
Class B: DRLBX
Class C: DLCCX
Class I: DEIRX
Class T: DLSTX



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks capital appreciation. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks of large-cap companies. The fund invests in growth and value stocks, which are chosen through a disciplined investment process that combines computer modeling techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. The fund's investment process is designed to provide investors with investment exposure to sector weightings and risk characteristics generally similar to those of the Standard & Poor's® 500 Composite Stock Price Index (S&P 500).

In selecting securities, the fund's portfolio managers use a computer model to identify and rank stocks within an industry or sector, based on several characteristics, including:

- **value**, or how a stock is priced relative to its perceived intrinsic worth
- **growth**, in this case the sustainability or growth of earnings
- **financial profile**, which measures the financial health of the company

Next, based on fundamental analysis, the fund's portfolio managers generally select the most attractive of the higher ranked securities, drawing on a variety of sources, including internal as well as Wall Street research, and company management.

Finally, the fund's portfolio managers manage risk by diversifying across companies and industries, seeking to limit the potential adverse impact from any one stock or industry. The fund is structured so that its sector weightings and risk characteristics, such as growth, size, quality and yield, are generally similar to those of the S&P 500.

The Fund

Concepts to understand

Large-cap companies: generally, established companies that are considered "known quantities" with market capitalizations of \$5 billion or more at the time of purchase. Large companies often have the resources to weather economic shifts, though they can be slower to innovate than small companies.

Computer model: a proprietary model that evaluates and ranks a large universe of stocks. The model screens each stock for relative attractiveness within its economic sector and industry. The fund's portfolio managers review each of the screen on a regular basis, and maintain the flexibility to adapt the screening criteria to changes in market conditions.

S&P 500: an unmanaged index of 500 common stocks chosen to reflect the industries of the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 is often considered a proxy for the stock market in general.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Large cap stock risk.* By focusing on large capitalization stocks, the fund may underperform funds that invest in the stocks of lower quality, smaller capitalization companies during periods when the stocks of such companies are in favor.
- *Stock selection risk.* Although the fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the S&P 500, the fund is expected to hold fewer securities than the index. Owning fewer securities and having the ability to purchase companies not listed in the index can cause the fund to underperform the index.

- *Growth and value stock risk.* By investing in a mix of value and growth companies, the fund assumes the risks of both. Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio managers believe is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth, or the portfolio managers misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price even though in theory they are already undervalued. Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns.

Other potential risks

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.

Although the fund invests principally in the securities of U.S. issuers, it may invest in ADRs, which are U.S. dollar denominated securities that represent indirect ownership of securities issued by foreign companies, and, to a limited extent, in foreign securities and securities issued by foreign companies that are listed on U.S. exchanges. The securities of foreign issuers carry additional risks such as less liquidity, changes in currency exchange rates, a lack of comprehensive company information, differing auditing and legal standards and political and economic instability. Purchases or sales of certain ADRs may result, indirectly, in fees being paid to the Depositary Receipts Division of The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the fund's investment adviser, by brokers executing the purchases or sales.

The fund may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs). The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.



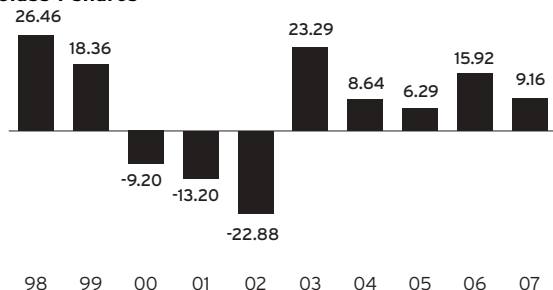
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class I shares from year to year. The table compares the fund's average annual total returns for each of the fund's share classes to those of the S&P 500, a broad measure of large-cap stock performance. The returns shown in the table reflect any applicable sales loads. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class I shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

Class I shares



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 **+22.70%**
Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 **-15.99%**

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I (9/2/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	9.16%	12.49%	5.06%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	9.06%	12.37%	4.86%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	6.09%	10.92%	4.35%
Class A (9/2/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	2.61%	10.87%	4.19%
Class B (1/16/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	4.08%	11.11%	4.34%*
Class C (1/16/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	7.04%	11.36%	4.03%†
Class T (8/16/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	3.69%	10.89%	4.14%†
S&P 500 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	5.49%	12.82%	5.91%

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

† For the fund's Class B and Class C shares, periods prior to 1/16/98 reflect the performance of the fund's Class I shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. For the fund's Class T shares, periods prior to 8/16/99 reflect the performance of the fund's Class I shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T shares for such periods may have been lower.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I	Class T
Shareholder transaction fees (<i>fees paid from your account</i>)					
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases <i>% of offering price</i>	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) <i>% of purchase or sale price, whichever is less</i>	none**	4.00	1.00	none	none**
Annual fund operating expenses (<i>expenses paid from fund assets</i>)					
<i>% of average daily net assets</i>					
Management fees	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	1.00	1.00	none	.50
Other expenses	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total	1.15	1.90	1.90	.90	1.40

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$685	\$919	\$1,172	\$1,892
Class B				
<i>with redemption</i>	\$593	\$897	\$1,226	\$1,848[†]
<i>without redemption</i>	\$193	\$597	\$1,026	\$1,848[†]
Class C				
<i>with redemption</i>	\$293	\$597	\$1,026	\$2,222
<i>without redemption</i>	\$193	\$597	\$1,026	\$2,222
Class I	\$92	\$287	\$498	\$1,108
Class T	\$586	\$873	\$1,181	\$2,054

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

For the period November 1, 2006 through April 4, 2007, Dreyfus assumed certain expenses of the fund pursuant to an undertaking, reducing total fund expenses from 1.15% to 1.11% for Class A, from 1.90% to 1.86% for Class B, from 1.90% to 1.86% for Class C, from 0.90% to 0.86% for Class I and from 1.40% to 1.36% for Class T shares.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.86% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the six months ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

The fund's primary portfolio manager is Sean P. Fitzgibbon. Mr. Fitzgibbon has held this position and been employed by Dreyfus since October 2004. He also is a senior vice president, portfolio manager, analyst and member of the U.S. large cap core equity team at The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC, a Dreyfus affiliate, where he has been employed since 1991.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		24.03	20.81	19.27	18.23	15.90
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ¹	.16	.16	.17	.10	.08
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.39	3.14	1.59	1.00	2.26
Total from investment operations		4.55	3.30	1.76	1.10	2.34
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.10)	(.08)	(.22)	(.06)	(.01)
Net asset value, end of period		28.48	24.03	20.81	19.27	18.23
Total Return (%) ²		18.98	15.81	9.23	6.05	14.71
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.11	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.15
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		.61	.71	.84	.51	.50
Portfolio turnover rate		50.62	97.90	70.09	65.83	51.02
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		54,103	47,928	39,665	33,185	98,320

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class B		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		22.83	19.85	18.45	17.54	15.40
Investment operations:	Investment income (loss) – net ¹	(.02)	.00 ²	.04	(.05)	(.04)
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.15	2.98	1.50	.98	2.18
Total from investment operations		4.13	2.98	1.54	.93	2.14
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.05)	.00 ²	(.14)	(.02)	–
Net asset value, end of period		26.91	22.83	19.85	18.45	17.54
Total Return (%) ³		18.11	14.97	8.42	5.34	13.83
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.86	1.80	1.80	1.83	1.90
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets		(.10)	.02	.21	(.25)	(.25)
Portfolio turnover rate		50.62	97.90	70.09	65.83	51.02
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		7,695	14,558	29,078	45,297	55,336

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

³ Exclusive of sales charge.

Class C	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	22.82	19.86	18.45	17.54	15.40
Investment operations: Investment income (loss) – net ¹	(.03)	.00 ²	.03	(.05)	(.04)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.16	2.96	1.52	.98	2.18
Total from investment operations	4.13	2.96	1.55	.93	2.14
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.05)	.00 ²	(.14)	(.02)	–
Net asset value, end of period	26.90	22.82	19.86	18.45	17.54
Total Return (%) ³	18.07	14.97	8.42	5.28	13.90
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.86	1.80	1.80	1.83	1.90
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(.14)	(.01)	.17	(.25)	(.24)
Portfolio turnover rate	50.62	97.90	70.09	65.83	51.02
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	7,471	7,069	8,380	10,271	13,094

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

³ Exclusive of sales charge.

Class I	2007 ¹	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	24.32	21.06	19.47	18.40	16.02
Investment operations: Investment income – net ²	.23	.22	.24	.14	.13
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.44	3.17	1.60	1.02	2.27
Total from investment operations	4.67	3.39	1.84	1.16	2.40
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.11)	(.13)	(.25)	(.09)	(.02)
Net asset value, end of period	28.88	24.32	21.06	19.47	18.40
Total Return (%)	19.29	16.14	9.50	6.35	14.98
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.86	.80	.80	.83	.90
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.86	.97	1.17	.75	.76
Portfolio turnover rate	50.62	97.90	70.09	65.83	51.02
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	9,409	8,645	8,713	10,019	11,492

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R shares to Class I shares.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

Class T	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	23.69	20.54	19.04	18.04	15.77
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.09	.11	.13	.05	.04
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.33	3.08	1.56	1.00	2.23
Total from investment operations	4.42	3.19	1.69	1.05	2.27
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.08)	(.04)	(.19)	(.05)	–
Net asset value, end of period	28.03	23.69	20.54	19.04	18.04
Total Return (%) ²	18.71	15.54	8.93	5.82	14.40
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.36	1.30	1.30	1.33	1.40
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.35	.49	.64	.25	.27
Portfolio turnover rate	50.62	97.90	70.09	65.83	51.02
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	452	445	609	660	734

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders Asset Management, LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Class A, C, I and T shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A or Class T shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C or Class T shares, and Class T shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fees)	0.25%	1.00%	0.50%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Class T share considerations

When you invest in Class T shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

The initial sales charge on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.

- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

Class A and Class T shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B share considerations

Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C and T shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When determining NAV, the fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund's shares are offered at NAV, but Class A and Class T shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends quarterly and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class T shares into Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds and Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You'll also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
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- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "407" for Class A, "469" for Class C, "491" for Class I, or "561" for Class T.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.
Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "407" for Class A, "469" for Class C, "491" for Class I, or "561" for Class T.



Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div data-bbox="77 199 154 268"></div> <div data-bbox="175 216 492 247">Online (www.dreyfus.com)</div> <div data-bbox="305 283 397 294">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 273 1031 382">Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</div>	<div data-bbox="1214 283 1307 294">_____</div>
<div data-bbox="77 678 154 747"></div> <div data-bbox="175 695 342 726">Automatically</div> <div data-bbox="305 762 397 772">_____</div>	<div data-bbox="597 751 1031 915">All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.</div>	<div data-bbox="1068 751 1529 804">Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.</div>

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from: <http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund

Seeks capital appreciation by investing
in stocks of midsize companies

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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For More Information

See back cover.

Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund

Ticker Symbols **Class A: DPMAX**
Class B: DMSBX
Class C: DMSCX
Class I: DDMRX
Class T: DMSTX

The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks capital appreciation. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks of midsize companies. The fund invests in growth and value stocks, which are chosen through a disciplined investment process that combines computer modeling techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management. The fund's investment process is designed to provide investors with investment exposure to sector weightings and risk characteristics generally similar to those of the fund's benchmark, the Standard & Poor's® MidCap 400 Index (S&P 400).

The portfolio managers select stocks through a "bottom-up," structured approach that seeks to identify undervalued securities using a quantitative screening process. This process is driven by a proprietary quantitative model which measures more than 40 characteristics of stocks to identify and rank stocks based on:

- **fundamental momentum**, meaning measures that reflect the changes in short-term earnings outlook through factors such as revised earnings estimates and earnings surprises
- **relative value**, such as current and forecasted price-to-earnings ratios, price-to-book ratios, yields and other price-sensitive data for a stock compared to its past, its peers and the models' overall stock universe
- **future value**, such as discounted present value measures
- **long-term growth**, based on measure that reflect the changes in estimated long-term earnings growth over multiple horizons
- **additional factors**, such as technical factors, trading by company insiders or share issuance/buy-back data

Next, the portfolio managers construct the portfolio through a "bottom-up" and structured approach, focusing on stock selection as opposed to making proactive decisions as to industry or sector exposure. The portfolio managers seek to maintain a portfolio that has exposure to industries and market capitalizations that are generally similar to the fund's benchmark, the S&P 400. Finally, within each sector and style subset, the fund will seek to overweight the most attractive stocks and underweight or not hold the stocks that have been ranked least attractive.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as futures, options and forward contracts, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy.

Concepts to understand

Midsize companies: generally established companies that may not be as well known as larger companies. The mid-size companies in which the fund invests are those companies whose stocks are included in the S&P 400 or in the Russell Midcap Index at the time of purchase. Midsize companies may lack the resources to weather economic shifts, though they can be faster to innovate than large companies.

Computer models: proprietary computer models that evaluate and rank a universe of over 3,500 stocks. The portfolio managers review each of the screens on a regular basis. The portfolio managers also maintain the flexibility to adapt the screening criteria to changes in market conditions.

S&P 400: an unmanaged, market-capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of 400 medium-capitalization stocks. The stocks comprising the S&P 400 have market capitalizations generally ranging between \$500 million and \$12 billion.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Midsized company risk.* Midsized companies carry additional risks because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, including special situations, are made in anticipation of future products and services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Stock selection risk.* Although the fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the S&P 400, the fund is expected to hold fewer securities than the index. Owning fewer securities and the ability to purchase companies not listed in the S&P 400 can cause the fund to underperform the index.
- *Growth and value stock risk.* By investing in a mix of value and growth companies, the fund assumes the risks of both. Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns. Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth, or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price even though in theory they are already undervalued.

- *Foreign investment risk.* To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Foreign currency risk.* Investments in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will reduce the value of securities held by the fund and denominated in those currencies.
- *Derivatives risk.* The fund may use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes and foreign currencies), and forward contracts. A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms.
- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts, and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *IPO risk.* The fund may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.

Other potential risks

At times, the fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



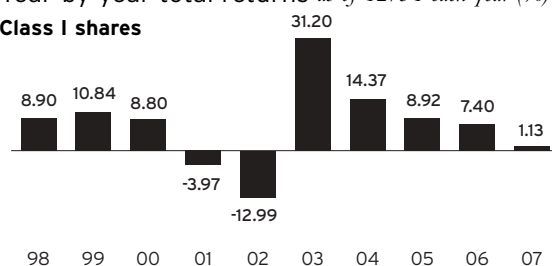
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class I shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of each of the fund's share classes to those of the S&P 400 and the Russell Midcap Index, broad measures of midcap stock performance. The returns shown in the table reflect any applicable sales charges. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class I shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

Class I shares



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 **+22.30%**
Worst Quarter: Q3 '98 **-16.74%**

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I (11/12/93) <i>returns before taxes</i>	1.13%	12.16%	6.89%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	-2.05%	9.68%	5.10%
Class I <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	2.73%	10.03%	5.41%
Class A (4/6/94) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-4.93%	10.58%	6.00%
Class B (1/16/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-3.29%	10.84%	6.14%* †
Class C (1/16/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-0.74%	11.05%	5.83%†
Class T (8/16/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-3.90%	10.59%	5.91%†
S&P 400 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	7.98%	16.20%	11.20%
Russell Midcap Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	11.43%	17.90%	7.59%

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

† For the fund's Class B and Class C shares, periods prior to 1/16/98 reflect the performance of the fund's Class I shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. For the fund's Class T shares, periods prior to 8/16/99 reflect the performance of the fund's Class I shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T shares for such periods may have been lower.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I	Class T
Shareholder transaction fees (<i>fees paid from your account</i>)					
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases % of offering price	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	none**	4.00	1.00	none	none**
Annual fund operating expenses (<i>expenses paid from fund assets</i>)					
% of average daily net assets					
Management fees	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	1.00	1.00	none	.50
Other expenses	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total	1.35	2.10	2.10	1.10	1.60

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$705	\$978	\$1,272	\$2,105
Class B				
with redemption	\$613	\$958	\$1,329	\$2,064 [†]
without redemption	\$213	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,064 [†]
Class C				
with redemption	\$313	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,431
without redemption	\$213	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,431
Class I	\$112	\$350	\$606	\$1,340
Class T	\$605	\$932	\$1,282	\$2,265

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Dreyfus undertook to waive a portion of the fund's management fee from February 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007. As a result, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, Dreyfus waived a portion of its management fee, reducing total fund expenses from 1.35% to 1.32% for Class A, from 2.10% to 2.07% for Class B, from 2.10% to 2.07% for Class C, from 1.10% to 1.07% for Class I and from 1.60% to 1.57% for Class T shares.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 1.07% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Investment decisions for the fund are made by a team of portfolio managers from the Domestic Equity Group of Franklin Portfolio Associates LLC, an affiliate of Dreyfus. The team has managed the fund since September 2007. The team members are Michael Dunn, Oliver Buckley and Patrick Slattery, each of whom also is an employee of Dreyfus and will manage the fund in that capacity. Mr. Dunn has been employed by Franklin Portfolio Associates LLC since 1999. Mr. Buckley is chief investment officer and executive vice president of Franklin Portfolio Associates LLC, which he joined in 2000, and has been a portfolio manager there since 2000. Mr. Slattery is a vice president and a portfolio manager of Franklin Portfolio Associates LLC, which he joined in 2005; prior thereto, he was a senior vice president at Independence Investment LLC where he was a portfolio manager and quantitative researcher. There are no limitations on the role of a team member with respect to making investment decisions for the fund.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges, 12b-1 fees and/or shareholder services fees or other expenses paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class A		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		16.29	20.14	18.02	16.68	13.16
Investment operations:	Investment income (loss) – net ¹	.02	(.02)	(.03)	(.03)	(.03)
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.40	1.80	2.48	1.37	3.55
Total from investment operations		1.42	1.78	2.45	1.34	3.52
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.60)	(5.63)	(.33)	–	–
Net asset value, end of period		15.11	16.29	20.14	18.02	16.68
Total Return (%) ²		9.85	10.34	13.70	8.10	26.67
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.32	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets		.11	(.10)	(.14)	(.17)	(.24)
Portfolio turnover rate		123.26	144.49	87.40	77.47	92.97
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		73,901	82,641	93,533	157,483	146,958

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class B	Year Ended October 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	14.77	18.87	17.03	15.87	12.62
Investment operations: Investment (loss) – net ¹	(.09)	(.13)	(.17)	(.15)	(.13)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.26	1.66	2.34	1.31	3.38
Total from investment operations	1.17	1.53	2.17	1.16	3.25
Distributions: Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.60)	(5.63)	(.33)	–	–
Net asset value, end of period	13.34	14.77	18.87	17.03	15.87
Total Return (%) ²	9.06	9.51	12.84	7.31	25.75
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.07	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.65)	(.85)	(.92)	(.91)	(.98)
Portfolio turnover rate	123.26	144.49	87.40	77.47	92.97
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	15,708	25,435	33,992	40,755	50,866

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class C		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		14.80	18.90	17.06	15.90	12.64
Investment operations:	Investment (loss) – net ¹	(.09)	(.13)	(.17)	(.15)	(.13)
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.26	1.66	2.34	1.31	3.39
Total from investment operations		1.17	1.53	2.17	1.16	3.26
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.60)	(5.63)	(.33)	–	–
Net asset value, end of period		13.37	14.80	18.90	17.06	15.90
Total Return (%) ²		9.03	9.43	12.88	7.30	25.79
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		2.07	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets		(.64)	(.85)	(.93)	(.92)	(.99)
Portfolio turnover rate		123.26	144.49	87.40	77.47	92.97
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		10,473	13,072	16,563	16,041	16,164

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class I		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007 ¹	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		16.82	20.59	18.37	16.95	13.35
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ²	.06	.03	.02	.02	.01
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.45	1.83	2.53	1.40	3.59
Total from investment operations		1.51	1.86	2.55	1.42	3.60
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.60)	(5.63)	(.33)	–	–
Net asset value, end of period		15.73	16.82	20.59	18.37	16.95
Total Return (%)		10.11	10.56	13.99	8.38	26.97
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.06	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		.36	.15	.08	.09	.04
Portfolio turnover rate		123.26	144.49	87.40	77.47	92.97
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		26,228	31,446	31,738	39,215	59,256

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class T		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		15.88	19.81	17.77	16.49	13.05
Investment operations:	Investment (loss) – net ¹	(.02)	(.06)	(.08)	(.07)	(.07)
	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.36	1.76	2.45	1.35	3.51
Total from investment operations		1.34	1.70	2.37	1.28	3.44
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(2.60)	(5.63)	(.33)	–	–
Net asset value, end of period		14.62	15.88	19.81	17.77	16.49
Total Return (%) ²		9.56	10.03	13.44	7.83	26.28
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.57	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets		(.14)	(.36)	(.43)	(.42)	(.49)
Portfolio turnover rate		123.26	144.49	87.40	77.47	92.97
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		1,388	1,519	1,388	1,570	1,486

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Your Investment



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The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, I and T shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders Asset Management, LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Class A, C, I and T shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A or Class T shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C or Class T shares, and Class T shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fees)	0.25%	1.00%	0.50%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Class T share considerations

When you invest in Class T shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

The initial sales charge on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

Class A and Class T shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B share considerations

Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges

For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C and T shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in foreign securities, small-capitalization equity securities and certain other thinly traded securities may provide short term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment —Shareholder Guide —General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund's shares are offered at NAV, but Class A and Class T shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. The fund has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded small-capitalization equity securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class T shares into Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds and Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You'll also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.
Mail your application and a check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.
Mail the slip and the check to:
Name of Fund
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- the share class
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Family of Funds
P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
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- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "404" for Class A, "471" for Class C, "403" for Class I, or "563" for Class T.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.
Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div data-bbox="45 195 121 273"></div> Online (www.dreyfus.com)	<p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</p>	<p>Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.</p> <p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.</p> <p>Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.</p>
<div data-bbox="45 735 121 812"></div> Automatically	<p>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.</p>	<p>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.</p> <p>Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044210
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "404" for Class A, "471" for Class C, "403" for Class I, or "563" for Class T.



Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request us to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
<div> Online (www.dreyfus.com)</div> <div></div>	<div>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div></div>
<div> Automatically</div> <div></div>	<div>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.</div> <div></div>	<div>Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.</div> <div></div>

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.
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More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

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On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:
<http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund

Seeks capital appreciation by investing
in small-cap value stocks

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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Note to investors

As of the close of business on January 9, 2006, the fund is closed to new investors. Shareholders of the fund on that date (the closing date) may continue to buy shares for existing accounts. Any shareholder whose fund account has a zero balance on or after the closing date may not purchase fund shares for such account nor open a new account. Investors who did not own shares of the fund as of the closing date generally will not be permitted to buy shares of the fund, with three exceptions. First, new accounts may be opened by participants in group employer retirement plans (and their successor plans), provided that the plans are approved by Dreyfus and had established the fund as an investment option under the plans by the closing date. Second, new accounts may be opened by discretionary wrap accounts that are approved by Dreyfus and that established the fund as an investment option under the discretionary wrap accounts before the closing date. Third, new accounts may be opened for the fund's primary portfolio managers and board members who do not have existing accounts. Financial institutions maintaining omnibus accounts with the fund are prohibited from accepting purchase orders from new investors after the closing date. Investors may be required to demonstrate eligibility to buy shares of the fund before an investment is accepted after the closing date. The board reserves the right to reopen the fund to new investors should circumstances change.

Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund

Ticker Symbols **Class A: DSVAX**
Class B: DSVBX
Class C: DSVCX
Class I: DSVRX
Class T: DSVTX



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks capital appreciation. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks of small U.S. companies. The fund's portfolio managers use a disciplined process that combines computer modeling techniques, fundamental analysis and risk management to select undervalued stocks for the fund. The fund's investment process is designed to provide investors with investment exposure to sector weightings and risk characteristics generally similar to those of the Russell 2000® Value Index (Russell 2000 Value).

In selecting securities, the fund's portfolio managers use a computer model to identify and rank undervalued stocks. Undervalued stocks are normally characterized by relatively low price-to-earnings and low price-to-book ratios. The model analyzes how a stock is priced relative to its perceived intrinsic value.

Next, based on fundamental analysis, the fund's portfolio managers generally select the most attractive of the higher ranked securities, drawing on a variety of sources, including internal as well as Wall Street research.

Then the portfolio is constructed so that its sector weightings and risk characteristics are generally similar to those of the Russell 2000 Value.

The Fund

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as futures, options and forward contracts, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy.

Concepts to understand

Small companies: generally new and often entrepreneurial companies with market capitalizations ranging between \$100 million and \$3 billion at the time of purchase. This range may fluctuate depending on changes in the value of the stock market as a whole. Small companies tend to grow faster than larger companies, but frequently are more volatile, more vulnerable to major setbacks and have a higher failure rate than larger companies.

Computer model: a proprietary model that evaluates and ranks a large universe of stocks. The model screens each stock for relative attractiveness within its economic sector and industry. The fund's portfolio managers review each of the screens on a regular basis and maintain the flexibility to adapt the screening criteria to changes in market conditions.

Russell 2000 Value: an unmanaged index that measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies (the 2000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represents approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index) with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value may also decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Small company risk.* Small companies carry additional risks because their operating histories tend to be more limited, their earnings and revenues less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of smaller companies' securities and the fund's ability to sell them when the portfolio managers deem it appropriate. These companies may have limited product lines, markets and/or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, including special situations, are made in anticipation of future products and services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Value stock risk.* Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio managers believe is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth, or the portfolio managers misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price even though in theory they are already undervalued. Because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, the fund's performance may sometimes be lower or higher than that of other types of funds (such as those emphasizing growth stocks).
- *Stock selection risk.* Although the fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the Russell 2000 Value, the fund holds fewer securities than the index. Owning fewer securities and the ability to purchase companies not listed in the index can cause the fund to underperform the index.
- *Foreign investment risk.* To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Foreign currency risk.* Investments in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will reduce the value of securities held by the fund and denominated in those currencies.

- *Derivatives risk.* The fund may use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to securities, indexes and foreign currencies), and forward contracts. A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms.
- *IPO risk.* The fund may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs). The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.

Other potential risks

Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

At times, the fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions, and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.

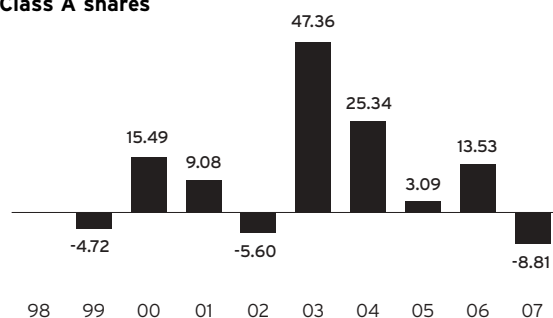


PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. Sales loads are not reflected in the chart; if they were, the returns shown would have been lower. The table compares the average annual total returns of each of the fund's share classes to those of the Russell 2000 Value, a widely recognized, unmanaged index of small-cap value stock performance. The returns shown in the table reflect any applicable sales loads. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class A shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)
Class A shares



Best Quarter: Q2 '03 **+25.36%**
Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 **-19.37%**

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ Inception date	1 Year	5 Year	Since inception
Class A (4/1/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-14.08%	13.19%	6.99%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	-17.23%	11.16%	5.94%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	-7.55%	10.72%	5.71%
Class B (4/1/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-12.49%	13.47%	7.16%*
Class C (4/1/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-10.22%	13.69%	6.86%
Class I (4/1/98) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-8.60%	14.84%	7.92%
Class T (3/1/00) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-13.17%	13.20%	11.30%†
Russell 2000 Value <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	-9.78%	15.80%	8.41%**

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

† Class T performance for the periods prior to 3/1/00 reflects the performance of the fund's Class A shares, adjusted to reflect applicable sales loads. Class T performance for this period has not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance for Class T shares may have been lower.

** For comparative purposes, the value of the index on 3/31/98 is used as the beginning value on 4/1/98.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I	Class T
Shareholder transaction fees <i>(fees paid from your account)</i>					
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases <i>% of offering price</i>	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) <i>% of purchase or sale price, whichever is less</i>	none**	4.00	1.00	none	none**
Annual fund operating expenses <i>(expenses paid from fund assets)</i> <i>% of average daily net assets</i>					
Management fees	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	1.00	1.00	none	.50
Other expenses	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total	1.50	2.25	2.25	1.25	1.75

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$719	\$1,022	\$1,346	\$2,263
Class B				
<i>with redemption</i>	\$628	\$1,003	\$1,205	\$2,223[†]
<i>without redemption</i>	\$228	\$703	\$1,405	\$2,223[†]
Class C				
<i>with redemption</i>	\$328	\$703	\$1,205	\$2,585
<i>without redemption</i>	\$228	\$703	\$1,205	\$2,585
Class I	\$127	\$397	\$686	\$1,511
Class T	\$620	\$976	\$1,356	\$2,420

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Dreyfus undertook to waive a portion of its management fee from February 1, 2007 through April 4, 2008. As a result, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, Dreyfus waived a portion of its management fee reducing total fund expenses from 1.50% to 1.42% for Class A, from 2.25% to 2.17% for Class B, from 2.25% to 2.17% for Class C, from 1.25% to 1.17% for Class I and from 1.75% to 1.67% for Class T.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 1.17% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Ronald P. Gala and Adam T. Logan have been the fund's primary portfolio managers since April 2005. Mr. Gala has been employed by Dreyfus as a portfolio manager since October 1994. Mr. Gala also is a portfolio manager of Mellon Capital Management Corporation (Mellon Capital), an affiliate of Dreyfus. Mr. Gala joined Mellon Equity Associates, LLP (MEA) in 1993, which merged into Mellon Capital in December 2007. Mr. Logan has been employed by Dreyfus as a portfolio manager since March 2003. Mr. Logan also is a portfolio manager of Mellon Capital. Mr. Logan joined MEA in 1998. The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The Dreyfus code of ethics restricts the personal securities transactions of its employees, and requires portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. “Total return” shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund’s financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class A		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		23.55	21.49	20.19	17.43	12.32
Investment operations:	Investment income (loss) – net ¹	.06	.06	(.02)	.03	.04
	Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	.72	2.70	2.46	3.50	5.07
Total from investment operations		.78	2.76	2.44	3.53	5.11
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.02)	–	–	–	–
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.97)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Total distributions		(1.99)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Net asset value, end of period		22.34	23.55	21.49	20.19	17.43
Total Return (%) ²		3.42	13.18	12.29	20.86	41.48
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.42	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets		.27	.27	(.08)	.16	.27
Portfolio turnover rate		66.35	89.62	100.57	136.35	147.81
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		223,590	398,035	387,991	116,828	17,901

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class B		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		22.25	20.50	19.44	16.91	12.04
Investment operations:	Investment loss – net ¹	(.10)	(.10)	(.18)	(.13)	(.06)
	Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	.68	2.55	2.38	3.43	4.93
Total from investment operations		.58	2.45	2.20	3.30	4.87
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.97)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Net asset value, end of period		20.86	22.25	20.50	19.44	16.91
Total Return (%) ²		2.65	12.28	11.44	20.18	40.45
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		2.17	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets		(.46)	(.48)	(.86)	(.73)	(.45)
Portfolio turnover rate		66.35	89.62	100.57	136.35	147.81
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		18,876	25,767	31,755	23,897	19,519

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

		Year Ended October 31,				
Class C		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		22.28	20.52	19.46	16.94	12.06
Investment operations:	Investment loss – net ¹	(.10)	(.10)	(.17)	(.12)	(.06)
	Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	.68	2.56	2.37	3.41	4.94
Total from investment operations		.58	2.46	2.20	3.29	4.88
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.97)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Net asset value, end of period		20.89	22.28	20.52	19.46	16.94
Total Return (%) ²		2.65	12.32	11.49	20.02	40.46
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		2.17	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets		(.48)	(.48)	(.84)	(.63)	(.45)
Portfolio turnover rate		66.35	89.62	100.57	136.35	147.81
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		34,161	53,520	65,973	26,828	6,598

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class I		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007 ¹	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		23.92	21.77	20.39	17.54	12.36
Investment operations:	Investment income – net ²	.13	.12	.04	.10	.08
	Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	.72	2.73	2.48	3.52	5.10
Total from investment operations		.85	2.85	2.52	3.62	5.18
Distributions:	Dividends from investment income – net	(.08)	–	–	–	–
	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.97)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Total distributions		(2.05)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Net asset value, end of period		22.72	23.92	21.77	20.39	17.54
Total Return (%)		3.68	13.43	12.58	21.26	41.91
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets		.57	.53	.20	.58	.55
Portfolio turnover rate		66.35	89.62	100.57	136.35	147.81
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		263,262	255,151	187,464	15,740	1,998

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R to Class I.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

Class T		Year Ended October 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period		23.17	21.21	19.99	17.30	12.25
Investment operations:	Investment income (loss) – net ¹	.01	.01	(.07)	(.02)	.00 ²
	Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	.71	2.65	2.43	3.48	5.05
Total from investment operations		.72	2.66	2.36	3.46	5.05
Distributions:	Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.97)	(.70)	(1.14)	(.77)	–
Net asset value, end of period		21.92	23.17	21.21	19.99	17.30
Total Return (%) ³		3.18	12.88	12.00	20.61	41.22
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets		1.66	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets		.05	.03	(.32)	(.12)	.00 ⁴
Portfolio turnover rate		66.35	89.62	100.57	136.35	147.81
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)		19,227	22,310	15,353	3,282	795

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

³ Exclusive of sales charge.

⁴ Amount represents less than .01%.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders Asset Management, LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Class A, C, I and T shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A or Class T shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C or Class T shares, and Class T shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fees)	0.25%	1.00%	0.50%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Class T share considerations

When you invest in Class T shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

The initial sales charge on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

Class A and Class T shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account.

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B share considerations

Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges

For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C and T shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating its NAV, the fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in foreign securities, small-capitalization equity securities and certain other thinly traded securities may provide short term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund's shares are offered at NAV, but Class A and Class T shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher operating expenses and a CDSC.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days / \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- “redeem in kind,” or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. The fund has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded small-capitalization equity securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest and income distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain other foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class T shares into Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds and Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You'll also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "462" for Class A, "465" for Class C, "466" for Class I, or "567" for Class T

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds.**

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "462" for Class A, "465" for Class C, "466" for Class I or "567" for Class T.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



— Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit **www.dreyfus.com** to request your transaction.



- Automatically

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.
SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's managers discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:
<http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Strategic Income Fund

The fund seeks high current income as its primary objective,
and capital appreciation as its secondary objective,
by investing in fixed-income securities

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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For More Information

See back cover.

The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks high current income as its primary goal and capital appreciation as its secondary goal. These objectives may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue these goals, the fund normally invests primarily in fixed-income securities. The fund's fixed-income investments may include bonds, notes (including structured notes), mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities, convertible securities, eurodollar and Yankee dollar instruments, preferred stocks and money market instruments. The fund also may own warrants and common stock acquired in "units" with bonds.

The fund's portfolio manager typically allocates the fund's assets among the following sectors of the fixed-income market:

- below investment grade (high yield) sector
- U.S. government, investment grade corporate and mortgage sectors
- foreign debt securities of developed markets sector
- foreign debt securities of emerging markets sector

The fund's portfolio manager normally allocates between 10% to 70% of the fund's assets in each of these four categories of market sectors, but has the flexibility to allocate below 10% of the fund's assets to any category based on the portfolio manager's judgment of market conditions. The below investment grade, high yield sector includes higher-yielding, lower quality bonds ("junk bonds") issued by U.S. companies. The U.S. government bonds sector includes bonds issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, such as U.S. Treasury and U.S. government agency securities (including Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS)), and mortgage pass-through securities such as Ginnie

Maes, Fannie Maes and Freddie Macs. The mortgage sector includes privately issued mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, such as collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), commercial mortgage-backed securities, and debt issued by real estate investment trusts (REITs). The investment grade corporate bond sector includes bonds rated at least Baa/BBB (or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus) of U.S. companies. The foreign debt sectors include the bonds of foreign issuers in developed and emerging markets countries, and include Brady bonds and loan participation interests.

The portfolio manager performs a "top down" quantitative and macroeconomic analysis that guides asset allocation among sectors, industries and positioning of the yield curve. Using fundamental analysis, the portfolio manager seeks to identify individual securities with high current income, as well as appreciation potential, based on relative value, credit upgrade probability and other metrics. To select securities for the fund, the portfolio manager also conducts extensive research into the credit history and current financial strength of the issuers of these securities. The portfolio manager also examines such factors as maturity of the securities, the long-term outlook for the industry in which an issuer operates, the economy and the bond market.

Although the fund may invest in or have investment exposure to individual bonds of any maturity or duration, the average effective duration of the fund's portfolio typically will range between three and six years. The portfolio manager may use various techniques to lengthen or shorten the effective duration of the fund's portfolio, including entering into interest rate swaps and interest rate futures and related options.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as futures, options and forward contracts, as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, to manage market, foreign currency and/or duration or interest rate risks or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund may enter into swap agreements, such as interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, which can be used to transfer the credit risk of a security without actually transferring ownership of the security or to customize exposure to particular corporate credit. The fund also may invest in collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), which include collateralized bond obligations, collateralized loan obligations and other similarly structured securities. To enhance current income, the fund also may engage in a series of purchase and sale contracts or forward roll transactions in which the fund sells a mortgage-related security, for example, to a financial institution and simultaneously agrees to purchase a similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed-upon price. The fund also may make forward commitments in which the fund agrees to buy or sell a security in the future at a price agreed upon today.

Concepts to understand

Fixed-income securities: fixed-income securities may be issued by U.S. and foreign corporations or entities; U.S. and foreign banks; the U.S. government, its agencies, authorities, instrumentalities or sponsored enterprises; state and municipal governments; and foreign governments and their political subdivisions. These securities may have all types of interest rate payment and reset terms, including fixed rate, adjustable rate, zero coupon, contingent, deferred, payment in kind and auction rate features.

Credit rating: independent rating organizations analyze and evaluate a bond issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, credit profile and ability to repay debts. Based on their assessment, these rating organizations assign letter grades that reflect the issuer's, and/or any credit enhancer's, creditworthiness. AAA or Aaa represents the highest credit rating, AA/Aa the second highest, and so on down to D, for defaulted debt. Bonds rated BBB or Baa and above are considered investment grade. Bonds rated below BBB or Baa are sometimes referred to as junk bonds. Because the issuers of high yield securities may be at an early state of development or may have been unable to repay past debts, junk bonds typically must offer higher yields than investment grade bonds to compensate for greater credit risk.

Emerging market countries: generally all countries represented by the JPM Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+), or any other country that the portfolio manager believes has an emerging economy or market. Countries represented in the EMBI+ are Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Duration: an indication of an investment's "interest rate risk," or how sensitive a bond or mutual fund portfolio may be to changes in interest rates. Generally, the longer a fund's duration, the more it is likely to react to interest rate fluctuations and the greater its long-term risk/return potential.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Interest rate risk.* Prices of bonds tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect bond prices and, accordingly, the fund's share price. The longer the effective maturity and duration of the fund's portfolio, the more the fund's share price is likely to react to interest rates.
- *Credit risk.* Failure of an issuer to make timely interest or principal payments, or a decline or perception of a decline in the credit quality of a bond, can cause a bond's price to fall, potentially lowering the fund's share price. High yield ("junk") bonds involve greater credit risk, including the risk of default, than investment grade bonds and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. The prices of high yield bonds can fall dramatically in response to bad news about the issuer or its industry, or the economy in general.
- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund's overall risk level will depend on the market sectors in which the fund is invested and the current interest rate, liquidity and credit quality of such sectors. The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors. To the extent the fund's investments are concentrated in the high yield sector and/or emerging markets sector, the fund's performance could be more volatile than the performance of funds with investments that

are not concentrated in these sectors.

- *Liquidity risk.* When there is little or no active trading market for specific types of securities, it can become more difficult to sell the securities at or near their perceived value. In such a market, the value of such securities and the fund's share price may fall dramatically. Investments in foreign securities tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. Liquidity risk also exists when a particular derivative instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately negotiated derivatives, including swap agreements), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price.
 - *Derivatives risk.* The fund may use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to securities, foreign currencies, indexes and interest rates), forward contracts, swaps (including credit default swaps on corporate bonds and asset-backed securities), options on swaps, and other credit derivatives, and may invest in mortgage-related securities and CDOs and other asset-backed securities. A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Credit default swaps and similar instruments involve greater risks than if the fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, since, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risks.
- Additionally, some derivatives the fund may use may involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these instruments as they may increase or decrease in value more quickly than the underlying security, index, futures contract, or other economic variable. The fund may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets to cover its obligations relating to its purchase of derivative instruments.
- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as borrowing money to purchase securities, engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
 - *Call risk.* Some bonds give the issuer the option to call, or redeem, the bonds before their maturity date. If an issuer "calls" its bond during a time of declining interest rates, the fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield. During periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates, prices of the fund's "callable" issues are subject to increased price fluctuation.
 - *Prepayment and extension risk.* When interest rates fall, the principal on mortgage-backed and certain asset-backed securities may be prepaid. The loss of higher yielding, underlying mortgages and the reinvestment of proceeds at lower interest rates can reduce the fund's potential price gain in response to falling interest rates, reduce the fund's yield, or cause the fund's share price to fall. When interest rates rise, the effective duration of the fund's mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities may lengthen due to a drop in prepayments of the underlying mortgages or other assets. This is known as extension risk and would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising rates and its potential for price declines.

- *Foreign investment risk.* To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Foreign currency risk.* Investments in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will reduce the value of securities held by the fund and denominated in those currencies. Foreign currencies are also subject to risks caused by inflation, interest rates, budget deficits and low savings rates, political factors and government control.
- *Emerging market risk.* Emerging markets tend to be more volatile than the markets of more mature economies, and generally have less diverse and less mature economic structures and less stable political systems than those of developed countries. The fixed-income securities of issuers located in emerging markets can be more volatile and less liquid than those of issuers in more mature economies. In addition, such securities often are considered to be below investment grade credit quality and predominantly speculative.
- *Inflation-indexed bond risk.* Interest payments on inflation-indexed bonds can be unpredictable and will vary as the principal and/or interest is periodically adjusted based on the rate of inflation. If the index measuring inflation falls, the interest payable on these securities will be reduced. In the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds, the U.S. Treasury has guaranteed that in the event of a drop in prices, it would

Other potential risks

Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objectives.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions, and lower the fund's after-tax performance. The fund's forward roll transactions will increase its portfolio turnover rate.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



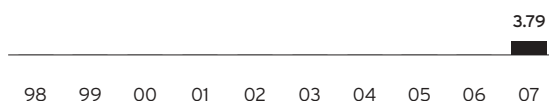
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class A shares for the fund's first full calendar year of operations. Sales loads are not reflected in the chart; if they were, the returns shown would have been lower. The table compares the average annual total returns for each of the fund's share classes to those of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index, a widely accepted, unmanaged total return index of corporate, U.S. government and U.S. government agency debt instruments, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities. These returns include the fund's applicable sales loads. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance of each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class A shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and reflect applicable sales loads, but do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns *as of 12/31 each year (%)*

Class A shares



Best Quarter: Q1 '07 **+2.22%**

Worst Quarter: Q2 '07 **-0.27%**

Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/07*

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	Since inception
Class A (7/11/06) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-0.86%	3.25%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	-3.47%	0.61%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	-0.39%	1.32%
Class C (7/11/06) <i>returns before taxes</i>	1.98%	5.72%
Class I (7/11/06) <i>returns before taxes</i>	3.96%	6.74%
Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	6.97%	8.11%*

* For comparative purposes, the value of the index on 6/30/06 is used as the beginning value on 7/11/06.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



repay the par amount of its inflation-indexed bonds. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by corporations generally do not guarantee repayment of principal. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered tax-

Fee table

	Class A	Class C	Class I
Shareholder transaction fees <i>(fees paid from your account)</i>			
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases <i>% of offering price</i>	4.50	none	none
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) <i>% of purchase or sale price, whichever is less</i>	none*	1.00	none
Annual fund operating expenses <i>(expenses paid from fund assets)</i> <i>% of average daily net assets</i>			
Management fees	.60	.60	.60
Rule 12b-1 fee	none	.75	none
Shareholder services fee	.25	.25	none
Other expenses	.89	.95	.93
Total	1.74	2.55	1.53
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement	(.64)	(.70)	(.68)
Net operating expenses**	1.10	1.85	.85

* Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

** The Dreyfus Corporation has contractually agreed to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the expenses of the fund until October 31, 2008, so that the expenses of each class (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, shareholder services fees, taxes, interest, brokerage commission, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed .85%.

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$557	\$914	\$1,294	\$2,359
Class C				
<i>with redemption</i>	\$288	\$727	\$1,293	\$2,833
<i>without redemption</i>	\$188	\$727	\$1,293	\$2,833
Class I	\$87	\$417	\$770	\$1,766

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. The one-year example and the first year of the three-, five- and ten-years examples are based on net operating expenses, which reflect the expenses/waiver reimbursement by The Dreyfus Corporation. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

able ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity. As a result, the fund may be required to make annual distributions to shareholders that exceed the cash the fund received, which may cause the fund to liquidate certain investments when it is not advantageous to do so. Also, if the principal value of an inflation-indexed bond is adjusted downward due to deflation, amounts previously distributed may be characterized in some circumstances as a return of capital.

- **Government securities risk.** Not all obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. Some obligations, such as those issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, are backed only by the credit of the issuing agency or instrumentality, and in some cases there may be some risk of default by the issuer. Any guarantee by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities of a security held by the fund does not apply to the market value of such security or to shares of the fund



itself. In addition, because many types of U.S. government securities trade actively outside the U.S., their prices may rise and fall as changes in global economic conditions affect the demand for these securities.

- *Non-diversification risk.* The fund is non-diversified, which means that a relatively high percentage of the fund's assets may be invested in a limited number of issuers. Therefore, the fund's performance may be more vulnerable to changes in the market value of a single issuer and more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund.

EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation for managing the fund's portfolio and assisting in all aspects of the fund's operations.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid to the fund's distributor for financing the sale and distribution of Class C shares. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Shareholder services fee: the fee paid to the fund's distributor for providing shareholder services.

Other expenses: fees paid by the fund for miscellaneous items such as transfer agency, custody, professional and registration fees. The fund also makes payments to certain financial intermediaries, including affiliates, who provide sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services to beneficial owners of the fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. All information (except portfolio turnover rate) reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all

dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A	Year Ended October 31,	
	2007	2006 ¹
Per-Share Data (\$):		
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.95	12.50
Investment Operations:		
Investment income – net ²	.81	.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.19)	.40
Total from Investment Operations	.62	.58
Distributions:		
Dividends from investment income – net	(.83)	(.13)
Dividends from net realized gain (loss) on investments	(.12)	–
Total Distributions	(.95)	(.13)
Net asset value, end of period	12.62	12.95
Total Return (%) ³	4.98	4.69 ⁴
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):		
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.74	2.75 ^{5,6}
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.10	1.05 ⁵
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	6.37	4.62 ⁵
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	310.92	279.33 ⁴
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	22,200	15,452

¹ From July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2006.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

³ Exclusive of sales charge.

⁴ Not annualized.

⁵ Annualized.

⁶ The fund's expense ratio net of earnings credits for Class A was 2.71%.

⁷ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the periods ended October 31, 2007 and October 31, 2006 were 285.25% and 271.65%, respectively.

Class C	Year Ended October 31,	
	2007	2006 ¹
Per-Share Data (\$):		
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.94	12.50
Investment operations: Investment income – net ²	.71	.15
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.18)	.40
Total from investment operations	.53	.55
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.76)	(.11)
Dividends from net realized gain (loss) on investments	(.12)	–
Total Distributions	(.88)	(.11)
Net asset value, end of period	12.59	12.94
Total Return (%) ³	4.26	4.44 ⁴
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):		
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.55	3.52 ^{5,6}
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.85	1.80 ⁵
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	5.55	3.87 ⁵
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	310.92	279.33 ⁴
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	982	846

¹ From July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2006.

² Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

³ Exclusive of sales charge.

⁴ Not annualized.

⁵ Annualized.

⁶ The fund's expense ratio net of earnings credits for Class C was 3.47%.

⁷ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the periods ended October 31, 2007 and October 31, 2006 were 285.25% and 271.65%, respectively.

Class I	Year Ended October 31,	
	2007	2006 ¹
Per-Share Data (\$):		
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.95	12.50
Investment operations: Investment income – net ³	.84	.19
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.19)	.40
Total from investment operations	.65	.59
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.86)	(.14)
Dividends from net realized gain (loss) on investments	(.12)	–
Total distributions	(.98)	(.14)
Net asset value, end of period	12.62	12.95
Total Return (%)	5.22	4.76 ⁴
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):		
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.53	2.51 ^{5,6}
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.85	.81 ⁵
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	6.54	4.87 ⁵
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	310.92	279.33 ⁴
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	807	786

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R shares to Class I shares.

² From July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2006.

³ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

⁴ Not annualized.

⁵ Annualized.

⁶ The fund's expense ratio net of earnings credits for Class I was 2.47%.

⁷ The portfolio turnover rates excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions for the periods ended October 31, 2007 and October 31, 2006 were 285.25% and 271.65%, respectively.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSC and Rule 12b-1 fee for Class C shares have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge on sales of Class A shares: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy

This prospectus offers Class A, C and I shares of the fund. The different classes represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have no Rule 12b-1 fees. Class A and Class C shares are subject to a shareholder services fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 4.50%	none	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1 fee)	none	0.75%	none
Ongoing shareholder service fee	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by

your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor’s exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor’s spouse or minor chil-

dren become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options

- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A shares of the fund at NAV in such account

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A shares. However, you will pay ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A and C shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class C shares made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating its NAV, the fund’s fixed-income investments generally are valued by one or more independent pricing services approved by the fund’s board or on the basis of market quotations. The pricing service’s procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund’s board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund’s board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security’s most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund’s NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in foreign securities, high yield securities and certain other thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund’s shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors in the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbi-

trage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund’s NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see “Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies” for further information about the fund’s frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its shares outstanding. The fund’s shares are offered at NAV, but Class A shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded high yield securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends monthly and distributes capital gains annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

High portfolio turnover and more volatile markets can result in significant taxable distributions to shareholders, regardless of whether their shares have increased in value. The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You will also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "421" for Class A, "422" for Class C or "423" for Class I.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS



TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number and fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your 14-digit account number insert "421" for Class A, "422" for Class C or "423" for Class I.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
 Online (www.dreyfus.com) <hr/>	<p>Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.</p>	<hr/>
 Automatically <hr/>	<p>All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see “Services for Fund Investors”). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials. All contributions will count as current year.</p>	<p>Systematic Withdrawal Plan Call to request instructions to establish the plan.</p>

For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Strategic Income Fund

A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from:
<http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund

Seeks long-term capital appreciation while minimizing taxable gains and income by investing in large-cap stocks and using a tax-managed strategy

PROSPECTUS March 1, 2008



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For More Information

See back cover.

Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund

Ticker Symbols **Class A: DTMGX**
Class B: DPTMX
Class C: DPTAX
Class I: DPTRX
Class T: DPTMX

The Fund



GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation consistent with minimizing realized capital gains and taxable current income. This objective may be changed without shareholder approval. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in common stocks and employs a tax-managed strategy. The fund focuses on “blue chip” companies with market capitalizations exceeding \$5 billion at the time of purchase, including multinational companies. The fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in foreign securities.

In choosing stocks, the fund first identifies economic sectors that it believes will expand over the next three to five years or longer. Using fundamental analysis, the fund then seeks companies within these sectors that have dominant positions in their industries and that have demonstrated sustained patterns of profitability, strong balance sheets, an expanding global presence and the potential to achieve predictable, above-average earnings growth. The fund is also alert to companies which it considers undervalued in terms of current earnings, assets or growth prospects.

The fund attempts to enhance after-tax returns by minimizing its annual taxable distributions to shareholders. To do so, the fund employs a “buy-and-hold” investment strategy, which generally has resulted in an annual portfolio turnover rate of below 15%. The fund typically sells a stock when it believes there is a significant adverse change in a company’s business fundamentals that may lead to a sustained impairment in earnings power.

Concepts to understand

Tax-managed strategy: an approach to managing a fund that seeks to reduce current tax liabilities. The fund seeks to minimize taxable distributions, particularly short-term capital gains and current income, which are taxed at a higher rate than long-term capital gains. For example, when selling securities, the fund generally will select those shares bought at the highest price to minimize capital gains. When this would produce short-term capital gains, however, the fund may sell those highest-cost shares with a long-term holding period.

Multinational companies: large, established, globally managed companies that manufacture and distribute their products and services throughout the world. These companies often have the resources to weather economic shifts, though they can be slower to innovate than small companies. They may be subject to the risks that are involved in investing in foreign securities.



MAIN RISKS

The fund's principal risks are discussed below. The value of your investment in the fund will fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, which means you could lose money.

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Blue chip risk.* By focusing on large-capitalization, high quality stocks, the fund may underperform funds that invest in the stocks of lower quality, smaller-capitalization companies during periods when the stocks of such companies are in favor.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.

- *Foreign investment risk.* To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.

Other potential risks

Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objectives.

The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could be delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising rights to the collateral.



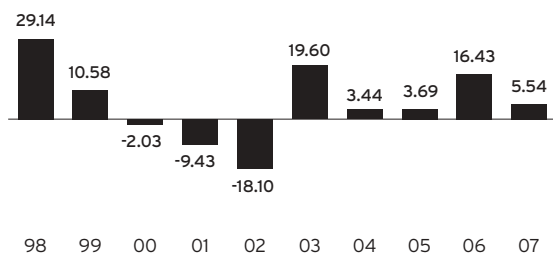
PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. Sales loads are not reflected in the bar chart; if they were, the returns shown would have been lower. The table compares the average annual total returns for each of the fund's share classes to those of the Standard & Poor's 500® Composite Stock Price Index (S&P 500), a broad measure of large-cap stock performance. Sales loads are reflected in the performance table. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. Performance for each share class will vary from the performance of the fund's other share classes due to differences in charges and expenses.

After-tax performance is shown only for Class A shares. After-tax performance of the fund's other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

Year-by-year total returns as of 12/31 each year (%)

Class A shares



Best Quarter: Q4 '98 **+20.53%**

Worst Quarter: Q3 '02 **-15.00%**

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/ inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class A (11/4/97) <i>returns before taxes</i>	-0.54%	8.23%	4.42%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	-0.71%	8.07%	4.34%
Class A <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	-0.11%	7.13%	3.85%
Class B (11/4/97) <i>returns before taxes</i>	0.77%	8.44%	4.58%*
Class C (11/4/97) <i>returns before taxes</i>	3.78%	8.72%	4.27%
Class I (5/14/04) <i>returns before taxes</i>	5.79%	9.73%	5.14%†
Class T (11/4/97) <i>returns before taxes</i>	0.56%	8.26%	4.30%
S&P 500 <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	5.49%	12.82%	5.91%

* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

† For the fund's Class I shares, periods prior to 5/14/04 reflect the performance of the fund's Class A shares without the sales load applicable to Class A. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class I shares for such periods may have been higher.

What this fund is – and isn't

This fund is a mutual fund: a pooled investment that is professionally managed and gives you the opportunity to participate in financial markets. It strives to reach its stated goal, although as with all mutual funds, it cannot offer guaranteed results.

An investment in this fund is not a bank deposit. It is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. It is not a complete investment program. You could lose money in this fund, but you also have the potential to make money.



EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

Fee table

	Class A	Class B*	Class C	Class I	Class T
Shareholder transaction fees (fees paid from your account)					
Maximum front-end sales charge on purchases % of offering price	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	none**	4.00	1.00	none	none**
Annual fund operating expenses (expenses paid from fund assets)					
% of average daily net assets					
Management fees	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Rule 12b-1 fee	.25	1.00	1.00	none	.50
Other expenses***	.01	.01	.01	.02	.01
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.36	2.11	2.11	1.12	1.61
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement****	(.01)	(.01)	(.01)	(.01)	(.01)
Net operating expenses	1.35	2.10	2.10	1.11	1.60

* Class B shares of the fund are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

** Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1.00% if redeemed within one year.

*** The 0.01% amount noted in "Other expenses" for Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members. The 0.02% amount noted in "Other expenses" for Class I shares reflects expenses of the non-interested Board members of 0.01% and interest payments of 0.01%.

**** Dreyfus is required to reduce its fees in an amount equal to the fund's allocable portion of fees and expenses of the non-interested Board members (including counsel fees).

Expense example

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	\$705	\$978	\$1,272	\$2,105
Class B				
with redemption	\$613	\$958	\$1,329	\$2,064 [†]
without redemption	\$213	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,064 [†]
Class C				
with redemption	\$313	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,431
without redemption	\$213	\$658	\$1,129	\$2,431
Class I	\$113	\$353	\$612	\$1,352
Class T	\$605	\$932	\$1,282	\$2,265

[†] Assumes conversion of Class B to Class A at end of the sixth year following the date of purchase.

This example shows what you could pay in expenses over time. It uses the same hypothetical conditions other funds use in their prospectuses: \$10,000 initial investment, 5% total return each year and no changes in expenses. Because actual returns and expenses will be different, the example is for comparison only.

Concepts to understand

Management fee: the fee paid to The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus) for managing the fund. Unlike the arrangements between most investment advisers and their funds, Dreyfus pays all fund expenses except for brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors, Rule 12b-1 fees and extraordinary expenses.

Dreyfus undertook to waive a portion of the fund's management fee from November 1, 2006 through April 4, 2008. As a result, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, Dreyfus waived a portion of its management fee, reducing total fund expenses from 1.35% to 1.25% for Class A, from 2.10% to 2.00% for Class B, from 2.10% to 2.00% for Class C, from 1.11% to 1.01% for Class I and from 1.60% to 1.50% for Class T shares.

Rule 12b-1 fee: the fee paid out of fund assets (attributable to appropriate share classes) for distribution expenses and shareholder service. Because this fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.



MANAGEMENT

Investment advisers

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$270 billion in approximately 180 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 1.00% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's semi-annual report for the period ended April 30, 2007. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$20 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$11 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at www.bnymellon.com.

The Dreyfus asset management philosophy is based on the belief that discipline and consistency are important to investment success. For each fund, Dreyfus seeks to establish clear guidelines for portfolio management and to be systematic in making decisions. This approach is designed to provide each fund with a distinct, stable identity.

Dreyfus has engaged Faye Sarofim & Co. (Sarofim & Co.), located at 2907 Two Houston Center, 909 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77010, to serve as the fund's sub-investment adviser. Sarofim & Co., subject to Dreyfus' supervision and approval, provides investment advisory assistance and research and the day-to-day management of the fund's investments. Sarofim & Co. managed approximately \$31.6 billion in assets, which include investment advisory services for six other registered investment companies having aggregate assets of approximately \$6 billion as of December 31, 2007.

Faye Sarofim, president and chairman of Sarofim & Co., has been the fund's primary portfolio manager since the fund's inception. Mr. Sarofim founded Faye Sarofim & Co. in 1958.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of fund shares.

Distributor

The fund's distributor is MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus. Dreyfus or MBSC may provide cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by the fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or the fund, the fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to intermediaries, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the financial intermediary. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or MBSC's own resources to intermediaries for inclusion of the fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or MBSC also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to financial intermediaries or their representatives in the form of occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its employees to recommend or sell shares of the fund to you. Please contact your financial representative for details about any payments they or their firm may receive in connection with the sale of fund shares or the provision of services to the fund.

Code of ethics

The fund, Dreyfus, Sarofim & Co. and MBSC have each adopted a code of ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such respective code, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the fund. The codes of ethics of Dreyfus and Sarofim & Co. restrict the personal securities transactions of Dreyfus' and Sarofim & Co.'s respective employees, and require portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the relevant code's preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of each code is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus or Sarofim & Co. employees does not disadvantage any fund or other client account managed by Dreyfus or Sarofim & Co., respectively.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance of each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you

had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	18.44	16.35	15.26	14.86	13.51
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.22	.21	.20	.12	.10
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.08	2.00	1.08	.40	1.25
Total from investment operations	2.30	2.21	1.28	.52	1.35
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.23)	(.12)	(.19)	(.12)	–
Net asset value, end of period	20.51	18.44	16.35	15.26	14.86
Total Return (%) ²	12.58	13.61	8.41	3.48	9.99
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.25	1.29	1.36	1.35	1.35
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.13	1.20	1.22	.77	.74
Portfolio turnover rate	8.09	–	1.06	.72	3.51
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	96,507	92,601	104,506	91,759	80,401

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Class B	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	17.57	15.68	14.60	14.22	13.03
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.08	.08	.09	.00 ²	.00 ²
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.98	1.91	1.03	.38	1.19
Total from investment operations	2.06	1.99	1.12	.38	1.19
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.07)	(.10)	(.04)	(.00) ²	–
Net asset value, end of period	19.56	17.57	15.68	14.60	14.22
Total Return (%) ³	11.76	12.76	7.60	2.77	9.13
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.11	2.11	2.11	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.00	2.04	2.11	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.42	.47	.60	.02	.01
Portfolio turnover rate	8.09	–	1.06	.72	3.51
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	23,622	36,326	57,804	102,007	142,689

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.² Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.³ Exclusive of sales charge.

Class C	2007	Year Ended October 31,			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	17.53	15.64	14.59	14.22	13.03
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.07	.07	.08	.00 ²	.00 ²
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.98	1.92	1.03	.38	1.19
Total from investment operations	2.05	1.99	1.11	.38	1.19
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.10)	(.10)	(.06)	(.01)	–
Net asset value, end of period	19.48	17.53	15.64	14.59	14.22
Total Return (%) ³	11.73	12.80	7.54	2.73	9.13
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.11	2.11	2.11	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.00	2.04	2.11	2.10	2.10
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.39	.44	.53	.02	.01
Portfolio turnover rate	8.09	–	1.06	.72	3.51
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	34,961	35,603	41,677	51,391	59,007

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.² Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.³ Exclusive of sales charge.

Class I	Year Ended October 31,			
	2007 ¹	2006	2005	2004 ²
Per-Share Data (\$):				
Net asset value, beginning of period	18.52	16.38	15.28	15.56
Investment operations: Investment income – net ³	.20	.24	.25	.06
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.14	2.03	1.07	(.34)
Total from investment operations	2.34	2.27	1.32	(.28)
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.28)	(.13)	(.22)	–
Net asset value, end of period	20.58	18.52	16.38	15.28
Total Return (%)	12.76	13.94	8.73	(1.80) ⁴
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):				
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.12	1.10	1.10	.51 ⁴
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.01	1.04	1.10	.51 ⁴
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.01	1.41	1.48	.41 ⁴
Portfolio turnover rate	8.09	–	1.06	.72
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	12	1	1	1

¹ Effective June 1, 2007, the fund redesignated Class R to Class I shares.

² From May 14, 2004 (commencement of initial offering) to October 31, 2004.

³ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

⁴ Not annualized.

Class T	Year Ended October 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Per-Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	18.14	16.12	15.04	14.64	13.36
Investment operations: Investment income – net ¹	.17	.16	.17	.08	.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.05	1.98	1.05	.39	1.21
Total from investment operations	2.22	2.14	1.22	.47	1.28
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.18)	(.12)	(.14)	(.07)	–
Net asset value, end of period	20.18	18.14	16.12	15.04	14.64
Total Return (%) ²	12.34	13.34	8.12	3.25	9.58
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.60	1.60
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.50	1.54	1.61	1.60	1.60
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.88	.95	1.04	.52	.51
Portfolio turnover rate	8.09	–	1.06	.72	3.51
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	2,953	2,927	3,857	4,641	5,135

¹ Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

² Exclusive of sales charge.

Your Investment



SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

The Dreyfus Premier Funds are designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees which are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or by Founders Asset Management, LLC (Founders), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends.

Deciding which class of shares to buy: Classes A, C, I and T shares

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

When you invest in Class A or Class T shares you generally pay an initial sales charge. Class A shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C or Class T shares, and Class T shares have lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees than Class C shares. Each class, except Class I shares, is subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. Class I shares are available only to limited types of investors. Please see below for more information regarding the eligibility requirements.

A more complete description of each class follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution or service fee (Rule 12b-1 fee)	0.25%	1.00%	0.50%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Conversion feature	no	no	no	no
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

Class A share considerations

When you invest in Class A shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

If you invest \$1 million or more (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Class T share considerations

When you invest in Class T shares, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

The initial sales charge on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has lower ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

Since some of your investment goes to pay an up-front sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges

Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more *	none	none

* No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.

Sales charge reductions and waivers

To receive a reduction or waiver of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at www.dreyfus.com and in the SAI.

You can reduce your initial sales charge in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Premier Funds or Dreyfus Founders Funds, in any class of shares, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund’s distributor
- “wrap” accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund’s distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund’s distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the fund, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006

- investors with the cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse and minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

Class A and Class T shares may be purchased at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

Class C share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, you will pay higher ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time these fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Class I share considerations

Since you pay no initial sales charge, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. There is also no CDSC imposed on purchases of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- a bank trust department or other financial services provider acting on behalf of its customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution
- a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of a qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plan that has entered an agreement with the fund's distributor or a SEP-IRA

Class B share considerations

Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are subject to a lower Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased.

CDSC waivers

The CDSC on Class A, B, C and T shares may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70 ½
- redemptions of Class B or Class C shares made through the fund’s Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

Buying shares

The NAV of each class is generally calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund’s transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund’s investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its NAV), the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund’s board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund’s board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indexes of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. Using fair value to price securities may result in a value that is different from a security’s most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund’s NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in foreign securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund’s shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors in the fund were able to take advantage of

these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund’s NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see “Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies” for further information about the fund’s frequent trading policy.

Orders to buy and sell shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Education Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*

All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks cannot be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.

* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

Concept to understand

Net asset value (NAV): the market value of one share, computed by dividing the total net assets of a fund or class by its existing shares outstanding. The fund’s shares are offered at NAV, but Class A and Class T shares are subject to a front-end sales charge and Class B and Class C shares generally are subject to higher annual operating expenses and a CDSC.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. Any certificates representing fund shares being sold must be returned with your redemption request. Your order will be processed promptly and you will generally receive the proceeds within a week.

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

Before selling shares recently purchased by check, Dreyfus TeleTransfer or Automatic Asset Builder, please note that:

- if you send a written request to sell such shares, the fund may delay sending the proceeds for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares
- the fund will not process wire, telephone, online or Dreyfus TeleTransfer redemption requests for up to eight business days following the purchase of those shares

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online

Proceeds sent by	Minimum phone/online	Maximum phone/online
Check*	no minimum	\$250,000 per day
Wire	\$1,000	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day
Dreyfus TeleTransfer	\$500	\$500,000 for joint accounts every 30 days/ \$20,000 per day

* Not available online on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days.

Written sell orders

Some circumstances require written sell orders along with signature guarantees. These include:

- amounts of \$10,000 or more on accounts whose address has been changed within the last 30 days
- requests to send the proceeds to a different payee or address

Written sell orders of \$100,000 or more must also be signature guaranteed.

A signature guarantee helps protect against fraud. You can obtain one from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. For joint accounts, each signature must be guaranteed. Please call to ensure that your signature guarantee will be processed correctly.

General policies

Unless you decline teleservice privileges on your application, the fund's transfer agent is authorized to act on telephone or online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. You may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone or online order as long as the fund's transfer agent takes reasonable measures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

The fund is designed for long-term investors. Frequent purchases, redemptions and exchanges may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm fund performance by diluting the value of fund shares and increasing brokerage and administrative costs. As a result, Dreyfus and the fund's board have adopted a policy of discouraging excessive trading, short-term market timing and other abusive trading practices (frequent trading) that could adversely affect the fund or its operations. Dreyfus and the fund will not enter into arrangements with any person or group to permit frequent trading.

The fund reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend the privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum or maximum investment amounts
- delay sending out redemption proceeds for up to seven days (generally applies only during unusual market conditions or in cases of very large redemptions or excessive trading)
- "redeem in kind," or make payments in securities rather than cash, if the amount redeemed is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it exceeds 1% of the fund's assets)
- refuse any purchase or exchange request, including those from any individual or group who, in Dreyfus' view, is likely to engage in frequent trading

More than four roundtrips within a rolling 12-month period generally is considered to be frequent trading. A roundtrip consists of an investment that is substantially liquidated within 60 days. Based on the facts and circumstances of the trades, the fund may also view as frequent trading a pattern of investments that are partially liquidated within 60 days.

Dreyfus monitors selected transactions to identify frequent trading. When its surveillance systems identify multiple roundtrips, Dreyfus evaluates trading activity in the account for evidence of frequent trading. Dreyfus considers the investor's trading history in other accounts under common ownership or control, in other Dreyfus, Dreyfus Founders and Mellon Funds Trust funds, and if known, in non-affiliated mutual funds and accounts under common control. These evaluations involve judgments that are inherently subjective, and while Dreyfus seeks to apply the policy and procedures uniformly, it is possible that similar transactions may be treated differently. In all instances, Dreyfus seeks to make these judgments to the best of its abilities in a manner that it believes is consistent with shareholder interests. If Dreyfus concludes the account is likely to engage in frequent trading, Dreyfus may cancel or revoke the purchase or exchange on the following business day. Dreyfus may also temporarily or permanently bar such investor's future purchases into the fund in lieu of, or in addition to, canceling or revoking the trade. At its discretion, Dreyfus may apply these restrictions across all accounts under common ownership, control or perceived affiliation.

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in providing information with respect to individual shareholder transactions. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus. Further, all intermediaries have been requested in writing to notify the distributor immediately if, for any reason, they cannot meet their commitment to make fund shares available in accordance with the terms of the prospectus and relevant rules and regulations.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. The fund has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

Although the fund's frequent trading and fair valuation policies and procedures are designed to discourage market timing and excessive trading, none of these tools alone, nor all of them together, completely eliminates the potential for frequent trading.

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges and automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs approved in writing by Dreyfus generally are not considered to be frequent trading.

Small account policy

If your account falls below \$500, the fund may ask you to increase your balance. If it is still below \$500 after 45 days, the fund may close your account and send you the proceeds.



DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The fund earns dividends, interest and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less any losses) to shareholders as capital gain distributions. The fund normally pays dividends and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to federal income tax, and may also be subject to state or local taxes (unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account). For federal tax purposes, in general, certain fund distributions, including interest income and distributions of short-term capital gains, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Other fund distributions, including dividends from U.S. companies and certain foreign companies and distributions of long-term capital gains, generally are taxable to you as qualified dividends and capital gains, respectively.

The tax status of any distribution generally is the same regardless of how long you have been in the fund and whether you reinvest your distributions or take them in cash.

If you buy shares of a fund when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, you will be “buying a dividend” by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion back in the form of a taxable distribution.

Your sale of shares, including exchanges into other funds, may result in a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment in the fund generally is the difference between the cost of your shares and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The tax status of your distributions will be detailed in your annual tax statement from the fund. Because everyone’s tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor before investing.



SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

The third party through whom you purchased fund shares may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges offered by the fund, or may not make them available at all. Consult your financial representative for more information on the availability of these services and privileges.

Automatic services

Buying or selling shares automatically is easy with the services described below. With each service, you select a schedule and amount, subject to certain restrictions. You can set up most of these services with your application, or by calling your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

For investing

Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®	For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.
Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan	For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.
Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege	For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.
Dreyfus Dividend Sweep	For automatically reinvesting the dividends and distributions from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds (not available for IRAs).

For exchanging shares

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege	For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus fund or certain Dreyfus Founders funds.
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For selling shares

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds. There will be no CDSC on Class B or Class C shares, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.
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Exchange privilege

You can exchange shares worth \$500 or more (no minimum for retirement accounts) from one class of the fund into the same class of another Dreyfus Premier fund or Dreyfus Founders fund. You can also exchange Class T shares into Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds and Class B shares into Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. You can request your exchange by contacting your financial representative. Be sure to read the current prospectus for any fund into which you are exchanging before investing. Any new account established through an exchange will generally have the same privileges as your original account (as long as they are available). There is currently no fee for exchanges, although you may be charged a sales load when exchanging into any fund that has a higher one.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege

To move money between your bank account and your Dreyfus fund account with a phone call or online, use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege. You can set up Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your account by providing bank account information and following the instructions on your application, or contacting your financial representative. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege.

Reinvestment privilege

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

Account statements

Every fund investor automatically receives regular account statements. You will also be sent a yearly statement detailing the tax characteristics of any dividends and distributions you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS**

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete the application.

Mail your application and a check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check.

Mail the slip and the check to:

Name of Fund

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name(s) and signature(s)
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds

P.O. Box 55268, Boston, MA 02205-8502

Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Call to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Return your application with the account number on the application.

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your account number insert "450" for Class A, "452" for Class C, "450" for Class I, or "453" for Class T.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Wire Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Call to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Call to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.

To open an account, make subsequent investments or to sell shares, please contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611**.
Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Family of Funds**.

Concepts to understand

Wire transfer: for transferring money from one financial institution to another. Wiring is the fastest way to move money, although your bank may charge a fee to send or receive wire transfers. Wire redemptions from the fund are subject to a \$1,000 minimum.

Electronic check: for transferring money out of a bank account. Your transaction is entered electronically, but may take up to eight business days to clear. Electronic checks usually are available without a fee at all Automated Clearing House (ACH) banks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **REGULAR ACCOUNTS** (continued)

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

TO SELL SHARES



Online (www.dreyfus.com)

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction.

Wire Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be sent to your bank by electronic check.

Check Visit www.dreyfus.com to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.



Automatically

With an initial investment Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.

All services Call to request a form to add any automatic investing service (see "Services for Fund Investors"). Complete and return the form along with any other required materials.

Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan Call to request a form to add the plan. Complete the form, specifying the amount and frequency of withdrawals you would like.

Be sure to maintain an account balance of \$5,000 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRAS

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT



In Writing

Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail your application and a check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT

Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.

Mail the slip and the check to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing

TO SELL SHARES

Write a letter of instruction that includes:

- your name and signature
- your account number
- the fund name
- the share class
- the dollar amount you want to sell
- how and where to send the proceeds
- whether the distribution is qualified or premature
- whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld

Obtain a signature guarantee or other documentation, if required (see "Shareholder Guide – Selling Shares").

Mail your request to:
The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian
P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568
Attn: Institutional Processing



By Telephone

Wire Have your bank send your investment to Mellon Trust of New England, N.A., with these instructions:

- ABA# 011001234
- DDA# 044350
- the fund name
- the share class
- your account number
- name of investor
- the contribution year
- dealer number if applicable

Electronic check Same as wire, but before your account number insert "450" for Class A, "452" for Class C, "450" for Class I, or "453" for Class T.



Dreyfus TeleTransfer Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Call to request your transaction.

Telephone Contribution Call to request to move money from a regular Dreyfus account to an IRA (both accounts must be held in the same shareholder name).

For information and other assistance, contact your financial representative or call toll free in the U.S. **1-800-554-4611.**

Make checks payable to: **The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **IRAS** (continued)

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For More Information

Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund
A series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc.

SEC file number: 811-5270

More information on this fund is available free upon request, including the following:

Annual/Semiannual Report

Describes the fund's performance, lists portfolio holdings and contains a letter from the fund's manager discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and fund strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during the last fiscal year. The fund's most recent annual and semiannual reports are available at www.dreyfus.com.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

Provides more details about the fund and its policies. A current SAI is available at www.dreyfus.com and is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SAI is incorporated by reference (is legally considered part of this prospectus).

Portfolio Holdings

The fund will disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as reported on a month-end basis, at www.dreyfus.com, under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. The information will be posted with a one-month lag and will remain accessible until the fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, the fund will publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter.

A complete description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI.

To obtain information:

By telephone

Call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611

By mail Write to:

The Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

On the Internet Text-only versions of certain fund documents can be viewed online or downloaded from: <http://www.sec.gov>

You can also obtain copies, after paying a duplicating fee, by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (for information, call 1-202-551-8090) or by E-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-0102.



THE DREYFUS/LAUREL FUNDS, INC.
DREYFUS BASIC S&P 500 STOCK INDEX FUND
DREYFUS BOND MARKET INDEX FUND
(Investor Shares and BASIC Shares)
DREYFUS DISCIPLINED STOCK FUND
DREYFUS PREMIER BALANCED FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T Shares)
DREYFUS PREMIER LARGE COMPANY STOCK FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T Shares)
DREYFUS PREMIER LIMITED TERM INCOME FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C and Class I Shares)
DREYFUS PREMIER MIDCAP STOCK FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T Shares)
DREYFUS PREMIER SMALL CAP VALUE FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T Shares)
DREYFUS PREMIER TAX MANAGED GROWTH FUND
(Class A, Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T Shares)

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MARCH 1, 2008

This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus, each dated March 1, 2008, as it may be revised from time to time, of Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund, Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund, Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund, Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund, Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund, Dreyfus Premier Limited Term Income Fund, Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund, Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund and Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund, each a separate, diversified portfolio (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”) of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc. (the “Company”), an open-end management investment company, that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). To obtain a copy of the Prospectus for Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund, Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund or Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund, please call your financial adviser, or write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit www.dreyfus.com, or call one of the following numbers:

Call Toll Free 1-800-645-6561
In New York City – Call 1-718-895-1206
Outside the U.S. – Call 516-794-5452

To obtain a copy of the Prospectus for Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund, Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund, Dreyfus Premier Limited Term Income Fund, Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund, Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund, or Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund (collectively, the “Dreyfus Premier Funds”), please call your financial adviser or call 1-800-554-4611, visit www.dreyfus.com, or write to the Fund at the above address.

The most recent Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders for each Fund are separate documents supplied with this Statement of Additional Information, and the financial statements, accompanying related notes and report of the independent registered public accounting firm appearing in the Annual Report are incorporated herein by reference.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY AND FUNDS

The Company is a Maryland corporation formed on August 6, 1987. The Company is an open-end management investment company, known as a mutual fund, comprised of separate portfolios, including the Funds, each of which is treated as a separate fund. Each Fund is diversified, which means that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, the Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any single issuer, nor hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any single issuer (other than, in each case, securities of other investment companies, and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities).

The Dreyfus Corporation (“Dreyfus” or the “Manager”) serves as each Fund’s investment adviser. The Manager has engaged Fayez Sarofim & Co. (“Sarofim & Co.” or the “Sub-Adviser”) to serve as Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund’s sub-investment adviser to provide day-to-day management of such Fund’s investments, subject to the supervision of the Manager.

MBSC Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”) is the distributor of each Fund’s shares.

Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund (“S&P 500 Index Fund”). The Fund seeks to match the total return of the Standard & Poor’s 500[®] Composite Stock Price Index (“S&P 500[®]”). The Fund normally invests at least 95% of its total assets in common stocks included in the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is composed of 500 common stocks, most of which are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”), chosen by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“Standard and Poor’s”), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., to best capture the price performance of a large cross-section of the U.S. publicly traded stock market. The S&P 500 is structured to approximate the general distribution of industries in the U.S. economy. The inclusion of a stock in the S&P 500 does not imply that Standard & Poor’s believes the stock to be an attractive or appropriate investment. The 500 securities represent approximately 75% of the market value of all U.S. common stocks. Each stock in the S&P 500 is weighted generally by the number of available float shares (i.e., those shares available to investors) divided by the total shares outstanding. That is, each stock is weighted by its value available in the public markets relative to the total market values of all the stocks in the S&P 500. Component stocks included in the S&P 500 are chosen with the aim of achieving a distribution at the index level representative of the various components of the U.S. economy and therefore do not represent the 500 largest companies. Aggregate market value and trading activity are also considered in the selection process. A limited percentage of the S&P 500 may include foreign securities. “Standard & Poor’s[®],” “S&P[®],” “S&P 500[®],” and “Standard & Poor’s 500[®],” are trademarks of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and have been licensed for use by the Company. The Fund is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Standard & Poor’s and Standard & Poor’s makes no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the Fund. Standard & Poor’s makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of the Fund or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Fund particularly or the ability of the S&P 500 to track general stock market performance. To maintain liquidity, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. Government securities, commercial paper, bank

certificates of deposit, bank demand and time deposits, repurchase agreements, when-issued transactions and variable amount master demand notes. See “Certain Portfolio Securities” below.

Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund (“Bond Index Fund”). The Fund seeks to match the total return of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index (“U.S. Aggregate Index”). The U.S. Aggregate Index covers the U.S. dollar denominated, investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The U.S. Aggregate Index includes bonds from the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Government-related, corporate, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-back securities sectors. The U.S. Aggregate Index covers those securities in the Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond Index (“Government/Corporate Bond Index”) plus those covered by the Lehman Brothers Mortgage-Backed Securities Index (“MBS Index”), the Lehman Brothers Fixed-Rate Asset-Backed Securities Index (“ABS Index”), and the Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Index (“CMBS Index”). The Government/Corporate Bond Index is composed of (i) all public obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities (excluding “flower” bonds and pass-through issues such as GNMA Certificates) and (ii) all publicly issued, fixed-rate, non-convertible, investment grade, dollar-denominated, SEC-registered obligations of domestic corporations, foreign governments and supranational organizations. The MBS Index covers all fixed-rate securities backed by mortgage pools of the Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA”), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”) and Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”). The ABS Index covers five subsectors – credit cards, autos, home equity stranded-cost utility (rate reduction bonds), and manufactured housing loans – and includes pass-through, bullet, and controlled amortization structures. The CMBS Index covers ERISA eligible, fixed-rate commercial mortgage-backed securities. Prior to November 14, 1997, the Fund’s investment objective was to seek to match the total return of the Government/Corporate Bond Index.

Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund (“Disciplined Stock Fund”). The Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is composed of 500 common stocks, most of which are traded on the NYSE, chosen by Standard and Poor’s to best capture the price performance of a large cross-section of the U.S. publicly traded stock market. The S&P 500 is structured to approximate the general distribution of industries in the U.S. economy. The inclusion of a stock in the S&P 500 does not imply that Standard & Poor’s believes the stock to be an attractive or appropriate investment. The 500 securities represent approximately 75% of the market value of all U.S. common stocks. Each stock in the S&P 500 is weighted generally by the number of available float shares (i.e., those shares available to investors) divided by the total shares outstanding. That is, each stock is weighted by its value available in the public markets relative to the total market values of all the stocks in the S&P 500. Component stocks included in the S&P 500 are chosen with the aim of achieving a distribution at the index level representative of the various components of the U.S. economy and therefore do not represent the 500 largest companies. Aggregate market value and trading activity are also considered in the selection process. A limited percentage of the S&P 500 may include foreign securities. The Fund may invest in money market instruments, including U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements, bank obligations and commercial paper, to meet liquidity needs in amounts not generally expected to exceed 20% of the Fund’s assets. See

“Certain Portfolio Securities” below. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Fund’s investment objective was to seek investment returns (consisting of capital appreciation and income) that are consistently superior to the S&P 500.

Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund (“Balanced Fund”). The Fund seeks total return (consisting of capital appreciation and income). Prior to March 1, 2002, the Fund’s investment objective was to outperform an unmanaged hybrid index, 60% of which was the S&P 500 and 40% of which was the Lehman Brothers Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index. From March 1, 2002 to August 1, 2006, the Fund’s investment objective was to outperform a hybrid index, 60% of which was the S&P 500 and 40% of which was the U.S. Aggregate Index.

Dreyfus Premier Large Company Stock Fund (“Large Company Stock Fund”). The Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is composed of 500 common stocks, most of which are traded on the NYSE, chosen by Standard and Poor’s to best capture the price performance of a large cross-section of the U.S. publicly traded stock market. The S&P 500 is structured to approximate the general distribution of industries in the U.S. economy. The inclusion of a stock in the S&P 500 does not imply that Standard & Poor’s believes the stock to be an attractive or appropriate investment. The 500 securities represent approximately 75% of the market value of all U.S. common stocks. Each stock in the S&P 500 is weighted generally by the number of available float shares (i.e., those shares available to investors) divided by the total shares outstanding. That is, each stock is weighted by its value available in the public markets relative to the total market values of all the stocks in the S&P 500. Component stocks included in the S&P 500 are chosen with the aim of achieving a distribution at the index level representative of the various components of the U.S. economy and therefore do not represent the 500 largest companies. Aggregate market value and trading activity are also considered in the selection process. A limited percentage of the S&P 500 may include foreign securities. Prior to January 16, 1998, the Fund’s investment objective was to seek an above-average level of income along with moderate long-term growth of income and principal. From January 16, 1998 to October 1, 2004, the Fund’s investment objective was to seek investment returns (consisting of capital appreciation and income) that are consistently superior to the S&P 500.

Dreyfus Premier Limited Term Income Fund (“Limited Term Income Fund”). The Fund seeks to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income as is consistent with safety of principal and maintenance of liquidity.

Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund (“Midcap Stock Fund”). The Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the Standard & Poor’s MidCap 400 Index® (“S&P 400”). The S&P 400 is composed of 400 domestic common stocks chosen by Standard & Poor’s for market size, liquidity and industry group representation. It is a float-adjusted, market-weighted index (stock price times shares outstanding), with each stock affecting the S&P 400 in proportion to its float-adjusted market value. The inclusion of a stock in the S&P 400 does not imply that Standard & Poor’s believes the stock to be an attractive or appropriate investment. The S&P 400 was created by Standard & Poor’s to capture the performance of the stocks that fall

in the medium capitalization range. The medium capitalization range of stocks was defined, at the original time of screening, as between \$1 billion and \$15 billion in market value. Any medium capitalization stocks already included in the S&P 500 were excluded from candidacy for the S&P 400. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Fund's investment objective was to seek investment returns (consisting of capital appreciation and income) that are consistently superior to the S&P 400.

Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund ("Small Cap Value Fund"). The Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to manage risk by broadly diversifying among industries and by maintaining a risk profile generally similar to the Russell 2000[®] Value Index. The Russell 2000[®] Value Index is an unmanaged index of those companies in the Russell 2000[®] Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000[®] Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000[®] Index, which in turn measures the performance of the 3,000 largest publicly traded U.S. companies based on total market capitalization. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Fund's investment objective was to seek investment returns (consisting of capital appreciation and income) that are consistently superior to the Russell 2000[®] Value Index.

Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund ("Tax Managed Growth Fund"). The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation consistent with minimizing realized capital gains and taxable current income. The Fund employs a tax-managed strategy, focusing on "blue chip" companies with market capitalizations exceeding \$5 billion.

Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information regarding the securities a Fund may purchase supplements (as noted) and should be read in conjunction with the relevant Fund's Prospectus.

American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and New York Shares. (Balanced Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund, and Tax Managed Growth Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in U.S. dollar-denominated ADRs and, with respect to Large Company Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund, New York Shares. ADRs typically are issued by an American bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by foreign companies. New York Shares are securities of foreign companies that are issued for trading in the United States. ADRs and New York Shares are traded in the United States on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market. Investment in securities of foreign issuers presents certain risks, including those resulting from adverse political and economic developments and the imposition of foreign governmental laws or restrictions. See "Foreign Securities." Purchases or sales of certain ADRs may result, indirectly, in fees being paid to the Depositary Receipts Division of The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the Manager, by brokers executing the purchases or sales.

Government Obligations. (All Funds) Each Fund may invest in a variety of U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: (a) U.S.

Treasury bills have a maturity of one year or less, (b) U.S. Treasury notes have maturities of one to ten years, and (c) U.S. Treasury bonds generally have maturities of greater than ten years.

In addition to U.S. Treasury obligations, each Fund may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are supported by any of the following: (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow an amount limited to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (c) the discretionary authority of the U.S. Treasury to lend to such Government agency or instrumentality, or (d) the credit of the instrumentality. (Examples of agencies and instrumentalities are: Federal Land Banks, Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, General Services Administration, Maritime Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority, District of Columbia Armory Board, Inter-American Development Bank, Asian-American Development Bank, Student Loan Marketing Association, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Small Business Administration and Fannie Mae). No assurance can be given that the U.S. Government will provide financial support to the agencies or instrumentalities described in (b), (c) and (d) in the future, other than as set forth above, since it is not obligated to do so by law.

Inflation-Indexed Bonds. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may invest in inflation-indexed bonds, which are fixed-income securities whose value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. Two structures are common. The U.S. Treasury and some other issuers utilize a structure that accrues inflation into the principal value of the bond. Most other issuers pay out the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") accruals as part of a semiannual coupon.

Inflation-indexed securities issued by the U.S. Treasury have varying maturities and pay interest on a semi-annual basis equal to a fixed percentage of the inflation-adjusted principal amount. If the periodic adjustment rate measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation indexed bonds will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds, even during a period of deflation. However, the current market value of the bonds is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Each of these Funds also may invest in other inflation-related bonds which may or may not provide a similar guarantee. If a guarantee of principal is not provided, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal amount.

The value of inflation-indexed bonds is expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates in turn are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. Therefore, if the rate of inflation rises at a faster rate than nominal interest rates, real interest rates might decline, leading to an increase in value of inflation-indexed bonds. In contrast, if nominal interest rates increase at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates might rise, leading to a decrease in value of inflation-indexed bonds. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity.

While these securities are expected to be protected from long-term inflationary trends, short-term increases in inflation may lead to a decline in value. If interest rates rise due to reasons other than inflation (for example, due to changes in currency exchange rates), investors in these securities may not be protected to the extent that the increase is not reflected in the bond's inflation measure.

The periodic adjustment of U.S. inflation-indexed bonds is tied to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers ("CPI-U"), which is calculated monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI-U is a measurement of changes in the cost of living, made up of components such as housing, food, transportation and energy. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by a foreign government are generally adjusted to reflect a comparable inflation index calculated by that government. There can be no assurance that the CPI-U or any foreign inflation index will accurately measure the real rate of inflation in the prices of goods and services. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the rate of inflation in a foreign country will be correlated to the rate of inflation in the United States.

Repurchase Agreements. (S&P 500 Index Fund, Bond Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, and Small Cap Value Fund). Each of these Funds may enter into repurchase agreements with U.S. Government securities dealers recognized by the Federal Reserve Board, with member banks of the Federal Reserve System, or with such other brokers or dealers that meet the respective Fund's credit guidelines. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash. In a repurchase agreement, the Fund buys a security from a seller that has agreed to repurchase the same security at a mutually agreed upon date and price. The Fund's resale price will be in excess of the purchase price, reflecting an agreed upon interest rate. This interest rate is effective for the period of time the Fund is invested in the agreement and is not related to the coupon rate on the underlying security. Repurchase agreements may also be viewed as a fully collateralized loan of money by the Fund to the seller. The period of these repurchase agreements will usually be short, from overnight to one week, and at no time will a Fund invest in repurchase agreements for more than one year. The Fund will always receive as collateral securities whose market value including accrued interest is, and during the entire term of the agreement remains, at least equal to 100% of the dollar amount invested by the Fund in each agreement, including interest, and the Fund will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or upon evidence of book entry transfer to the account of the custodian. If the seller defaults, the Fund might incur a loss if the value of the collateral securing the repurchase agreement declines and might incur disposition costs in connection with liquidating the collateral. In addition, if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of a security which is the subject of a repurchase agreement, realization upon the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. Each Fund seeks to minimize the risk of loss through repurchase agreements by analyzing the creditworthiness of the obligors under repurchase agreements, in accordance with the Fund's credit guidelines.

Commercial Paper. (All Funds) Each Fund may invest in commercial paper. These instruments are short-term obligations issued by banks and corporations that have maturities ranging from two to 270 days. Each instrument may be backed only by the credit of the issuer or may be backed by some form of credit enhancement, typically in the form of a guarantee by a

commercial bank. Commercial paper backed by guarantees of foreign banks may involve additional risk due to the difficulty of obtaining and enforcing judgments against such banks and the generally less restrictive regulations to which such banks are subject. A Fund will only invest in commercial paper of U.S. and foreign companies rated at the time of purchase at least A-1 by Standard & Poor's, Prime-1 by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") or F1 by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch" and together with Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the "Rating Agencies").

Bank Instruments. (All Funds) Each Fund may purchase bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, time deposits, and other short-term obligations issued by domestic banks, foreign subsidiaries or foreign branches of domestic banks, domestic and foreign branches of foreign banks, domestic savings and loan associations and other banking institutions. Included among such obligations, except with respect to the S&P 500 Index Fund, are Eurodollar certificates of deposit ("ECDs"), Eurodollar time deposits ("ETDs") and Yankee Dollar certificates of deposit ("Yankee CDs"). ECDs are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by foreign branches of domestic banks. ETDs are U.S. dollar-denominated time deposits in a foreign branch of a U.S. bank or a foreign bank. Yankee CDs are certificates of deposit issued by a U.S. branch of a foreign bank denominated in U.S. dollars and held in the United States. The Fund may also invest in Eurodollar bonds and notes, which are obligations that pay principal and interest in U.S. dollars held in banks outside the United States, primarily in Europe. All of these obligations are subject to somewhat different risks than are the obligations of domestic banks or issuers in the United States. See "Foreign Securities."

Foreign Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund, and Tax Managed Growth Fund, and to a limited extent, S&P 500 Index Fund). Each of these Funds may purchase securities of foreign issuers and may invest in foreign currencies and obligations of foreign branches of domestic banks and domestic branches of foreign banks. Investment in foreign currencies, securities and obligations, as well as instruments that provide investment exposure to foreign securities and markets, presents certain risks, including those resulting from fluctuations in currency exchange rates, revaluation of currencies, adverse political and economic developments, the possible imposition of currency exchange blockages or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions, reduced availability of public information concerning issuers, and the fact that foreign issuers are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or to other regulatory practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of comparable domestic issuers. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation and limitations on the use or removal of funds or other assets of the Fund, including withholding of dividends. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign government taxes that would reduce the return on such securities. Foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on days that the Fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Fund's assets on days when Fund shareholders may not be able to buy or sell Fund shares.

Securities of Emerging Markets Issuers. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may invest in companies, the ratings of which correspond with the ratings of other permissible Fund investments, whose principal activities are in, or governments

of, emerging markets. Emerging markets will include any countries (i) having an “emerging stock market” as defined by the International Finance Corporation; (ii) with low- to middle-income economies according to the World Bank; or (iii) listed in World Bank publications as developing. Currently, the countries not included in these categories are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Issuers whose principal activities are in countries with emerging markets include issuers: (1) organized under the laws of, (2) whose securities have their primary trading market in, (3) deriving at least 50% of their revenues or profits from goods sold, investments made, or services performed in, or (4) having at least 50% of their assets located in a country with, an emerging market. In emerging markets, a Fund may purchase debt securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governments, including participation in loans between foreign governments and financial institutions, and interests in entities organized and operated for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of instruments issued or guaranteed by foreign governments (“Sovereign Debt Obligations”). These include Brady Bonds, Structured Securities, and Loan Participations and Assignments (as defined below).

Brady Bonds. Brady Bonds are debt obligations created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to foreign entities for new obligations in connection with debt restructurings under a plan introduced by former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Nicholas F. Brady.

Brady Bonds have been issued only relatively recently, and, accordingly, do not have a long payment history. They may be collateralized or uncollateralized and issued in various currencies (although most are U.S. dollar-denominated). They are actively traded in the over-the-counter secondary market.

Collateralized Brady Bonds may be fixed rate par bonds or floating rate discount bonds, which are generally collateralized in full as to principal due at maturity by U.S. Treasury zero coupon obligations which have the same maturity as the Brady Bonds. Interest payments on these Brady Bonds generally are collateralized by cash or securities in an amount that, in the case of fixed rate bonds, is equal to at least one year of rolling interest payments or, in the case of floating rate bonds, initially is equal to at least one year’s rolling interest payments based on the applicable interest rate at that time and is adjusted at regular intervals thereafter. Certain Brady Bonds are entitled to “value recovery payments” in certain circumstances, which in effect constitute supplemental interest payments but generally are not collateralized. Brady Bonds are often viewed as having three or four valuation components: (i) the collateralized repayment of principal at final maturity; (ii) the collateralized interest payments; (iii) the uncollateralized interest payments; and (iv) any uncollateralized repayment of principal at maturity (these uncollateralized amounts constitute the “residual risk”). In the event of a default with respect to Collateralized Brady Bonds as a result of which the payment obligations of the issuer are accelerated, the U.S. Treasury zero coupon obligations held as collateral for the payment of principal will not be distributed to investors, nor will such obligations be sold and the proceeds distributed. The collateral will be held by the collateral agent to the scheduled maturity of the defaulted Brady Bonds, which will continue to be outstanding, at which time the face amount of the collateral will equal the principal payments which would have then been due on the Brady

Bonds in the normal course. In addition, in light of the residual risk of Brady Bonds and, among other factors, the history of defaults with respect to commercial bank loans by public and private entities of countries issuing Brady Bonds, investments in Brady Bonds are to be viewed as speculative.

Structured Securities -- Structured Securities are interests in entities organized and operated solely for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of Sovereign Debt Obligations. This type of restructuring involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity, such as a corporation or trust, of specified instruments (such as commercial bank loans or Brady Bonds) and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities (“Structured Securities”) backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying instruments. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly-issued Structured Securities to create securities with different investment characteristics such as varying maturities, payment priorities and interest rate provisions, and the extent of the payments made with respect to Structured Securities is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments. Because Structured Securities of the type in which the Fund anticipates it will invest typically involve no credit enhancement, their credit risk generally will be equivalent to that of the underlying instruments.

Each of these Funds is permitted to invest in a class of Structured Securities that is either subordinated or unsubordinated to the right of payment of another class. Subordinated Structured Securities typically have higher yields and present greater risks than unsubordinated Structured Securities. Certain issuers of Structured Securities may be deemed to be “investment companies” as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). As a result, a Fund’s investment in these Structured Securities may be limited by the restrictions contained in the 1940 Act. See “Investment Companies” below.

Loan Participations and Assignments – Each of these Funds may invest in fixed and floating rate loans (“Loans”) arranged through private negotiations between an issuer of Sovereign Debt Obligations and one or more financial institutions (“Lenders”). Each Fund’s investments in Loans are expected in most instances to be in the form of participations in Loans (“Participations”) and assignments of all or a portion of Loans (“Assignments”) from third parties. The government that is the borrower on the Loan will be considered by the Fund to be the issuer of a Participation or Assignment. The Fund’s investment in Participations typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the Lender and not with the borrower. The Fund will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Lender selling the Participation and only upon receipt by the Lender of the payments from the borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement relating to the Loan, nor any rights of set-off against the borrower, and the Fund may not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the Loan in which it has purchased the Participation. As a result, the Fund may be subject to the credit risk of both the borrower and the Lender that is selling the Participation. In the event of the insolvency of the Lender selling a Participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of the Lender and may not benefit from any set-off between the Lender and the borrower. Certain Participations may be structured in a manner designed to avoid purchasers of Participations being subject to the credit risk of the

Lender with respect to the Participation, but even under such a structure, in the event of the Lender's insolvency, the Lender's servicing of the Participation may be delayed and the assignability of the Participation impaired. The Fund will acquire Participations only if the Lender interpositioned between the Fund and the borrower is a Lender having total assets of more than \$25 billion and whose senior unsecured debt is rated investment grade or higher (i.e., Baa/BBB or higher).

When a Fund purchases Assignments from Lenders it will acquire direct rights against the borrower on the Loan. Because Assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, however, the rights and obligations acquired by the Fund as the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender. The assignability of certain Sovereign Debt Obligations is restricted by the governing documentation as to the nature of the assignee, such that the only way in which the Fund may acquire an interest in a Loan is through a Participation and not an Assignment. The Fund may have difficulty disposing of Assignments and Participations because to do so it will have to assign such securities to a third party. Because there is no established secondary market for such securities, the Fund anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of institutional investors. The lack of an established secondary market may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular Assignments or Participations when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the borrower. The lack of an established secondary market for Assignments and Participations also may make it more difficult for the Fund to assign a value to these securities for purposes of valuing the Fund's portfolio and calculating its net asset value. The Fund may not invest more than 15% of the value of its net assets in Loan Participations and Assignments that are illiquid, and in other illiquid securities.

Investing in Sovereign Debt Obligations of Emerging Market Countries. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) No established secondary markets may exist for many of the Sovereign Debt Obligations in which each of these Funds may invest. Reduced secondary market liquidity may have an adverse effect on the market price and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular instruments when necessary to meet its liquidity requirements or in response to specific economic events such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. Reduced secondary market liquidity for certain Sovereign Debt Obligations also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing its portfolio. Market quotations are generally available on many Sovereign Debt Obligations only from a limited number of dealers and may not necessarily represent firm bids of those dealers or prices for actual sales. The Sovereign Debt Obligations in which the Fund will invest in most cases pertain to countries that are among the world's largest debtors to commercial banks, foreign governments, international financial organizations and other financial institutions. In recent years, the governments of some of these countries have encountered difficulties in servicing their external debt obligations, which led to defaults on certain obligations and the restructuring of certain indebtedness. Restructuring arrangements have included, among other things, reducing and rescheduling interest and principal payments by negotiating new or amended credit agreements or converting outstanding principal and unpaid interest to Brady Bonds, and obtaining new credit to finance interest payments. Certain governments have not been able to

make payments of interest on or principal of Sovereign Debt Obligations as those payments have come due. Obligations arising from past restructuring agreements may affect the economic performance and political and social stability of those issuers.

Each of these Funds is permitted to invest in Sovereign Debt Obligations that are not current in the payment of interest or principal or are in default, so long as Dreyfus believes it to be consistent with the Fund's investment objective. A Fund may have limited legal recourse in the event of a default with respect to certain Sovereign Debt Obligations it holds. Bankruptcy, moratorium and other similar laws applicable to issuers of Sovereign Debt Obligations may be substantially different from those applicable to issuers of private debt obligations. The political context, expressed as the willingness of an issuer of Sovereign Debt Obligations to meet the terms of the debt obligation, for example, is of considerable importance. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of commercial bank debt will not contest payments to the holders of securities issued by foreign governments in the event of default under commercial bank loan agreements.

The ability of governments to make timely payments on their obligations is likely to be influenced strongly by the issuer's balance of payments, including export performance, and its access to international credits and investments. A country whose exports are concentrated in a few commodities could be vulnerable to a decline in the international prices of one or more of those commodities. Increased protectionism on the part of a country's trading partners also could adversely affect the country's exports and diminish its trade account surplus, if any. To the extent that a country receives payment for its exports in currencies other than dollars, its ability to make debt payments denominated in dollars could be adversely affected.

To the extent that a country develops a trade deficit, it will need to depend on continuing loans from foreign governments, multilateral organizations or private commercial banks, aid payments from foreign governments and on inflows of foreign investment. The access of a country to these forms of external funding may not be certain, and a withdrawal of external funding could adversely affect the capacity of a government to make payments on its obligations. In addition, the cost of servicing debt obligations can be affected by a change in international interest rates since the majority of these obligations carry interest rates that are adjusted periodically based upon international rates.

Another factor bearing on the ability of a country to repay Sovereign Debt Obligations is the level of the country's international reserves. Fluctuations in the level of these reserves can affect the amount of foreign exchange readily available for external debt payments and, thus, could have a bearing on the capacity of the country to make payments on its Sovereign Debt Obligations.

Expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, political, economic or social instability or other similar developments, such as military coups, have occurred in the past in countries in which the Fund will invest and could adversely affect the Fund's assets should these conditions or events recur.

Foreign investment in certain Sovereign Debt Obligations is restricted or controlled to varying degrees. These restrictions or controls at times may limit or preclude foreign investment in certain Sovereign Debt Obligations and increase the costs and expenses of the Fund. Certain countries in which the Fund will invest require governmental approval prior to investment by foreign persons, limit the amount of investment by foreign persons in a particular issuer, limit the investment by foreign persons only to a specific class of securities of an issuer that may have less advantageous rights than the classes available for purchase by domiciliaries of the countries and/or impose additional taxes on foreign investors.

Certain countries other than those on which a Fund initially will focus its investments may require governmental approval for the repatriation of investment income, capital or the proceeds of sales of securities by foreign investors. In addition, if a deterioration occurs in a country's balance of payments, the country could impose temporary restrictions on foreign capital remittances. A Fund could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for repatriation of capital, as well as by the application to the Fund of any restrictions on investments. Investing in local markets may require the Fund to adopt special procedures, seek local government approvals or take other actions, each of which may involve additional costs to the Fund.

Discount Obligations. (Limited Term Income Fund) A significant portion of the Fund's investments may be in (i) securities (including most Brady Bonds) which were initially issued at a discount from their face value (collectively, "Discount Obligations") and (ii) securities purchased by the Fund at a price less than their stated face amount or, in the case of Discount Obligations, at a price less than their issue price plus the portion of "original issue discount" previously accrued thereon, i.e., purchased at a "market discount." The amount of original issue discount and/or market discount on obligations purchased by the Fund may be significant, and accretion of market discount together with original issue discount, will cause the Fund to realize income prior to the receipt of cash payments with respect to these securities. To maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and avoid liability for Federal income taxes, the Fund may be required to distribute such income accrued with respect to these securities and may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances in order to generate cash to satisfy these distribution requirements.

Illiquid Securities. (All Funds). Each Fund may invest up to 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, including time deposits and, except with respect to the Tax Managed Growth Fund, repurchase agreements having maturities longer than seven days. Securities that have readily available market quotations are not deemed illiquid for purposes of this limitation (irrespective of any legal or contractual restrictions on resale). The Fund may invest in commercial obligations issued in reliance on the so-called "private placement" exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Section 4(2) paper"). The Fund may also purchase securities that are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but that can be sold to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under that Act ("Rule 144A securities"). Liquidity determinations with respect to Section 4(2) paper and Rule 144A securities will be made by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Directors" or "Board of Directors") or by the Manager pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Directors. The Board or the Manager will consider availability of

reliable price information and other relevant information in making such determinations. Section 4(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the federal securities laws, and generally is sold to institutional investors, such as the Funds, that agree that they are purchasing the paper for investment and not with a view to public distribution. Any resale by the purchaser must be pursuant to registration or an exemption therefrom. Section 4(2) paper normally is resold to other institutional investors like the Funds through or with the assistance of the issuer or investment dealers who make a market in the Section 4(2) paper, thus providing liquidity. Rule 144A securities generally must be sold to other qualified institutional buyers. If a particular investment in Section 4(2) paper or Rule 144A securities is not determined to be liquid, that investment will be included within the percentage limitation on investment in illiquid securities. Investing in Rule 144A securities could have the effect of increasing the level of Fund illiquidity to the extent that qualified institutional buyers become, for a time, uninterested in purchasing these securities from a Fund or other holders.

Preferred Stock. (Balanced Fund, Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund). Each of these Funds may purchase preferred stock, which is a class of capital stock that typically pays dividends at a specified rate. Preferred stock is generally senior to common stock, but subordinate to debt securities, with respect to the payment of dividends and on liquidation of the issuer. In general, the market value of preferred stock is its “investment value,” or its value as a fixed-income security. Accordingly, the market value of preferred stock generally increases when interest rates decline and decreases when interest rates rise, but, as with debt securities, is also affected by the issuer’s ability to make payments on the preferred stock. While most preferred stocks pay a dividend, a Fund may purchase preferred stock where the issuer has omitted, or is in danger of omitting, payment of its dividend. Such investments would be made primarily for their capital appreciation potential.

Convertible Securities. (Balanced Fund, Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund). Each of these Funds may purchase convertible securities. Convertible securities may be converted at either a stated price or stated rate into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities have characteristics similar to both fixed-income and equity securities. Convertible securities generally are subordinated to other similar but non-convertible securities of the same issuer, although convertible bonds, as corporate debt obligations, enjoy seniority in right of payment to all equity securities, and convertible preferred stock is senior to common stock, of the same issuer. Because of the subordination feature, however, convertible securities typically have lower ratings than similar non-convertible securities.

Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. A unique feature of convertible securities is that as the market price of the underlying common stock declines, convertible securities tend to trade increasingly on a yield basis, and so may not experience market value declines to the same extent as the underlying common stock. When the market price of the underlying common stock increases, the prices of the convertible securities tend to rise as a reflection of the value of the underlying common

stock. While no securities investments are without risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than investments in common stock of the same issuer.

Convertible securities provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks, but there can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. A convertible security, in addition to providing fixed income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. There can be no assurance of capital appreciation, however, because securities prices fluctuate. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality because of the potential for capital appreciation.

Warrants. (Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund) A warrant is a form of derivative that gives the holder the right to subscribe to a specified amount of the issuing corporation's capital stock at a set price for a specified period of time. Each of these Funds may invest up to 5% of its net assets in warrants, except that this limitation does not apply to warrants purchased by the Fund that are sold in units with, or attached to, other securities.

Municipal Obligations. (Tax Managed Growth Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Municipal obligations are debt obligations issued by states, territories and possessions of the United States and the District of Columbia and their political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, or multistate agencies or authorities, generally to obtain funds for various public purposes and include certain industrial development bonds issued by or on behalf of public authorities. Municipal obligations are classified as general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and notes. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer's pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue bonds are payable from the revenue derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, but not from the general taxing power. Industrial development bonds, in most cases, are revenue bonds that do not carry the pledge of the credit of the issuing municipality, but generally are guaranteed by the corporate entity on whose behalf they are issued. Notes are short-term instruments which are obligations of the issuing municipalities or agencies and are sold in anticipation of a bond sale, collection of taxes or receipt of other revenues. Municipal obligations include municipal lease/purchase agreements which are similar to installment purchase contracts for property or equipment issued by municipalities. Municipal obligations bear fixed, floating or variable rates of interest, which are determined in some instances by formulas under which the municipal obligation's interest rate will change directly or inversely to changes in interest rates or an index, or multiples thereof, in many cases subject to a maximum and minimum. Certain municipal obligations are subject to redemption at a date earlier than their stated maturity pursuant to call options, which may be separated from the related municipal obligation and purchased and sold separately. Each of these Funds also may acquire call options on specific municipal obligations. The Fund generally would purchase these call options to protect the Fund from the issuer of the related municipal obligation redeeming, or other holder of the call option from calling away, the municipal obligation before maturity.

While, in general, municipal obligations are tax exempt securities having relatively low yields as compared to taxable, non-municipal obligations of similar quality, certain municipal obligations are taxable obligations offering yields comparable to, and in some cases greater than, the yields available on other permissible Fund investments. Dividends received by shareholders on Fund shares which are attributable to interest income received by the Fund from municipal obligations generally will be subject to Federal income tax. Each of these Funds may invest in municipal obligations, the ratings of which correspond with the ratings of other permissible Fund investments.

Each of the Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund currently intends to invest no more than 5% of its assets in municipal obligations. However, this percentage may be varied from time to time without shareholder approval.

Mortgage-Related Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Mortgage-related securities are a form of derivative collateralized by pools of commercial or residential mortgages. Pools of mortgage loans are assembled as securities for sale to investors by various governmental, government-related and private organizations. These securities may include complex instruments such as collateralized mortgage obligations and stripped mortgage-backed securities, mortgage pass-through securities, interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits (“REMICs”), adjustable rate mortgages, real estate investment trusts (“REITs”), or other kinds of mortgage-backed securities, including those with fixed, floating and variable interest rates, those with interest rates based on multiples of changes in a specified index of interest rates and those with interest rates that change inversely to changes in interest rates, as well as those that do not bear interest.

Residential Mortgage-Related Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in mortgage-related securities representing participation interests in pools of one- to four-family residential mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by governmental agencies or instrumentalities, such as GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC, or issued by private entities. Residential mortgage-related securities have been issued using a variety of structures, including multi-class structures featuring senior and subordinated classes.

Mortgage-related securities issued by GNMA include GNMA Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (also known as “Ginnie Maes”), which are guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by GNMA and such guarantee is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. GNMA certificates also are supported by the authority of GNMA to borrow funds from the U.S. Treasury to make payments under its guarantee. Ginnie Maes are created by an “issuer,” which is a Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”) approved mortgagee that also meets criteria imposed by GNMA. The issuer assembles a pool of FHA, Farmers’ Home Administration or Veterans’ Administration (“VA”) insured or guaranteed mortgages which are homogeneous as to interest rate, maturity and type of dwelling. Upon application by the issuer, and after approval by GNMA of the pool, GNMA provides its commitment to guarantee timely payment of principal and interest on the Ginnie Maes backed by the mortgages included in the pool. The Ginnie Maes, endorsed by GNMA, then are sold by the issuer through securities dealers. Ginnie Maes bear a stated “coupon rate” which represents the effective FHA-VA mortgage rate at the time of issuance, less GNMA’s and issuer’s fees.

Mortgage-related securities issued by FNMA include FNMA Guaranteed Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (also known as “Fannie Maes”) which are solely the obligations of FNMA and are not backed by or entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States. Fannie Maes are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. Mortgage-related securities issued by FHLMC include FHLMC Mortgage Participation Certificates (also known as “Freddie Macs” or “PCs”). Freddie Macs are not guaranteed by the United States or by any Federal Home Loan Bank and do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or of any Federal Home Loan Bank. Freddie Macs entitle the holder to timely payment of interest, which is guaranteed by FHLMC. FHLMC guarantees either ultimate collection or timely payment of all principal payments on the underlying mortgage loans. When FHLMC does not guarantee timely payment of principal, FHLMC may remit the amount due on account of its guarantee of ultimate payment of principal at any time after default on an underlying mortgage, but in no event later than one year after it becomes payable.

Commercial Mortgage-Related Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in commercial mortgage-related securities, which generally are multi-class debt or pass-through certificates secured by mortgage loans on commercial properties. These mortgage-related securities generally are structured to provide protection to the senior classes investors against potential losses on the underlying mortgage loans. This protection generally is provided by having the holders of subordinated classes of securities (“Subordinated Securities”) take the first loss if there are defaults on the underlying commercial mortgage loans. Other protection, which may benefit all of the classes or particular classes, may include issuer guarantees, reserve funds, additional Subordinated Securities, cross-collateralization and over-collateralization.

Subordinated Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in Subordinated Securities issued or sponsored by commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, private mortgage insurance companies and other non-governmental issuers. Subordinated Securities have no governmental guarantee, and are subordinated in some manner as to the payment of principal and/or interest to the holders of more senior mortgage-related securities arising out of the same pool of mortgages. The holders of Subordinated Securities typically are compensated with a higher stated yield than are the holders of more senior mortgage-related securities. On the other hand, Subordinated Securities typically subject the holder to greater risk than senior mortgage-related securities and tend to be rated in a lower rating category, and frequently a substantially lower rating category, than the senior mortgage-related securities issued in respect of the same pool of mortgage. Subordinated Securities generally are likely to be more sensitive to changes in prepayment and interest rates and the market for such securities may be less liquid than is the case for traditional fixed-income securities and senior mortgage-related securities.

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (“CMOs”) and Multi-Class Pass-Through-Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in CMOs, which are multiclass bonds backed by pools of mortgage pass-through certificates or mortgage loans. CMOs may be collateralized by (a) Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac pass-through certificates, (b) unsecuritized mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing

Administration or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, (c) unsecuritized conventional mortgages, (d) other mortgage-related securities, or (e) any combination thereof.

Each class of CMOs, often referred to as a "tranche," is issued at a specific coupon rate and has a stated maturity or final distribution date. Principal prepayments on collateral underlying a CMO may cause it to be retired substantially earlier than the stated maturities or final distribution dates. The principal and interest on the underlying mortgages may be allocated among the several classes of a series of a CMO in many ways. One or more tranches of a CMO may have coupon rates which reset periodically at a specified increment over an index, such as the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") (or sometimes more than one index). These floating rate CMOs typically are issued with lifetime caps on the coupon rate thereon. The Fund also may invest in inverse floating rate CMOs. Inverse floating rate CMOs constitute a tranche of a CMO with a coupon rate that moves in the reverse direction to an applicable index such as LIBOR. Accordingly, the coupon rate thereon will increase as interest rates decrease. Inverse floating rate CMOs are typically more volatile than fixed or floating rate tranches of CMOs.

Many inverse floating rate CMOs have coupons that move inversely to a multiple of the applicable indexes. The effect of the coupon varying inversely to a multiple of an applicable index creates a leverage factor. Inverse floaters based on multiples of a stated index are designed to be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates and can subject the holders thereof to extreme reductions of yield and loss of principal. The markets for inverse floating rate CMOs with highly leveraged characteristics at times may be very thin. The Fund's ability to dispose of its positions in such securities will depend on the degree of liquidity in the markets for such securities. It is impossible to predict the amount of trading interest that may exist in such securities, and therefore the future degree of liquidity.

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in stripped mortgage-backed securities, which are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities, each with a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments. Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each investor class receives some interest and some principal. When securities are completely stripped, however, all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security, known as an interest-only security, or IO, and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security known as a principal-only security, or PO. Strips can be created in a pass-through structure or as tranches of a CMO. The yields to maturity on IO and POs are very sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets. If the underlying mortgage assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may not fully recoup its initial investment in IOs. Conversely, if the underlying mortgage assets experience less than anticipated prepayments of principal, the yield on POs could be materially and adversely affected.

Adjustable-Rate Mortgage Loans ("ARMs"). (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in ARMs and hybrid ARMs. ARMs eligible for inclusion in a mortgage pool generally will provide for a fixed initial mortgage interest rate for a specified period of time, generally for either the first three, six, twelve, thirteen,

thirty-six, or sixty scheduled monthly payments. Thereafter, the interest rates are subject to periodic adjustment based on changes in an index. ARMs typically have minimum and maximum rates beyond which the mortgage interest rate may not vary over the lifetime of the loans. Certain ARMs provide for additional limitations on the maximum amount by which the mortgage interest rate may adjust for any single adjustment period. Negatively amortizing ARMs may provide limitations on changes in the required monthly payment. Limitations on monthly payments can result in monthly payments that are greater or less than the amount necessary to amortize a negatively amortizing ARM by its maturity at the interest rate in effect during any particular month. A hybrid ARM is a mortgage in which the homeowner pays a fixed interest rate for a period of time (typically 3, 5, 7, or 10 years) and a floating rate after the period, combining the features of fixed- and adjustable-rate mortgage securities. The agency issuers for hybrid ARMS are the same as those for conventional pass-through mortgages (FNMA, FHLMC and GNMA). Hybrid ARMS will be added to the Lehman Brothers Mortgage Index on April 1, 2007.

Private Entity Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in mortgage-related securities issued by commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, private mortgage insurance companies and other non-governmental issuers. Timely payment of principal and interest on mortgage-related securities backed by pools created by non-governmental issuers often is supported partially by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loan, title, pool and hazard insurance. The insurance and guarantees are issued by government entities, private insurers and the mortgage poolers. There can be no assurance that the private insurers or mortgage poolers can meet their obligations under the policies, so that if the issuers default on their obligations the holders of the security could sustain a loss. No insurance or guarantee covers the Fund or the price of the Fund's shares. Mortgage-related securities issued by non-governmental issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than government-agency and government-related securities because there are no direct or indirect government guarantees of payment.

Other Mortgage-Related Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Other mortgage-related securities in which each of these Funds may invest include securities other than those described above that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property, including CMO residuals. Other mortgage-related securities may be equity or debt securities issued by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government or by private originators of, or investors in, mortgage loans, including savings and loan associations, homebuilders, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks, partnerships, trusts and special purpose entities of the foregoing.

Real Estate Investment Trusts. (Bond Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, S&P 500 Index Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund and Small Cap Value Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in REITs. A REIT is a corporation, or a business trust that would otherwise be taxed as a corporation, which meets the definitional requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Code permits a qualifying REIT to deduct dividends paid, thereby effectively eliminating corporate level Federal income tax and making the REIT a pass-through vehicle for Federal

income tax purposes. To meet the definitional requirements of the Code, a REIT must, among other things, invest substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate (including mortgages and other REITs) or cash and government securities, derive most of its income from rents from real property or interest on loans secured by mortgages on real property, and distribute to shareholders annually a substantial portion of its otherwise taxable income.

REITs are characterized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs and hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which may include operating or finance companies, own real estate directly and the value of, and income earned by, the REITs depends upon the income of the underlying properties and the rental income they earn. Equity REITs also can realize capital gains (or losses) by selling properties that have appreciated (or depreciated) in value. Mortgage REITs can make construction, development or long-term mortgage loans and are sensitive to the credit quality of the borrower. Mortgage REITs derive their income from interest payments on such loans. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both equity and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate. The value of securities issued by REITs are affected by tax and regulatory requirements and by perceptions of management skill. They also are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or tenants, self-liquidation and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free status under the Code or to maintain exemption from the 1940 Act.

Asset-Backed Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in asset-backed securities, which are a form of derivative. The securitization techniques used for asset-backed securities are similar to those used for mortgage-related securities. These securities include debt securities and securities with debt-like characteristics. The collateral for these securities has included home equity loans, automobile and credit card receivables, boat loans, computer leases, airplane leases, mobile home loans, recreational vehicle loans and hospital account receivables. Each of these Funds may invest in these and other types of asset-backed securities that may be developed in the future.

Asset-backed securities present certain risks that are not presented by mortgage-backed securities. Primarily, these securities may provide the Fund with a less effective security interest in the related collateral than do mortgage-backed securities. Therefore, there is the possibility that recoveries on the underlying collateral may not, in some cases, be available to support payments on these securities.

Corporate Obligations. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund, and Tax Managed Growth Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in corporate obligations rated at least Baa by Moody's or BBB by Standard & Poor's or Fitch, or, if unrated, of comparable quality as determined by the Manager (and the Sub-Adviser as applicable). Securities rated BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's or Fitch, are considered by those rating agencies to be "investment grade" securities. Moody's, however, considers securities rated Baa to have speculative characteristics. Further, while bonds rated BBB by Standard & Poor's exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and

principal for debt in this category than debt in higher rated categories. A Fund will sell in a prudent and orderly fashion bonds whose ratings drop below these minimum ratings.

In addition to “investment grade” securities, the Balanced Fund may invest in debt securities which are rated Ba or B by Moody’s, or BB or B by Standard & Poor’s or Fitch, or if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality as determined by Dreyfus. See “Lower Rated Securities.”

Collateralized Debt Obligations. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may invest in collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”), which are securitized interests in pools of - generally non-mortgage - assets. Assets called collateral usually comprise loans or debt instruments. A CDO may be called a collateralized loan obligation (“CLO”) or collateralized bond obligation (“CBO”) if it holds only loans or bonds, respectively. Investors bear the credit risk of the collateral. Multiple tranches of securities are issued by the CDO, offering investors various maturity and credit risk characteristics. Tranches are categorized as senior, mezzanine, and subordinated/equity, according to their degree of credit risk. If there are defaults or the CDO’s collateral otherwise underperforms, scheduled payments to senior tranches take precedence over those of mezzanine tranches, and scheduled payments to mezzanine tranches take precedence over those to subordinated/equity tranches. Senior and mezzanine tranches are typically rated, with the former receiving ratings of A to AAA/Aaa and the latter receiving ratings of B to BBB/Baa. The ratings reflect both the credit quality of underlying collateral as well as how much protection a given tranche is afforded by tranches that are subordinate to it.

Lower Rated Securities. (Balanced Fund only) The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets invested in fixed income securities in higher yielding (and therefore higher risk) debt securities such as those rated Ba by Moody’s or BB by Standard & Poor’s or Fitch, or as low as those rated B by a Rating Agency (commonly referred to as “high yield” or “junk” bonds). Such securities, though higher yielding, are characterized by risk. See “Appendix” for a general description of the Rating Agencies’ ratings. Although ratings may be useful in evaluating the safety of interest and principal payments, they do not evaluate the market value or risk of these securities. The Fund will rely on Dreyfus’ judgment, analysis and experience in evaluating the creditworthiness or an issuer.

Investors should be aware that the market values of many of these securities tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than are higher rated securities. These securities generally are considered by the Rating Agencies to be predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation and generally will involve more credit risk than securities in the higher rating categories.

Companies that issue certain of these securities often are highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. Therefore, the risk associated with acquiring the securities of such issuers generally is greater than is the case with higher rated securities. For example, during an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of these securities may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. The issuer’s ability to service its debt obligations also may be affected adversely by specific corporate developments, or the issuer’s inability to meet specific

projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. The risk of loss because of default by issuer is significantly greater for the holders of these securities because such securities generally are unsecured and often are subordinated to other creditors of the issuer.

Because there is no established retail secondary market for many of these securities, the Fund anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of dealers or institutional investors. To the extent a secondary trading market for these securities does exist, it generally is not as liquid as the secondary market for higher rated securities. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price and yield and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular issues when necessary to meet liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. The lack of a liquid secondary market for certain securities also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing the Fund's portfolio and calculating its net asset value ("NAV"). Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of these securities. In such cases, judgment may play a greater role in valuation because less reliable, objective data may be available.

These securities may be particularly susceptible to economic downturns. An economic recession could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of lower rated securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon, which would increase the incidence of default for such securities. It is likely that any economic recession also would disrupt severely the market for such securities and have an adverse impact on their value.

The Fund may acquire these securities during an initial offering. Such securities may involve special risks because they are new issues. The Fund has no arrangement with any persons concerning the acquisition of such securities, and the Manager will review carefully the credit and other characteristics pertinent to such new issues.

Fixed-Income Securities. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds invests in fixed-income securities. In periods of declining interest rates, a Fund's yield (its income from portfolio investments over a stated period of time) may tend to be higher than prevailing market rates, and in periods of rising interest rates, a Fund's yield may tend to be lower than prevailing interest rates. Also, in periods of falling interest rates, the inflow of net new money to a Fund from the continuous sale of its shares will likely be invested in portfolio instruments producing lower yields than the balance of a Fund's portfolio, thereby reducing the yield of the Fund. In periods of rising interest rates, the opposite can be true. The NAV of a Fund investing in fixed-income securities also may change as general levels of interest rates fluctuate. When interest rates increase, the value of a portfolio of fixed-income securities can be expected to decline. Conversely, when interest rates decline, the value of a portfolio of fixed-income securities can be expected to increase.

Variable Amount Master Demand Notes. (S&P 500 Index Fund, Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund, and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in variable amount master demand notes. Variable amount master demand notes are unsecured obligations that are redeemable upon demand and are typically unrated. These instruments are issued

pursuant to written agreements between their issuers and holders. The agreements permit the holders to increase (subject to an agreed maximum) and the holders and issuers to decrease the principal amount of the notes, and specify that the rate of interest payable on the principal fluctuates according to an agreed-upon formula. If an issuer of a variable amount master demand note were to default on its payment obligations, a Fund might be unable to dispose of the note because of the absence of a secondary market and might, for this or other reasons, suffer a loss to the extent of the default. The Funds will only invest in variable amount master demand notes issued by entities that the Manager considers creditworthy.

Floating Rate Securities. (Balanced Fund, Bond Index Fund and Limited Term Income Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in floating rate securities. A floating rate security provides for the automatic adjustment of its interest whenever a specified interest rate changes. Interest rates on these securities are ordinarily tied to, and are a percentage of, a widely recognized interest rate, such as the yield on 90-day U.S. Treasury bills or the prime rate of a specified bank. These rates may change as often as twice daily. Generally, changes in interest rates will have a smaller effect on the market value of floating rate securities than on the market value of comparable fixed-income obligations. Thus, investing in variable and floating rate securities generally allows less opportunity for capital appreciation and depreciation than investing in comparable fixed-income securities.

Initial Public Offerings (“IPOs”). (Balanced Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund, and Tax Managed Growth Fund). Each of these Funds may invest in stock issued in an IPO, a corporation’s first offering of stock to the public. Shares are given a market value reflecting expectations for the corporation’s future growth. Special rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) apply to the distribution of IPOs. Corporations offering IPOs generally have a limited operating history and may involve greater risk.

Investment Companies. (All Funds) Each Fund may invest in securities issued by registered and unregistered investment companies, including exchange-traded funds described below. Under the 1940 Act, a Fund’s investment in such securities, subject to certain exceptions, currently is limited to (i) 3% of the total voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of the Fund’s total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Fund’s total assets in the aggregate. As a shareholder of another investment company, the Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its pro rata portion of the other investment company’s expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses would be in addition to the advisory fees and other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations. Each Fund also may invest its uninvested cash reserves or cash it receives as collateral from borrowers of its portfolio securities in connection with the Fund’s securities lending program, in shares of one or more money market funds advised by the Manager. Such investments will not be subject to the limitations described above. See “Loans of Fund Securities.”

Exchange-Traded Funds. (All Funds) Each of the Funds may invest in shares of exchange-traded funds (collectively, “ETFs”), which are designed to provide investment results corresponding to a securities index. These may include Standard & Poor’s Depository Receipts (“SPDRs”), DIAMONDS, Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock (also referred to as “Nasdaq 100

Shares”) and iShares exchange-traded funds (“iShares”), such as iShares Russell 2000 Growth Index Fund. ETFs usually are units of beneficial interest in an investment trust or represent undivided ownership interests in a portfolio of securities, in each case with respect to a portfolio of all or substantially all of the component securities of, and in substantially the same weighting as, the relevant benchmark index. The benchmark indices of SPDRs, DIAMONDS and Nasdaq-100 Shares are the Standard & Poor’s 500 Stock Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq-100 Index, respectively. The benchmark index for iShares varies, generally corresponding to the name of the particular iShares fund. ETFs are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the component securities of the benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis.

Investment Techniques

The following information regarding the investment techniques a Fund may engage in supplements (as noted) and should be read in conjunction with the relevant Fund’s Prospectus. A Fund might not use, or may not have the ability to use, any of these strategies and there can be no assurance that any strategy that is used will succeed.

Loans of Fund Securities. (All Funds) Each Fund may lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions needing to borrow securities to complete certain transactions. In connection with such loans, the Fund remains the owner of the loaned securities and continues to be entitled to payments in amounts equal to the interest, dividends or other distributions payable on the loaned securities. The Fund also has the right to terminate a loan at any time. The Fund may call the loan to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Fund’s investment is to be voted upon. Loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets (including the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan). The Fund will receive collateral consisting of cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. If the collateral consists of a letter of credit or securities, the borrower will pay the Fund a loan premium fee. If the collateral consists of cash, the Fund will reinvest the cash and pay the borrower a pre-negotiated fee or “rebate” from any return earned on the investment. The Fund may participate in a securities lending program operated by Mellon Bank, N.A., as lending agent (the “Lending Agent”). The Lending Agent will receive a percentage of the total earnings of the Fund derived from lending its portfolio securities. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Fund may experience delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the Manager to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, the Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. A Fund will minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to money market funds advised by the Manager, repurchase agreements or other high quality instruments with short maturities.

When-Issued Securities and Delayed Delivery Transactions. (S&P 500 Index Fund, Bond Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, and Small Cap Value Fund) New issues of U.S. Treasury and

Government securities are often offered on a when-issued basis. This means that delivery and payment for the securities normally will take place in the future after the date the buyer commits to purchase them. The payment obligation and the interest rate that will be received on securities purchased on a when-issued basis are each fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment. Each Fund will make commitments to purchase such securities only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but the Fund may sell these securities or dispose of the commitment before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy. A Fund will segregate permissible assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Fund's when-issued and delayed-delivery purchase commitments.

Securities purchased on a when-issued basis and the securities held by the Fund are subject to changes in market value based upon the public's perception of changes in the level of interest rates. Generally, the value of such securities will fluctuate inversely to changes in interest rates -- i.e., they will appreciate in value when interest rates decline and decrease in value when interest rates rise. Therefore, if in order to achieve higher interest income the Fund remains substantially fully invested at the same time that it has purchased securities on a when-issued basis, there will be a greater possibility of fluctuation in the Fund's NAV.

When payment for when-issued securities is due, the Fund will meet its obligations from then-available cash flow, the sale of segregated securities, the sale of other securities, and/or although it would not normally expect to do so, from the sale of the when-issued securities themselves (which may have a market value greater or less than the Fund's payment obligation). The sale of securities to meet such obligations carries with it a greater potential for the realization of capital gains, which are subject to federal income taxes.

To secure advantageous prices or yields, a Fund may purchase or sell securities for delayed delivery. In such transactions, delivery of the securities occurs beyond the normal settlement periods, but no payment or delivery is made by the Fund prior to the actual delivery or payment by the other party to the transaction. The purchase of securities on a delayed delivery basis involves the risk that the value of the securities purchased will decline prior to the settlement date. The sale of securities for delayed delivery involves the risk that the prices available in the market on the delivery date may be greater than those obtained in the sale transaction.

Borrowing Money. (All Funds) Each Fund is permitted to borrow in an amount up to 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets. Each Fund is authorized currently, within specified limits, to borrow money for temporary administrative purposes and to pledge its assets in connection with such borrowings.

Short-Selling. (Balanced Fund only) In these transactions, the Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. The Fund may make short-sales to hedge positions, for duration and risk management, to maintain portfolio flexibility or to enhance returns. To complete a short-sale transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing it subsequently at the market price at the time of replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Fund, which would result in a

loss or gain, respectively. The Fund also may make short sales “against the box,” in which the Fund enters into a short sale of a security it owns or has the immediate and unconditional right to acquire at no additional cost at the time of sale.

Securities will not be sold short if, after effect is given to any such short sale, the total market value of all securities sold short would exceed 25% of the value of the Fund’s net assets.

At no time will more than 15% of the value of the Fund’s net assets be in deposits on short sales against the box.

Until the Fund closes its short position or replaces the borrowed security, it will: (a) segregate permissible liquid assets in an amount that, together with the amount provided as collateral, always equals the current value of the security sold short; or (b) otherwise cover its short position.

Forward Roll Transactions. (Bond Index Fund, Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) To enhance current income, each of these Funds may enter into forward roll transactions with respect to Ginnie Maes and other mortgage-related securities. In a forward roll transaction, the Fund sells a mortgage-related security to a financial institution, such as a bank or broker-dealer, and simultaneously agrees to repurchase a similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed upon price. The securities that are repurchased will bear the same interest rate as those sold, but generally will be collateralized by different pools of mortgages with different prepayment histories than those sold. During the period between the sale and repurchase, the Fund will not be entitled to receive interest and principal payments on the securities sold. Proceeds of the sale will be invested in short-term instruments, particularly repurchase agreements, and the income from these instruments, together with any additional fee income received on the sale, will generate income for the Fund exceeding the yield on the securities sold. Forward roll transactions involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by the Fund may decline below the purchase price of those securities. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the amount of the repurchase price (including accrued interest).

Reverse Repurchase Agreements. (S&P 500 Index Fund, Bond Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, and Small Cap Value Fund). Each of these Funds may enter into reverse repurchase agreements to meet redemption requests where the liquidation of Fund securities is deemed by the Manager to be disadvantageous. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund: (1) transfers possession of Fund securities to a bank or broker-dealer in return for cash in an amount equal to a percentage of the securities’ market value; and (2) agrees to repurchase the securities at a future date by repaying the cash with interest. The Fund retains record ownership of the security involved including the right to receive interest and principal payments. A Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the aggregate amount of its reverse repurchase obligations, plus accrued interest, in certain cases, in accordance with releases promulgated by the SEC. The SEC views reverse repurchase transactions as collateralized borrowings by the Fund. Except for these transactions, borrowings by a Fund generally will be unsecured. These transactions may increase the risk of potential fluctuations in the market value

of the Fund's assets. In addition, interest costs on the cash received may exceed the return on the securities purchased.

Futures, Options and Other Derivative Instruments. (S&P 500 Index Fund, Disciplined Stock Fund, Balanced Fund, Large Company Stock Fund, Limited Term Income Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, Small Cap Value Fund, Tax Managed Growth Fund, and to a limited extent, Bond Index Fund). Each of these Funds may purchase and sell various financial instruments ("Derivative Instruments"), including financial futures contracts (such as index futures contracts) and options (such as options on U.S. and foreign securities or indices of such securities). The index a Fund may use may be based on indices of U.S. or foreign equity securities. These Derivative Instruments may be used, for example, to preserve a return or spread or to facilitate or substitute for the sale or purchase of securities.

Hedging strategies can be broadly categorized as "short hedges" and "long hedges." A short hedge is a purchase or sale of a Derivative Instrument intended partially or fully to offset potential declines in the value of one or more investments held in the Fund's portfolio. Thus, in a short hedge the Fund takes a position in a Derivative Instrument whose price is expected to move in the opposite direction of the price of the investment being hedged.

Conversely, a long hedge is a purchase or sale of a Derivative Instrument intended partially or fully to offset potential increases in the acquisition cost of one or more investments that a Fund intends to acquire. Thus, in a long hedge the Fund takes a position in a Derivative Instrument whose price is expected to move in the same direction as the price of the prospective investment being hedged. A long hedge is sometimes referred to as an anticipatory hedge. In an anticipatory hedge transaction, the Fund does not own a corresponding security and, therefore, the transaction does not relate to a security the Fund owns. Rather, it relates to a security that the Fund intends to acquire. If a Fund does not complete the hedge by purchasing the security it anticipated purchasing, the effect on the Fund's portfolio is the same as if the transaction were entered into for speculative purposes.

Derivative Instruments on securities generally are used to hedge against price movements in one or more particular securities positions that the Fund owns or intends to acquire. Derivative Instruments on indices, in contrast, generally are used to attempt to hedge against price movements in market sectors in which the Fund has invested or expects to invest.

The use of Derivative Instruments is subject to applicable regulations of the SEC, the several options and futures exchanges upon which they are traded, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and various state regulatory authorities. In addition, a Fund's ability to use Derivative Instruments will be limited by tax considerations. See "Dividends, Other Distributions and Taxes."

In addition to the instruments, strategies and risks described below and in the relevant Fund Prospectus, the Manager expects to discover additional opportunities in connection with other Derivative Instruments. These new opportunities may become available as the Manager develops new techniques, as regulatory authorities broaden the range of permitted transactions and as new techniques are developed. The Manager (or Sub-Adviser, if applicable) may utilize

these opportunities to the extent that they are consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and permitted by the Fund's investment policies and applicable regulatory authorities.

Special Risks. The use of Derivative Instruments involves special considerations and risks, certain of which are described below. Risks pertaining to particular Derivative Instruments are described in the sections that follow.

Successful use of most Derivative Instruments depends upon the ability of the Manager (or Sub-Adviser, if applicable) not only to forecast the direction of price fluctuations of the investment involved in the transaction, but also to predict movements of the overall securities and interest rate markets, which requires different skills than predicting changes in the prices of individual securities. There can be no assurance that any particular strategy will succeed.

There might be imperfect correlation, or even no correlation, between price movements of a Derivative Instrument and price movements of the investments being hedged. For example, if the value of a Derivative Instrument used in a short hedge increased by less than the decline in value of the hedged investment, the hedge would not be fully successful. Such a lack of correlation might occur due to factors unrelated to the value of the investments being hedged, such as speculative or other pressures on the markets in which Derivative Instruments are traded. The effectiveness of hedges using Derivative Instruments on indices will depend on the degree of correlation between price movements in the index and price movements in the securities being hedged.

Because there are a limited number of types of exchange-traded options and futures contracts, it is likely that the standardized contracts available will not match the Fund's current or anticipated investments exactly. Each Fund may invest in options and futures contracts based on securities with different issuers, maturities, or other characteristics from the securities in which it typically invests, which involves a risk that the options or futures position will not track the performance of the Fund's other investments.

Options and futures prices can also diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the underlying instruments match the Fund's investments well. Options and futures prices are affected by such factors as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instrument, and the time remaining until expiration of the contract, which may not affect security prices the same way. Imperfect correlation may also result from differing levels of demand in the options and futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences in how options and futures and securities are traded, or from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits or trading halts. Each Fund may purchase or sell options and futures contracts with a greater or lesser value than the securities it wishes to hedge or intends to purchase in order to attempt to compensate for differences in volatility between the contract and the securities, although this may not be successful in all cases. If price changes in the Fund's options or futures positions are poorly correlated with its other investments, the positions may fail to produce anticipated gains or result in losses that are not offset by gains in other investments.

If successful, the above-discussed strategies can reduce risk of loss by wholly or partially offsetting the negative effect of unfavorable price movements. However, such strategies can also reduce opportunity for gain by offsetting the positive effect of favorable price movements. For example, if a Fund entered into a short hedge because the Manager (or Sub-Adviser, if applicable) projected a decline in the price of a security in the Fund's portfolio, and the price of that security increased instead, the gain from that increase might be wholly or partially offset by a decline in the price of the Derivative Instrument. Moreover, if the price of the Derivative Instrument declined by more than the increase in the price of the security, the Fund could suffer a loss. In either such case, the Fund would have been in a better position had it not attempted to hedge at all.

As described below, the Fund might be required to maintain assets as "cover," segregate assets or make margin payments when it takes positions in Derivative Instruments involving obligations to third parties (i.e., Derivative Instruments other than purchased options). If the Fund were unable to close out its positions in such Derivative Instruments, it might be required to continue to maintain such assets or accounts or make such payments until the position expired or matured. These requirements might impair the Fund's ability to sell a portfolio security or make an investment at a time when it would otherwise be favorable to do so, or require that the Fund sell a portfolio security at a disadvantageous time. A Fund's ability to close out a position in a Derivative Instrument prior to expiration or maturity depends on the existence of a liquid secondary market or, in the absence of such a market, the ability and willingness of the other party to the transaction ("counterparty") to enter into a transaction closing out the position. Therefore, there is no assurance that any position can be closed out at a time and price that is favorable to the Fund.

The purchase and sale of Derivative Instruments could result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as expected and may increase portfolio turnover rates, which results in correspondingly greater commission expenses and transaction costs, and may result in certain tax consequences.

Some Derivatives the Funds may use may involve leverage (e.g., an instrument linked to the value of a securities index may return income calculated as a multiple of the price movement of the underlying index). This economic leverage could increase the volatility of these instruments as they may increase or decrease in value more quickly than the underlying security, index, futures contract, currency or other economic variable. Pursuant to regulations and/or published positions of the SEC, the Fund may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets, or engage in other measures approved by the SEC or its staff, to "cover" the Fund's obligations relating to its transactions in derivatives. For example, in the case of futures contracts or forward contracts that are not contractually required to cash settle, the Fund must set aside liquid assets equal to such contracts' full notional value (generally, the total numerical value of the asset underlying a future or forward contract at the time of valuation) while the positions are open. With respect to futures contracts or forward contracts that are contractually required to cash settle, however, the Fund is permitted to set aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Fund's daily marked-to-market net obligation (i.e., the Fund's daily net liability) under the contracts, if any, rather than such contracts' full notional value. By setting aside assets equal to only its net obligations under cash-settled futures and forward contracts, the Fund may employ leverage to a

greater extent than if the Fund were required to segregate assets equal to the full notional value of such contracts.

Segregated assets cannot be sold while the position in the corresponding Derivative Instrument is open, unless they are replaced with other appropriate assets. As a result, the segregation of a large portion of the Fund's assets could impede portfolio management or the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests or other current obligations.

Neither the Company nor any Fund will be a commodity pool. The Company has filed notice with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and National Futures Association of its eligibility, as a registered investment company, for an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator and that neither the Company nor any Fund is subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

Options. A call option gives the purchaser the right to buy, and obligates the writer to sell, the underlying investment at the agreed upon exercise price during the option period. A put option gives the purchaser the right to sell, and obligates the writer to buy, the underlying investment at the agreed upon exercise price during the option period. A purchaser of an option pays an amount, known as the premium, to the option writer in exchange for rights under the option contract.

Options on indices are similar to options on securities except that all settlements are in cash and gain or loss depends on changes in the index in question rather than on price movements in individual securities.

The purchase of call options can serve as a long hedge, and the purchase of put options can serve as a short hedge. Writing put or call options can enable the Fund to enhance income or yield by reason of the premiums paid by the purchasers of such options. However, if the market price of the security or other instrument underlying a put option declines to less than the exercise price on the option, minus the premium received, the Fund would expect to suffer a loss.

Writing call options can also serve as a limited short hedge because declines in the value of the hedged investment would be offset to the extent of the premium received for writing the option. However, if the investment appreciates to a price higher than the exercise price of the call option, it can be expected that the option will be exercised and the Fund will be obligated to sell the investment at less than its market value.

Writing put options can serve as a limited long hedge because increases in the value of the hedged investment would be offset to the extent of the premium received for writing the option. However, if the investment depreciates to a price lower than the exercise price of the put option, it can be expected that the put option will be exercised and the Fund will be obligated to purchase the investment at more than its market value unless the option is closed out in an offsetting transaction.

The value of an option position will reflect, among other things, the current market value of the underlying investment, the time remaining until expiration, the relationship of the exercise price to the market price of the underlying investment, the historical price volatility of the

underlying investment and general market conditions. Options that expire unexercised have no value.

A Fund may effectively terminate its right or obligation under an option by entering into a closing transaction. For example, the Fund may terminate its obligation under a call or put option that it had written by purchasing an identical call or put option; this is known as a closing purchase transaction. Conversely, the Fund may terminate a position in a put or call option it had purchased by writing an identical put or call option; this is known as a closing sale transaction. Closing transactions permit the Fund to realize profits or limit losses on an option position prior to its exercise or expiration.

A Fund may purchase and sell both exchange-traded and over-the-counter (“OTC”) options. Exchange-traded options in the United States are issued by a clearing organization that, in effect, guarantees completion of every exchange-traded option transaction. In contrast, OTC options are contracts between the Fund and its counterparty (usually a securities dealer or a bank) with no clearing organization guarantee. Thus, when the Fund purchases an OTC option, it relies on the counterparty from whom it purchased the option to make or take delivery of the underlying investment upon exercise of the option. Failure by the counterparty to do so would result in the loss of any premium paid by the Fund as well as the loss of any expected benefit of the transaction. The Fund will enter into only those option contracts that are listed on a national securities or commodities exchange or traded in the OTC market for which there appears to be a liquid secondary market.

A Fund will not purchase or write OTC options if, as a result of such transaction, the sum of (i) the market value of outstanding OTC options purchased by the Fund, (ii) the market value of the underlying securities covered by outstanding OTC call options written by the Fund, and (iii) the market value of all other assets of the Fund that are illiquid or are not otherwise readily marketable, would exceed 15% of the net assets of the Fund, taken at market value. However, if an OTC option is sold by the Fund to a primary U.S. Government securities dealer recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Fund has the unconditional contractual right to repurchase such OTC option from the dealer at a predetermined price, then the Fund will treat as illiquid such amount of the underlying securities as is equal to the repurchase price less the amount by which the option is “in-the-money” (the difference between the current market value of the underlying securities and the price at which the option can be exercised). The repurchase price with primary dealers is typically a formula price that is generally based on a multiple of the premium received for the option plus the amount by which the option is “in-the-money.”

A Fund’s ability to establish and close out positions in exchange-listed options depends on the existence of a liquid market. However, there can be no assurance that such a market will exist at any particular time. Closing transactions can be made for OTC options only by negotiating directly with the counterparty, or by a transaction in the secondary market if any such market exists. Although the Fund will enter into OTC options only with major dealers in unlisted options, there is no assurance that the Fund will in fact be able to close out an OTC option position at a favorable price prior to expiration. In the event of insolvency of the counterparty, the Fund might be unable to close out an OTC option position at any time prior to its expiration.

If a Fund were unable to effect a closing transaction for an option it had purchased, it would have to exercise the option to realize any profit. The inability to enter into a closing purchase transaction for a covered call option written by the Fund could cause material losses because the Fund would be unable to sell the investment used as cover for the written option until the option expires or is exercised.

A Fund may write options on securities only if it covers the transactions through: an offsetting option with respect to the security underlying the option it has written, exercisable by it at a more favorable price; ownership of (in the case of a call) or a short position in (in the case of a put) the underlying security; or segregation of permissible liquid assets sufficient to cover its exposure.

Each of the S&P 500 Index Fund, Midcap Stock Fund, and Small Cap Value Fund will not purchase put or call options that are traded on a national stock exchange in an amount exceeding 5% of its net assets. Bond Index Fund is limited to purchasing U.S. Treasury options and will not purchase such options if the aggregate amount of such options and its outstanding obligations under U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures exceeds 5% of its assets. In addition, the Tax Managed Growth Fund will not write (i.e., sell) covered call option contracts with respect to specific securities in an amount exceeding 20% of the value of its net assets at the time such option contracts are written.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. When a Fund purchases a futures contract, it incurs an obligation to take delivery of a specified amount of the obligation underlying the futures contract at a specified time in the future for a specified price. When a Fund sells a futures contract, it incurs an obligation to deliver a specified amount of the obligation underlying the futures contract at a specified time in the future for an agreed upon price. With respect to index futures, no physical transfer of the securities underlying the index is made. Rather, the parties settle by exchanging in cash an amount based on the difference between the contract price and the closing value of the index on the settlement date.

When a Fund writes an option on a futures contract, it becomes obligated, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in a futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option. If the Fund has written a call, it assumes a short futures position. If the Fund has written a put, it assumes a long futures position. When the Fund purchases an option on a futures contract, it acquires the right, in return for the premium it pays, to assume a position in a futures contract (a long position if the option is a call and a short position if the option is a put).

The purchase of futures or call options on futures can serve as a long hedge, and the sale of futures or the purchase of put options on futures can serve as a short hedge. Writing call options on futures contracts can serve as a limited short hedge, using a strategy similar to that used for writing call options on securities or indices. Similarly, writing put options on futures contracts can serve as a limited long hedge.

No price is paid upon entering into a futures contract. Instead, at the inception of a futures contract the Fund is required to deposit "initial margin" consisting of cash or U.S. Government

securities in an amount generally equal to 10% or less of the contract value. Margin must also be deposited when writing a call or put option on a futures contract, in accordance with applicable exchange rules. Unlike margin in securities transactions, initial margin on futures contracts does not represent a borrowing, but rather is in the nature of a performance bond or good-faith deposit that is returned to a Fund at the termination of the transaction if all contractual obligations have been satisfied. Under certain circumstances, such as periods of high volatility, the Fund may be required by an exchange to increase the level of its initial margin payment.

Subsequent “variation margin” payments are made to and from the futures broker daily as the value of the futures position varies, a process known as “marking-to-market.” Variation margin does not involve borrowing, but rather represents a daily settlement of the Fund’s obligations to or from a futures broker. When the Fund purchases an option on a future, the premium paid plus transaction costs is all that is at risk. In contrast, when the Fund purchases or sells a futures contract or writes a call or put option thereon, it is subject to daily variation margin calls that could be substantial in the event of adverse price movements. If the Fund has insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it might need to sell securities at a time when such sales are disadvantageous.

Purchasers and sellers of futures contracts and options on futures can enter into offsetting closing transactions, similar to closing transactions on options, by selling or purchasing, respectively, an instrument identical to the instrument purchased or sold. Positions in futures and options on futures may be closed only on an exchange or board of trade that provides a secondary market. Although the Fund intends to enter into futures and options on futures only on exchanges or boards of trade where there appears to be a liquid secondary market, there can be no assurance that such a market will exist for a particular contract at a particular time. In such event, it may not be possible to close a futures contract or options position.

Under certain circumstances, futures exchanges may establish daily limits on the amount that the price of a futures or an option on a futures contract can vary from the previous day’s settlement price; once that limit is reached, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond the limit. Daily price limits do not limit potential losses because prices could move to the daily limit for several consecutive days with little or no trading, thereby preventing liquidation of unfavorable positions.

If a Fund were unable to liquidate a futures or options on futures position due to the absence of a liquid secondary market or the imposition of price limits, it could incur substantial losses. The Fund would continue to be subject to market risk with respect to the position. In addition, except in the case of purchased options, the Fund would continue to be required to make daily variation margin payments and might be required to maintain the position being hedged by the future or option or permissible liquid assets.

Each of the S&P 500 Index Fund, Midcap Stock Fund and Small Cap Value Fund, and each of the Disciplined Stock Fund and Large Company Stock Fund will not enter into futures contracts to the extent that its outstanding obligations under these contracts would exceed 25% and 5%, respectively, of the Fund’s total assets. Bond Index Fund is limited to entering into U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures and will not enter into futures contracts if

its outstanding obligations under such futures contracts and the amount of U.S. Treasury options, in the aggregate, exceeds 5% of its assets.

The Tax Managed Growth Fund currently does not intend to enter into futures contracts.

Swap Transactions and Other Credit Derivatives. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may engage in swap transactions, including interest rate swaps, interest rate locks, caps, collars and floors, credit default swaps, and index swap agreements and other credit derivative products, to seek to mitigate risk, manage maturity and duration, reduce portfolio turnover, or obtain a particular desired return at a lower cost to the Fund than if the Fund had invested directly in an instrument that yielded the desired return. Each of these Funds also may enter into options on swap agreements, sometimes called “swaptions.”

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. In a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a “notional amount,” i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, or in a “basket” of credit default swaps or securities representing a particular index. The “notional amount” of the swap agreement is only used as a basis upon which to calculate the obligations that the parties to a swap agreement have agreed to exchange.

Most swap agreements entered into by the Fund are cash settled and calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a “net basis.” Thus, the Fund’s current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement generally will be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the “net amount”). The Fund’s current obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owed to the Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterparty will be covered by the segregation of permissible liquid assets of the Fund.

A swap option is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) in return for payment of a premium, to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement, at some designated future time on specified terms. A cash-settled option on a swap gives the purchaser the right in return for the premium paid, to receive an amount of cash equal to the value of the underlying swap as of the exercise date. These options typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions, including securities brokerage firms. Depending on the terms of the particular option agreement, the Fund generally will incur a greater degree of risk when it writes a swap option than it will incur when it purchases a swap option. When the Fund purchases a swap option, it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid should it decide to let the option expire unexercised. However, when the Fund writes a swap option, upon exercise of the option the Fund will become obligated according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

Interest rate swaps are over-the-counter contracts in which each party agrees to make a periodic interest payment based on an index or the value of an asset in return for a periodic

payment from the other party based on a different index or asset. The purchase of an interest rate floor entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest rate floor. The purchase of an interest rate cap entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index rises above a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest rate cap. Interest rate collars involve selling a cap and purchasing a floor or vice versa to protect the Fund against interest rate movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels.

Each of these Funds may enter into credit default swap agreements and similar agreements, which may have as reference obligations securities that are or are not currently held by the Fund. The protection “buyer” in a credit default contract may be obligated to pay the protection “seller” an up front payment or a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided generally that no credit event on a reference obligation has occurred. If a credit event occurs, the seller generally must pay the buyer the “par value” (full notional value) of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity described in the swap, or the seller may be required to deliver the related net cash amount, if the swap is cash settled. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund recovers nothing if the swap is held through its termination date. However, if a credit event occurs, the Fund may elect to receive the full notional value of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity that may have little or no value. As a seller, the Fund generally receives an up front payment or a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the swap, which typically is between six months and three years, provided that there is no credit event. If a credit event occurs, generally the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity that may have little or no value. Credit default swaps and similar instruments involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, since, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Each of these Funds may invest in credit linked securities issued by a limited purpose trust or other vehicle that, in turn, invests in a derivative instrument or basket of derivative instruments, such as credit default swaps or interest rate swaps, to obtain exposure to certain fixed income markets or to remain fully invested when more traditional income producing securities are not available. Like an investment in a bond, an investment in these credit linked securities represents the right to receive periodic income payments (in the form of distributions) and payment of principal at the end of the term of the security. However, these payments are conditioned on the issuer’s receipt of payments from, and the issuer’s potential obligations to, the counterparties to certain derivative instruments entered into by the issuer of the credit linked security. For example, the issuer may sell one or more credit default swaps entitling the issuer to receive a stream of payments over the term of the swap agreements provided that no event of default has occurred with respect to the referenced debt obligation upon which the swap is based. If a default occurs, the stream of payments may stop and the issuer would be obligated to pay the counterparty the par (or other agreed upon value) of the referenced debt obligation.

The use of credit derivatives is a highly specialized activity which involves strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. If the Manager

is incorrect in its forecasts of default risks, market spreads or other applicable factors, or a counterparty defaults, the investment performance of the Fund would diminish compared with what it would have been if these techniques were not used. In addition, it is possible that developments in the credit derivatives market, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap or other credit derivative agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements.

A Fund will enter into swap and other credit derivatives transactions only when the Manager believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. In addition, a Fund will enter into swap and other credit derivative agreements only with counterparties that meet certain standards of creditworthiness (generally, such counterparties would have to be eligible counterparties under the terms of the Fund's repurchase agreement guidelines).

Structured Notes. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Structured notes are privately negotiated debt obligations where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an "embedded index"), such as selected securities, an index of securities or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. The terms of such structured instruments normally provide that their principal and/or interest payments are to be adjusted upwards or downwards (but not ordinarily below zero) to reflect changes in the embedded index while the structured instruments are outstanding. As a result, the interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending upon a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments. The rate of return on structured notes may be determined by applying a multiplier to the performance or differential performance of the referenced index or indexes or other assets. Application of a multiplier involves leverage that will serve to magnify the potential for gain and the risk of loss.

Indexed and Inverse Floating Rate Securities. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may invest in securities that pay interest or whose principal amount payable upon maturity is based on the value of an index of interest rates. Interest and principal payable on certain securities also may be based on relative changes among particular indices. Each of these Funds also may invest in so-called "inverse floating obligations" or "residual interest bonds" on which the interest rates vary inversely with a floating rate (which may be reset periodically by a dutch auction, a remarketing agent, or by reference to a short-term tax-exempt interest rate index). Each of these Funds may purchase synthetically-created inverse floating rate bonds evidenced by custodial or trust receipts. Such securities have the effect of providing a degree of investment leverage, since they may increase or decrease in value in response to changes in market interest rates at a rate that is a multiple of the rate at which fixed-rate securities increase or decrease in response to such changes. As a result, the market values of such securities generally will be more volatile than the market values of fixed-rate securities. Investments in such obligations may be illiquid.

Custodial Receipts. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may purchase custodial receipts representing the right to receive certain future principal and/or interest payments on a basket of securities which underlie the custodial receipts. A number of different arrangements are possible. In a typical custodial receipt arrangement, an

issuer or a third party owner of securities deposits such securities obligations with a custodian in exchange for custodial receipts. These custodial receipts typically are sold in private placements and are designed to provide investors with pro rata ownership of a portfolio of underlying securities.

Currency Transactions. (Balanced Fund and Limited Term Income Fund) Each of these Funds may engage in currency exchange transactions as a means of managing certain risks associated with purchasing and selling securities denominated in foreign currencies. Generally, the currency exchange transactions of a Fund will be conducted on a spot (i.e., cash) basis at the spot rate for purchasing or selling currency prevailing in the currency exchange market. This rate under normal market conditions differs from the prevailing exchange rate in an amount generally less than 0.1% due to the cost of converting from one currency to another. Each of these Funds also may deal in forward exchanges between currencies of the different countries in which it invests as a hedge against possible variations in the exchange rates between these currencies. This is accomplished through contractual agreements to purchase or sell a specified currency at a specified future date and price set at the time of the contract.

Dealings in forward currency exchanges by a Fund are limited to hedging involving either specific transactions or aggregate portfolio positions. Transaction hedging is the purchase or sale of foreign currency with respect to specific receivables or payables of a Fund generally arising in connection with the purchase or sale of its portfolio securities. Position hedging is the sale of foreign currency with respect to portfolio security positions denominated or quoted in such currency. Neither Fund will speculate in forward currency exchanges. Each Fund may position hedge with respect to a particular currency to an extent greater than the aggregate market value (at the time of making such sale) of the securities held in its portfolio denominated or quoted in or currently convertible into that particular currency. If the Fund enters into a position hedging transaction, its custodian or sub-custodian bank will place cash or readily marketable securities in a segregated account of the Fund in an amount equal to the value of the Fund's total assets committed to the consummation of such forward contract. If the value of the securities placed in the segregated account declines, additional cash or securities will be placed in the account so that the value of the account will equal the amount of the Fund's commitment with respect to such contracts. Neither Fund will attempt to hedge all of its foreign portfolio positions and each will enter into such transactions only to the extent, if any, deemed appropriate by Dreyfus. Neither Fund will enter into a position hedging commitment if, as a result thereof, the Fund would have more than 15% of the value of its total assets committed to such contracts. Neither Fund will enter into a forward contract with a term of more than one year.

It may not be possible for a Fund to hedge against a devaluation that is so generally anticipated that the Fund is not able to contract to sell the currency at a price above the devaluation level it anticipates. The cost to the Fund of engaging in currency transactions varies with such factors as the currency involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Since transactions in currency exchanges are usually conducted on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved.

At or before the maturity of a forward contract, the Fund may either sell a portfolio security and make delivery of the currency, or it may retain the security and offset its contractual

obligation to deliver the currency by purchasing a second contract with the same currency trader obligating it to purchase, on the same maturity date, the same amount of the currency. If the Fund retains the portfolio security and engages in an offsetting transaction, the Fund, at the time of execution of the offsetting transaction, will incur a gain or a loss (as described below) to the extent that there has been movement in forward contract prices. If the Fund engages in an offsetting transaction, it may subsequently enter into a new forward contract to sell the currency. Should forward prices decline during the period between the Fund's entering into a forward contract for the sale of a currency and the date it enters into an offsetting contract for the purchase of the currency, the Fund will realize a gain to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to sell exceeds the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase. Should forward prices increase, the Fund will suffer a loss to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase exceeds the price of the currency it has agreed to sell.

The use of forward currency contracts by a Fund will be limited to the transactions described above. The Funds are not required to enter into such transactions with regard to their portfolio securities, regardless of currency denomination, and neither Fund will do so unless deemed appropriate by Dreyfus. The use of forward currency contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the securities. It simply establishes a rate of exchange which can be achieved at some future point in time. In addition, although forward currency contracts tend to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also tend to limit any potential gain which might result should the value of the currency increase.

Because each Fund invests in foreign securities, each Fund will hold from time to time various foreign currencies pending its investment in foreign securities or conversion into U.S. dollars. Although a Fund values its assets daily in terms of U.S. dollars, it does not convert its holdings of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars on a daily basis. When converting foreign currencies to U.S. dollars, the Fund may incur costs of currency conversion. A foreign exchange dealer does not charge a fee for conversion, but it does realize a profit based on the difference, which is known as the spread, between the prices at which the dealer is buying and selling various currencies. Thus, a dealer may offer to sell a foreign currency to a Fund at one rate, while offering a lesser rate of exchange should the Fund desire to resell that currency to the dealer.

Master/Feeder Option. The Company may in the future seek to achieve a Fund's investment objective by investing all of the Fund's net investable assets in another investment company having the same investment objective and substantially the same investment policies and restrictions as those applicable to the Fund. Shareholders of the Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior notice of any such investment. Such investment would be made only if the Board of Directors determines it to be in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders. In making that determination, the Board of Directors will consider, among other things, the benefits to shareholders and/or the opportunity to reduce costs and achieve operational efficiency. Although none of the Funds believe that the Board of Directors will approve an arrangement that is likely to result in higher costs, no assurance is given that costs will be materially reduced if this option is implemented.

Certain Investments. From time to time, to the extent consistent with its investment objective, policies and restrictions, a Fund may invest in securities of companies with which an affiliate of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY Mellon”) has a lending relationship.

Investment Restrictions

Fundamental. The following limitations have been adopted by each Fund. These fundamental investment limitations may not be changed, as to a Fund, without the consent of: (a) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting of shareholders of such Fund duly called if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund, whichever is less. No Fund may:

1. Purchase any securities which would cause more than 25% of the value of the Fund’s total assets at the time of such purchase to be invested in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal activities in the same industry. (For purposes of this limitation, U.S. Government securities, and state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions are not considered members of any industry. In addition, except with respect to the Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund, this limitation does not apply to investments in domestic banks, including U.S. branches of foreign banks and foreign branches of U.S. banks.)

2. Borrow money or issue senior securities as defined in the 1940 Act except that (a) the Fund may borrow money in an amount not exceeding one-third of the Fund’s total assets at the time of such borrowings, and (b) the Fund may issue multiple classes of shares. The purchase or sale of futures contracts and related options shall not be considered to involve the borrowing of money or issuance of senior securities.

3. Purchase with respect to 75% of the Fund’s total assets securities of any one issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, (a) more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or (b) the Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer.

4. Make loans or lend securities, if as a result thereof more than one-third of the Fund’s total assets would be subject to all such loans. For purposes of this limitation debt instruments and repurchase agreements shall not be treated as loans.

5. Purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from investing in securities or other instruments backed by real estate, including mortgage loans, or securities of companies that engage in real estate business or invest or deal in real estate or interests therein).

6. Underwrite securities issued by any other person, except to the extent that the purchase of securities and later disposition of such securities in accordance with the Fund’s investment program may be deemed an underwriting.

7. Purchase or sell commodities except that the Fund may enter into futures contracts and related options, forward currency contracts and other similar instruments.

Each Fund may, notwithstanding any other fundamental investment policy or limitation, invest all of its investable assets in securities of a single open-end management investment company with substantially the same investment objective, policies and limitations as the Fund.

Nonfundamental. Under normal circumstances, the Disciplined Stock Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). Under normal circumstances, the Large Company Stock Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in large company securities (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). Under normal circumstances, the Midcap Stock Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in midcap stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). Under normal circumstances, the Small Cap Value Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in small-cap stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). Small-cap stocks are those with market capitalizations ranging from \$100 million to \$3 billion. Under normal circumstances, the Tax Managed Growth Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics) and employs a tax-managed strategy. Each of these Funds has adopted a policy to provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in its policy to so invest its assets.

Each Fund, except as noted, has adopted the following additional non-fundamental restrictions. These non-fundamental restrictions may be changed, as to a Fund, without shareholder approval, in compliance with applicable law and regulatory policy.

1. The Fund shall not sell securities short, unless it owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in kind and amount to the securities sold short, and provided that transactions in futures contracts and options are not deemed to constitute selling short. With respect to the Tax Managed Growth Fund, the Fund will not sell securities short, or purchase, sell or write puts, calls or combinations thereof, except as described in the Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information. This policy has not been adopted by the Balanced Fund.

2. The Fund shall not purchase securities on margin, except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions, and provided that margin payments in connection with futures contracts and options shall not constitute purchasing securities on margin.

3. The Fund shall not purchase oil, gas or mineral leases. This policy has not been adopted by the Small Cap Value Fund or Tax Managed Growth Fund.

4. The Fund will not purchase or retain the securities of any issuer if the officers or Directors of the Fund, its advisers, or managers, owning beneficially more than one half of one percent of the securities of such issuer, together own beneficially more than 5% of such

securities. This policy has not been adopted by the Small Cap Value Fund or Tax Managed Growth Fund.

5. The Fund will not purchase securities of issuers (other than securities issued or guaranteed by domestic or foreign governments or political subdivisions thereof), including their predecessors, that have been in operation for less than three years, if by reason thereof, the value of the Fund's investment in such securities would exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets. For purposes of this limitation, sponsors, general partners, guarantors and originators of underlying assets may be treated as the issuer of a security. This policy has not been adopted by the Small Cap Value Fund or Tax Managed Growth Fund.

6. The Fund will invest no more than 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, including repurchase agreements with remaining maturities in excess of seven days, time deposits with maturities in excess of seven days and other securities which are not readily marketable. For purposes of this limitation, illiquid securities shall not include Section 4(2) paper and securities which may be resold under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, provided that the Board of Directors, or its delegate, determines that such securities are liquid based upon the trading markets for the specific security.

7. The Fund may not invest in securities of other investment companies, except as they may be acquired as part of a merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets and except to the extent otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act.

8. The Fund shall not purchase any security while borrowings representing more than 5% of the Fund's total assets are outstanding.

9. The Fund will not purchase warrants if at the time of such purchase: (a) more than 5% of the value of the Fund's assets would be invested in warrants, or (b) more than 2% of the value of the Fund's assets would be invested in warrants that are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchange (for purposes of this limitation, warrants acquired by the Fund in units or attached to securities will be deemed to have no value). This policy has not been adopted by the Small Cap Value Fund or Tax Managed Growth Fund.

10. The Fund will not purchase puts, calls, straddles, spreads and any combination thereof if by reason thereof the value of its aggregate investment in such classes of securities would exceed 5% of its total assets except that (a) this limitation shall not apply to standby commitments and (b) this limitation shall not apply to the Fund's transactions in futures contracts and options. This policy has not been adopted by the Small Cap Value Fund or Tax Managed Growth Fund.

In addition, each Fund, other than the Small Cap Value Fund and Tax Managed Growth Fund, has adopted an operating policy not to invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets, at the time of such purchase, in domestic banks, including U.S. branches of foreign banks and foreign branches of U.S. banks. The Board of Directors may change this policy, as to a Fund, without shareholder approval. Notice will be given to Fund shareholders if this policy is changed by the Board of Directors.

If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later change in percentage resulting from a change in values or assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction. With respect to Fundamental Investment Restriction No. 2, however, if borrowings exceed 33-1/3% of the value of a Fund's total assets as a result of a change in values or assets, the Fund must take steps to reduce such borrowings at least to the extent of such excess.

If a Fund's investment objective, policies, restrictions, practices or procedures change, shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of the shareholder's then-current position and needs.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY AND FUNDS

The Company's Board is responsible for the management and supervision of the Funds, and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Funds. These companies are as follows:

The Dreyfus Corporation	Investment Adviser
Fayez Sarofim & Co.	Sub-Investment Adviser to Tax Managed Growth Fund
MBSC Securities Corporation	Distributor
Dreyfus Transfer, Inc.	Transfer Agent
Mellon Bank, N.A.	Custodian

Directors of the Company¹

Directors of the Company, together with information as to their positions with the Company, principal occupations and other board memberships and affiliations, are shown below. Each of the Company's Directors also serves as a Trustee of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Trust and The Dreyfus/Laurel Tax-Free Municipal Funds (collectively, with the Company, the "Dreyfus/Laurel Funds") and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

Name (Age) Position with Company (Since)	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Other Board Memberships and Affiliations
Joseph S. DiMartino (64) Chairman of the Board (1999)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, <i>Director</i> The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, <i>Director</i> Sunair Services Corporation, a provider of certain outdoor-related services to homes and business, <i>Director</i>

¹ None of the Directors are "interested persons" of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act.

Name (Age) Position with Company (Since)	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Other Board Memberships and Affiliations
James M. Fitzgibbons (73) Director (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Davidson Cotton Company (1998-2002)	Bill Barrett Company, an oil and gas exploration company, <i>Director</i>
J. Tomlinson Fort (79) Director (1987)	Retired (2005 – present) Of Counsel, Reed Smith LLP (1998-2005)	Allegheny College, <i>Emeritus Trustee</i> Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, <i>Trustee</i> American College of Trial Lawyers, <i>Fellow</i>
Kenneth A. Himmel (61) Director (1994)	President and CEO, Related Urban Development, a real estate development company (1996-present) President and CEO, Himmel & Company, a real estate development company (1980- present) CEO, American Food Management, a restaurant company (1983-present)	None
Stephen J. Lockwood (60) Director (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Stephen J. Lockwood and Company LLC, an investment company (2000-present)	None
Roslyn M. Watson (58) Director (1994)	Principal, Watson Ventures, Inc., a real estate investment company (1993-present)	American Express Centurion Bank, <i>Director</i> The Hyams Foundation Inc., a Massachusetts Charitable Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> National Osteoporosis Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>
Benaree Pratt Wiley (61) Director (1998)	Principal, The Wiley Group, a firm specializing in strategy and business development (2005-present) President and CEO, The Partnership, an organization dedicated to increasing the representation of African Americans in positions of leadership, influence and decision-making in Boston, MA (1991-2005)	Boston College, <i>Trustee</i> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, <i>Director</i> Commonwealth Institute, <i>Director</i> Efficacy Institute, <i>Director</i> PepsiCo African - American, <i>Advisory Board</i> The Boston Foundation, <i>Director</i> Harvard Business School Alumni Board, <i>Director</i>

Directors are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Company has standing audit and nominating committees, each comprised of its Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is (i) to oversee the

Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Funds' financial statements and (ii) to assist in the Board's oversight of the integrity of the Funds' financial statements, the Funds' compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence and performance. The Company's nominating committee, among other things, is responsible for selecting and nominating persons as members of the Board for election or appointment by the Board and for election by shareholders. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the committee takes into consideration various factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of each Fund and its shareholders. The nominating committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Company, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor East, New York, New York 10166, which includes information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the nominating committee charter. The Company also has a standing compensation committee comprised of Ms. Watson (Chair), Messrs. Fitzgibbons and Fort and Ms. Wiley. The function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The Company also has a standing pricing committee comprised of any one Director. The function of the pricing committee is to assist in valuing the Funds' investments. The audit committee met three times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007. The nominating, pricing and compensation committees did not meet during the last fiscal year.

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Director's ownership of Fund shares and shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which he or she is a Board member, in each case as of December 31, 2007.

	<u>Joseph S. DiMartino</u>	<u>James M. Fitzgibbons</u>	<u>J. Tomlinson Fort</u>	<u>Kenneth A. Himmel</u>	<u>Stephen J. Lockwood</u>	<u>Roslyn M. Watson</u>	<u>Benaree Pratt Wiley</u>
S&P 500 Index Fund	None	None	\$10,001- \$50,000	None	None	None	None
Bond Index Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Balanced Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Disciplined Stock Fund	None	\$10,001- \$50,000	\$10,001- \$50,000	None	None	None	None
Large Company Stock Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Limited Term Income Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Midcap Stock Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Small Cap Value	None	None	\$10,001- \$50,000	None	None	None	None

Fund	<u>Joseph S. DiMartino</u>	<u>James M. Fitzgibbons</u>	<u>J. Tomlinson Fort</u>	<u>Kenneth A. Himmel</u>	<u>Stephen J. Lockwood</u>	<u>Roslyn M. Watson</u>	<u>Benaree Pratt Wiley</u>
Tax Managed Growth Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Aggregate Holdings of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	None	None	None	None

As of December 31, 2007, none of the Directors or their immediate family members owned securities of the Manager, the Sub-Adviser, the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Manager, the Sub-Adviser, or the Distributor.

Officers of the Company

J. DAVID OFFICER, President since December 2006. Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director of Dreyfus, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 59 years old, and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1998.

PHILLIP N. MAISANO, Executive Vice President since July 2007. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director of Dreyfus, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. Mr. Maisano also is an officer and/or Board member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of BNY Mellon, each of which is an affiliate of Dreyfus. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since November 2006. Prior to joining Dreyfus, Mr. Maisano served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EACM Advisors, an affiliate of Dreyfus, since August 2004, and served as Chief Executive Officer of Evaluation Associates, a leading institutional investment consulting firm, from 1988 until 2004.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1991.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel and Secretary of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since December 1996.

JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies

(comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 52 years old and has been and employee of Dreyfus since October 1988.

JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 2000.

JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 45 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1984.

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 44 years old has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 56 years old has been an employee of Dreyfus since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 42 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1990.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director – Mutual Fund Accounting of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1985.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005. Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 39 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1991.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2008. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since 1982.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since November 1990.

WILLIAM G. GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since July 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 75 investment companies (comprised of 176 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 37 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004. Chief Compliance Officer of Dreyfus and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (79 investment companies, comprised of 180 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was First Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third party mutual fund clients. He is 50 years old and has served in various capacities with Dreyfus since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

The address of each Director and officer of the Company is 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

The Company's Directors and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of each Fund's voting securities outstanding on February 4, 2008. See "Information About the Company and Funds" for a list of shareholders known by the Company to own of record 5% or more of a Fund's outstanding voting securities as of February 4, 2008.

No officer or employee of the Manager or the Distributor (or of any parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof) receives any compensation from the Company for serving as an officer or Director of the Company. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds pay each Director/Trustee who is not an "interested person" of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) \$45,000 per annum, plus \$6,000 per joint Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Board meeting attended, \$2,000 for separate in-person committee meetings attended which are not held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board meeting and \$1,500 for Board meetings and separate committee meetings attended that are conducted by telephone. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds also reimburse each Director/Trustee who is not an "interested person" of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) for travel and out-of-pocket expenses. With respect to Board meetings, the Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation (with the exception of reimbursable amounts). With respect to compensation committee meetings, the Chair of the compensation committee receives \$900 per meeting and, with respect to audit committee meetings, the Chair of the audit committee receives \$1,350 per meeting. In the event that there is an in-person joint committee meeting or a joint

telephone meeting of the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund, the \$2,000 or \$1,500 fee, as applicable, will be allocated between the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

In addition, the Company currently has one Emeritus Board member who is entitled to receive an annual retainer and a per meeting fee of one-half the amount paid to them as a Board member.

The aggregate amounts of fees and expenses received by each current Director from the Company for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, and the amount paid to each Director by all funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person was a Board member (the number of portfolios of such funds is set forth in parenthesis next to each Board member's total compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2007, were as follows:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Company*</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Company and Fund Complex Paid to Director(**)</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	\$33,125	\$ 819,865 (196)
James Fitzgibbons	\$25,000	\$ 96,500 (29)
J. Tomlinson Fort	\$30,550	\$ 102,800 (29)
Kenneth A. Himmel	\$23,000	\$ 89,500 (29)
Stephen J. Lockwood	\$22,500	\$ 84,000 (29)
Roslyn M. Watson	\$26,500	\$ 97,500 (29)
Benaree Pratt Wiley	\$26,500	\$ 139,822 (39)

* Amounts required to be paid by the Company directly to the non-interested Directors, that would be applied to offset a portion of the management fee payable to the Manager, are paid directly by the Manager to the non-interested Directors. Amount does not include the cost of office space, secretarial services and health benefits for the Chairman and expenses reimbursed to Board members for attending Board meetings, which in the aggregate amounted to \$5,305 for the Company.

** Represents the number of separate portfolios comprising the investment companies in the Fund Complex, including the Funds, for which the Directors served.

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Expenses" and "Management."

Investment Adviser. Dreyfus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon, a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team.

Management Agreement. Dreyfus serves as investment adviser for each Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") between Dreyfus and the Company, subject to the overall authority of the Board of Directors in accordance with Maryland law. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, Dreyfus provides, or arranges for one or more third parties to provide, investment advisory, administrative, custody, fund accounting and transfer agency services to the Fund. As investment adviser, Dreyfus manages each Fund by making investment decisions based on the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions. As to each Fund, the Management Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Company's Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding voting securities of such Fund, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Directors who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or Dreyfus, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. As to each Fund, the Management Agreement is terminable without penalty, on 60 days' notice, by the Company's Board, by vote of the holders of a majority of such Fund's shares, or by Dreyfus. The Management Agreement will terminate automatically, as to the relevant Fund, in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of the Dreyfus: Jonathan Little, Chair of the Board; Thomas F. Eggers, President, Chief Executive Officer and a director; Jonathan Baum, Vice Chair-Distribution and a director; J. Charles Cardona, Vice Chair and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Vice Chair and a director; Phillip N. Maisano, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director; J. David Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director; Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President-Corporate Communications; Jill Gill, Vice President-Human Resources; Anthony Mayo, Vice President-Information Systems; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President-Tax; John E. Lane, Vice President; Jeanne M. Login, Vice President; Gary Pierce, Controller; Joseph W. Connolly, Chief Compliance Officer; James Bitetto, Secretary; and Mitchell E. Harris, Ronald P. O'Hanley III and Scott E. Wennerholm, directors.

Dreyfus maintains office facilities on behalf of each Fund, and furnishes statistical and research data, clerical help, accounting, data processing, bookkeeping and internal auditing and certain other required services to each Fund. Dreyfus may pay the Distributor for shareholder services from Dreyfus' own assets, including past profits, but not including the management fee paid by the Funds. The Distributor may use part or all of such payments to pay certain financial institutions (which may include banks), securities dealers ("Selected Dealers") and other industry

professionals (collectively, “Service Agents”) in respect of these services. Dreyfus also may make such advertising and promotional expenditures, using its own resources, as it from time to time deems appropriate. With respect to Tax Managed Growth Fund, Sarofim & Co., using its own assets, including past profits, but not including the sub-investment advisory fee paid by Dreyfus, reimburses Dreyfus for a portion of any advertising and promotional expenditures made from the Dreyfus’ own resources.

Sub-Investment Adviser. With respect to the Tax Managed Growth Fund, Dreyfus has entered into a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement with Sarofim & Co. (the “Sub-Advisory Agreement”). Sarofim & Co., located at Two Houston Center, 909 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77010, is a registered investment adviser formed in 1958. As of December 31, 2007, Sarofim & Co. managed approximately \$31.6 billion in assets for numerous discretionary accounts and provided investment advisory services to 6 other registered investment companies having aggregate assets of approximately \$6 billion. Sarofim & Co., subject to the supervision and approval of Dreyfus, provides investment advisory assistance and day-to-day management of the Tax Managed Growth Fund’s investments as well as investment research and statistical information, pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement, subject to the overall authority of the Board in accordance with Maryland law. The Sub-Advisory Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Company’s Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Tax Managed Growth Fund’s outstanding voting securities, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Directors who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or Sarofim & Co., by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Sub-Advisory Agreement is terminable without penalty (i) by Dreyfus on 60 days’ notice, (ii) by the Company’s Board or by vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund’s outstanding voting securities on 60 days’ notice, or (iii) by Sarofim & Co. upon not less than 90 days’ notice. The Sub-Advisory Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of Sarofim & Co.: Fayez S. Sarofim, Chairman of the Board and President; Raye G. White, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a director; Charles E. Sheedy and Ralph B. Thomas, Senior Vice Presidents; and Satish K. Gupta, Christopher B. Sarofim, Mary L. Porter, Catherine P. Crain, David L. Pesikoff, Reynaldo Reza, Elizabeth S. Robison, Manisha A. Thakor and William G. Lee, Jr., Vice Presidents; and Robert M. Hopson II, Vice President and Assistant Secretary.

Portfolio Management. Dreyfus manages each Fund’s portfolio of investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Company’s Board. Sarofim & Co. provides day-to-day management of the investments of the Tax Managed Growth Fund, subject to the supervision of Dreyfus and the Company’s Board. Dreyfus (or the Sub-Adviser, if applicable) is responsible for investment decisions, and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. Dreyfus uses a passive investment management approach to manage the portfolios of the S&P 500 Index Fund and Bond Index Fund, attempting to duplicate the performance of the Fund’s respective benchmark index through the use of statistical procedures. The portfolio managers of the Funds are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager</u>
Disciplined Stock Fund	Sean P. Fitzgibbon Jeffrey D. McGrew
Balanced Fund	John B. Jares Evan Rothschild Catherine A. Powers Christopher M. Pellegrino
Large Company Stock Fund	Sean P. Fitzgibbon Jeffrey D. McGrew
Limited Term Income Fund	Christopher M. Pellegrino Catherine A. Powers
Midcap Stock Fund	Oliver Buckley Michael Dunn Patrick M. Slattery
Small Cap Value Fund	Ronald P. Gala Adam T. Logan
Tax Managed Growth Fund	Fayez S. Sarofim Charles E. Sheedy Christopher B. Sarofim Catherine P. Crain
S&P 500 Index Fund	Thomas J. Durante
Bond Index Fund	Laurie A. Carroll Nancy Rogers

Messrs. Fitzgibbon, McGrew, Jares and Rothschild are employed by Dreyfus and The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (“TBCAM”). Mses. Powers, Carroll and Rogers and Mr. Pellegrino are employed by Dreyfus and Standish Mellon Asset Management Company LLC (“Standish”). Messrs. Gala, Logan and Durante are employed by Dreyfus and Mellon Capital Management Corporation (“Mellon Capital”). Messrs. Buckley, Dunn and Slattery are employed by Dreyfus and Franklin Portfolio Associates, LLC (“Franklin Portfolio”). TBCAM, Standish, Mellon Capital and Franklin Portfolio are subsidiaries of BNY Mellon and affiliates of Dreyfus. Messrs. Sarofim, Sheedy and Sarofim and Ms. Crain are employed by Sarofim & Co.

Dreyfus and Sarofim & Co. each maintain research departments with professional portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide research services for the Funds and for other funds advised by Dreyfus or Sarofim & Co.

BNY Mellon and its affiliates may have deposit, loan and commercial banking or other relationships with the issuers of securities purchased by a Fund. Dreyfus has informed the Company that in making its investment decisions it does not obtain or use material inside information that BNY Mellon or its affiliates may possess with respect to such issuers.

The Company, the Manager, the Sub-Adviser, and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such respective Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by a Fund. The Manager's Code of Ethics subjects its employees' personal securities transactions to various restrictions to ensure that such trading does not disadvantage any fund advised by the Manager. In that regard, portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager must preclear and report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with the Manager's Code of Ethics and also are subject to the oversight of BNY Mellon's Investment Ethics Committee (the "Committee"). Portfolio managers and other investment personnel who comply with the preclearance and disclosure procedures of the Manager's Code of Ethics and the requirements of the Committee may be permitted to purchase, sell or hold securities which also may be or are held in fund(s) they manage or for which they otherwise provide investment advice. The Code of Ethics of the Sub-Adviser also subjects its employees' personal securities transactions to similar restrictions to ensure that any fund receiving investment management services from the Sub-Adviser is not disadvantaged. If such restrictions are complied with, the Sub-Adviser's portfolio managers and other personnel may engage in transactions in securities which may be or are held in fund(s) for which they provide investment management services.

Portfolio Manager Compensation (Disciplined Stock Fund, Large Company Stock Fund and equity portion of the Balanced Fund). The portfolio managers' cash compensation is comprised primarily of a market-based salary and incentive compensation (annual and long term retention incentive awards). Funding for the TBCAM Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Retention Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of overall TBCAM profitability. In general, bonus awards are based initially on TBCAM's financial performance. However, awards for select senior portfolio managers are based initially on their individual investment performance (one, three, and five-year weighted). In addition, awards for portfolio managers that manage alternative strategies are partially based on a portion of the fund's realized performance fee. The portfolio managers are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the Annual Incentive Plan. Annual incentive opportunities are pre-established for each individual based upon competitive industry compensation benchmarks. A significant portion of the opportunity awarded is based upon the one, three, and five-year (three and five-year weighted more heavily) pre-tax performance of the portfolio manager's accounts relative to the performance of the appropriate Lipper and Callan peer groups. Other factors considered in determining the award are individual qualitative performance and the asset size and revenue growth or retention of the products managed. Awards are generally subject to management discretion and pool funding availability. Awards are paid in cash on an annual basis. However, some portfolio managers may receive a portion of their annual incentive award in deferred vehicles.

For research analysts and other investment professionals, incentive pools are distributed to the respective product teams (in the aggregate) based upon product performance relative to TBCAM-wide performance measured on the same basis as described above. Further allocations

are made to specific team members by the product portfolio manager based upon sector contribution and other qualitative factors.

All portfolio managers and analysts are also eligible to participate in the TBCAM Long Term Retention Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in cash and/or BNY Mellon restricted stock (three-year cliff vesting period for both). The value of the cash portion of the award earns interest during the vesting period based upon the growth in TBCAM's net income (capped at 20% and with a minimum payout of the BNY Mellon 3 year CD rate).

Portfolio Manager Compensation (Limited Term Income Fund, Bond Index Fund and fixed income portion of the Balanced Fund). The portfolio manager's cash compensation is comprised primarily of a market-based salary and an incentive compensation plan (annual and long term incentive). The portfolio managers are compensated by Standish and not by Dreyfus or the Fund. Funding for the Standish Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of overall company profitability. Therefore, all bonus awards are based initially on Company performance. The investment professionals are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the incentive compensation plan. Annual awards are granted in March, for the prior calendar year. Individual awards for investment professionals are discretionary, based on product performance relative to both benchmarks and peer comparisons and goals established at the beginning of each calendar year. Goals are to a substantial degree based on investment performance, including performance for one and three year periods. Also considered in determining individual awards are team participation and general contributions to Standish.

All portfolio managers are also eligible to participate in the Standish Long Term Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in deferred cash that cliff vests after 3 years, with an interest rate equal to the average year over year earnings growth of Standish (capped at 20% per year). Management has discretion with respect to actual participation.

Portfolio managers whose compensation exceeds certain levels may elect to defer portions of their base salaries and/or incentive compensation pursuant to BNY Mellon's elective deferred compensation plan.

Portfolio Manager Compensation (Tax Managed Growth Fund). The portfolio managers are compensated through (i) payment of a fixed annual salary and discretionary annual bonuses and (ii) the possible issuance of stock options and incentive stock options. The fixed annual salary amounts and the discretionary annual bonus amounts constitute the largest component of the portfolio manager's compensation, and these amounts are determined annually through a comprehensive review process pursuant to which executive officers and the members of Sarofim & Co.'s Board of Directors review and consider the accomplishments and development of each portfolio manager, especially with respect to those client accounts involving the portfolio manager. A lesser component of the portfolio manager's compensation results from the possible issuance of stock options and incentive stock options. Portfolio managers are sometimes granted stock options and incentive stock options to acquire shares of the capital stock of The Sarofim Group, Inc., the ultimate corporate parent of Sarofim & Co. The decisions as to whether to issue such options and to whom the options are to be issued are made in conjunction with the annual

salary and bonus review process, and the options are issued pursuant to a stock option plan adopted by The Sarofim Group, Inc. The options are not based on the particular performance or asset value of any particular client account or of all client accounts as a group, but rather the performance and accomplishments of the individual to whom the option is to be granted. There are various aspects of the review process that are designed to provide objectivity, but, in the final analysis, the evaluation is a subjective one that is based upon a collective overall assessment. There are, however, no specified formulas or benchmarks tied to the particular performance or asset value of any particular client account or of all client accounts as a group.

Portfolio Manager Compensation (S&P 500 Index Fund and Small Cap Value Fund). Mellon Capital's portfolio managers responsible for managing mutual funds are generally eligible for compensation consisting of base salary, bonus, and payments under Mellon Capital's long-term incentive compensation program. All compensation is paid by Mellon Capital and not by the mutual funds. The same methodology described below is used to determine portfolio manager compensation with respect to the management of mutual funds and other accounts.

Mutual fund portfolio managers are also eligible for the standard retirement benefits and health and welfare benefits available to all Mellon Capital employees. Certain portfolio managers may be eligible for additional retirement benefits under several supplemental retirement plans that Mellon Capital provides to restore dollar-for-dollar the benefits of management employees that had been cut back solely as a result of certain limits due to the tax laws. These plans are structured to provide the same retirement benefits as the standard retirement benefits. In addition, mutual fund portfolio managers whose compensation exceeds certain limits may elect to defer a portion of their salary and/or bonus under the Mellon Financial Corporation deferred compensation plan.

A portfolio manager's base salary is determined by the manager's experience and performance in the role, taking into account the ongoing compensation benchmark analyses. A portfolio manager's base salary is generally a fixed amount that may change as a result of an annual review, upon assumption of new duties, or when a market adjustment of the position occurs.

A portfolio manager's bonus is determined by a number of factors. One factor is performance of the mutual fund relative to expectations for how the mutual fund should have performed, given its objectives, policies, strategies and limitations, and the market environment during the measurement period. Additional factors include the overall financial performance of Mellon Capital, the performance of all accounts (relative to expectations) for which the portfolio manager has responsibility, the portfolio manager's contributions to the investment management functions within the sub-asset class, contributions to the development of other investment professionals and supporting staff, and overall contributions to strategic planning and decisions for the investment management group. The target bonus is expressed as a percentage of base salary. The actual bonus paid may be more or less than the target bonus, based on how well the manager satisfies the objectives stated above. The bonus is paid on an annual basis.

Under the long-term incentive compensation program, certain portfolio managers are eligible to receive a payment from Mellon Capital's long-term incentive compensation plan

based on their years of service, job level and, if applicable, management responsibilities. Each year, a portion of the firm's profits is allocated to the long-term incentive compensation award. The annual awards are paid after three years.

Portfolio Manager Compensation (Midcap Stock Fund). Portfolio manager compensation is comprised of a market-based salary, an annual incentive plan and a long-term incentive plan. The portfolio managers are compensated by Franklin Portfolio Associates and not by the Fund. Portfolio managers are eligible to join the BNY Mellon deferred compensation program, and the BNY Mellon defined contribution pension plan, pursuant to which employer contributions are invested in BNY Mellon common stock.

Funding for the Franklin Portfolio Associates Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of Franklin Portfolio Associates' financial performance. Portfolio managers are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the incentive compensation plan. Individual awards for portfolio managers are discretionary, based on product performance relative to both benchmarks and peer comparisons and goals established at the beginning of each calendar year. Goals are to a substantial degree based on investment performance, including performance for one and three year periods. Also considered in determining individual awards are team participation and general contributions to Franklin Portfolio Associates.

All portfolio managers are also eligible to participate in the Franklin Portfolio Associates Long Term Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in deferred cash that cliff vests after 3 years, with an interest rate equal to the average year over year earnings growth of Franklin Portfolio Associates (capped at 20% per year). Management has discretion with respect to actual participation and award size.

Additional Information about Portfolio Managers. The following table lists the number and types of other accounts advised by each primary portfolio manager and assets under management in those accounts as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Company Accounts	Assets Managed	Pooled Accounts	Assets Managed	Other Accounts	Assets Managed
Sean P. Fitzgibbon	8	\$5,170,000,000	2	\$109,000,000	18	\$687,000,000 *
John B. Jares	7	\$2,070,000,000	0	\$0	1	\$110,000,000 **
Catherine Powers	8	\$1,709,135,109	1	\$484,539,458	64	\$7,205,466,165
Christopher Pellegrino	1	\$34,471,676	2	\$304,300,023	69	\$2,447,462,037
Ronald P. Gala	8	\$1,168,622,022	0	\$0	19	\$1,771,708,747
Adam T. Logan	5	\$975,434,346	0	\$0	10	\$358,199,063

* One such account (approximately \$158 million in assets) is subject to performance based fee.

** One such account (approximately \$110 million in assets) is subject to performance based fee.

Fayez S. Sarofim	6	\$6,430,158,230	21	\$5,653,583,885	530	\$19,912,331,623
Thomas J. Durante	13	\$14,354,788,558	4	\$269,277,515	15	\$896,049,441
Laurie A. Carroll	5	\$29,331,221,237	5	\$4,544,609,696	62	\$27,560,774,223
Patrick Slattery	8	\$3,429,500,000	3	\$637,600,000	77	\$15,000,700,000
Oliver Buckley	16	\$6,234,000,000	3	\$637,600,000	77	\$15,000,700,000
Michael F. Dunn	11	\$3,945,800,000	7	\$868,800,000	84	\$15,650,800,000

None of the funds or accounts, except as otherwise noted, are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

The dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by the primary portfolio manager are as follows as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned</u>
Sean P. Fitzgibbon	Disciplined Stock Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000
	Large Company Stock Fund	None
John B. Jares	Balanced Fund	None
Catherine Powers	Balanced Fund	None
Christopher Pellegrino	Limited Term Income Fund	None
Oliver Buckley	Midcap Stock Fund	None
Michael Dunn	Midcap Stock Fund	None
Patrick M. Slattery	Midcap Stock Fund	None
Ronald P. Gala	Small Cap Value Fund	None
Adam T. Logan	Small Cap Value Fund	None
Thomas J. Durante	S&P 500 Index Fund	Over \$100,000
Laurie A. Carroll	Bond Index Fund	None
Fayez S. Sarofim	Tax Managed Growth Fund	None

Portfolio managers may manage multiple accounts for a diverse client base, including mutual funds, separate accounts (assets managed on behalf of institutions such as pension funds, insurance companies and foundations), bank common trust accounts and wrap fee programs (“Other Accounts”).

Potential conflicts of interest may arise because of Dreyfus’ management of the Fund and Other Accounts. For example, conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities, as Dreyfus may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase Dreyfus’ overall allocation of securities in that offering, or to increase Dreyfus’ ability to participate in future offerings by the same underwriter or issuer. Allocations of bunched trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as Dreyfus may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to preferred accounts. IPOs, in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. Additionally, portfolio managers may be perceived to have a conflict of interest if there are a large number of Other Accounts, in addition to the Fund, that they are managing on behalf of Dreyfus. Dreyfus periodically reviews each portfolio manager’s overall responsibilities to ensure that he or she is able to allocate the necessary time and resources to effectively manage the Fund. In addition, Dreyfus could be viewed as having a conflict of interest to the extent that Dreyfus or its affiliates and/or portfolio managers have a materially larger investment in Other Accounts than their investment in the Fund.

Other Accounts may have investment objectives, strategies and risks that differ from those of the Fund. For these or other reasons, the portfolio managers may purchase different securities for the Fund and the Other Accounts, and the performance of securities purchased for the Fund may vary from the performance of securities purchased for Other Accounts. The portfolio managers may place transactions on behalf of Other Accounts that are directly or indirectly contrary to investment decisions made for the Fund, which could have the potential to adversely impact the Fund, depending on market conditions.

A potential conflict of interest may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in another account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by the other account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account.

Conflict of interest similar to those described above arise when portfolio managers are employed by a sub-investment adviser or are dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity and such portfolio managers also manage Other Accounts.

Dreyfus’ goal is to provide high quality investment services to all of its clients, while meeting Dreyfus’ fiduciary obligation to treat all clients fairly. Dreyfus has adopted and implemented policies and procedures, including brokerage and trade allocation policies and procedures that it believes address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients. In addition, Dreyfus monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with Fund guidelines, the allocation of IPOs, and compliance with the firm’s Code of Ethics.

Furthermore, senior investment and business personnel at Dreyfus periodically review the performance of the portfolio managers for Dreyfus-managed funds.

Expenses. Under the Management Agreement, each Fund has agreed to pay Dreyfus a monthly fee at the annual rate as follows:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Fee as a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets</u>
S&P 500 Index Fund	.20%
Bond Index Fund	.15%
Disciplined Stock Fund	.90%
Balanced Fund	1.00%
Large Company Stock Fund	.90%
Limited Term Income Fund	.60%
Midcap Stock Fund	1.10%
Small Cap Value Fund	1.25%
Tax Managed Growth Fund	1.10%

Dreyfus pays all of the Funds' expenses, except brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), Rule 12b-1 fees (if applicable) and extraordinary expenses. Although Dreyfus does not pay for the fees and expenses of the Company's non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), Dreyfus is contractually required, with respect to each Fund, to reduce its investment management fee by an amount equal to the Fund's allocable share of such fees and expenses. From time to time, Dreyfus may voluntarily waive a portion of the investment management fees payable by a Fund, which would have the effect of lowering the expense ratio of the Fund and increasing return to the Fund's investors. Expenses attributable to a particular Fund are charged against the assets of that Fund; other expenses of the Company are allocated among the Funds (and classes thereof, if applicable) on the basis determined by the Board, including, but not limited to, proportionately in relation to the net assets of each Fund (or each class thereof, if applicable).

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the management fees paid by each indicated Fund to Dreyfus were as follows:

<u>Management Fee Paid</u>			
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
S&P 500 Index Fund	\$2,843,213	\$2,949,299	\$3,024,455 ¹
Bond Index Fund	\$593,589	\$613,960	\$660,641 ²
Disciplined Stock Fund	\$9,394,029 ³	\$7,896,737 ⁴	\$8,203,821 ⁵
Balanced Fund	\$1,724,387 ⁶	\$1,234,081 ⁷	\$1,006,854 ⁸

¹ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by S&P 500 Index Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$3,144,156, which was reduced by \$119,701, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$3,024,455.

² For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Bond Index Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$699,526, which was reduced by \$38,885, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$660,641.

³ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the management fee payable by Disciplined Stock Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$10,568,283, which was reduced by \$1,174,254 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$9,394,029.

⁴ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, the management fee payable by Disciplined Stock Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$8,584,368, which was reduced by \$687,631 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$7,896,737.

⁵ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Disciplined Stock Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$8,473,501, which was reduced by \$202,013 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, and by \$67,667, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$8,203,821.

⁶ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the management fee payable by Balanced Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$1,974,813, which was reduced by \$250,426 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$1,724,387.

⁷ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, the management fee payable by Balanced Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$1,451,860, which was reduced by \$217,779 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$1,234,081.

⁸ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Balanced Fund to Dreyfus amounted to \$1,193,722, which was reduced by \$179,058 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, and by \$7,810, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$1,006,854.

Large Company Stock Fund	\$762,847 ⁹	\$655,455 ¹⁰	\$662,560 ¹¹
Limited Term Income Fund	\$325,523	\$254,208	\$201,600 ¹²
Midcap Stock Fund	\$2,249,672	\$1,858,015	\$1,514,357 ¹³
Small Cap Value Fund	\$5,831,028	\$9,318,287	\$7,563,761 ¹⁴
Tax Managed Growth Fund	\$2,575,586	\$1,874,163 ¹⁵	\$1,617,870 ¹⁶

⁹ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, the management fee payable by Large Company Stock Fund amounted to \$858,203, which was reduced by \$95,356 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$762,847.

¹⁰ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, the management fee payable by Large Company Stock Fund amounted to \$737,387, which was reduced by \$81,932 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, resulting in a net management fee of \$655,455.

¹¹ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Large Company Stock Fund amounted to \$701,392, which was reduced by \$33,175 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, and by \$5,657, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$662,560.

¹² For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Limited Term Income Fund amounted to \$204,074, which was reduced by \$2,474, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$201,600.

¹³ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Midcap Stock Fund amounted to \$1,576,113, which was reduced by \$52,618 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, and by \$9,138, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$1,514,357.

¹⁴ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Small Cap Value Fund amounted to \$8,175,686, which was reduced by \$571,796 pursuant to an undertaking by Dreyfus, and by \$40,129, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$7,563,761.

¹⁵ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, the management fee payable by Tax Managed Growth Fund amounted to \$2,001,275, which was reduced by \$127,112 pursuant to an undertaking by Sarofim & Co. with respect to a portion of its sub-investment advisory fee, resulting in a net management fee of \$1,874,163.

¹⁶ For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by Tax Managed Growth Fund amounted to \$1,792,091, which was reduced by \$162,918 pursuant to an undertaking by Sarofim & Co. with respect to a portion of its sub-investment advisory fee, and by \$11,303, which amount represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), resulting in a net management fee of \$1,617,870.

Dreyfus has agreed to pay Sarofim & Co., out of the fee Dreyfus receives from the Tax Managed Growth Fund, an annual fee of .30% of the value of the Tax Managed Growth Fund's average daily net assets, as compensation for its sub-investment advisory services to the Fund. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005 and 2006, Dreyfus paid Sarofim & Co. \$702,085 and

\$545,802, respectively, pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the sub-investment advisory fee payable to Sarofim & Co. by Dreyfus amounted to \$488,753, which was reduced by \$162,918 pursuant to an undertaking by Sarofim & Co., resulting in a net sub-investment advisory fee of \$325,835. This reduction in Sarofim & Co.'s sub-investment advisory fee paid by Dreyfus was passed to the Fund and is reflected in the net management fee paid by the Fund to Dreyfus, noted above.

Distributor. The Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as each Fund's distributor on a best efforts basis pursuant to an agreement with the Company which is renewable annually. The Distributor also acts as the distributor for the other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, Mellon Funds Trust and Mellon Institutional Funds. Before June 30, 2007, the Distributor was known as "Dreyfus Service Corporation."

The Distributor compensates Service Agents for selling Class A and Class T shares subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") and Class C shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds at the time of purchase from its own assets. The Distributor also compensated Service Agents for selling Class B shares at the time of purchase from its own assets when Dreyfus Premier Funds offered Class B shares; Dreyfus Premier Funds no longer offer Class B shares except in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges. The proceeds of the CDSC and fees pursuant to the Company's Distribution and Service Plans (as described below), in part, are used to defray the expenses incurred by the Distributor in connection with the sale of the applicable Class of Fund shares. The Distributor also may act as a Service Agent and retain sales loads and CDSCs and Distribution Plan and Service Plan fees. For purchases of Class A shares and Class T shares subject to a CDSC, the Distributor generally will pay Service Agents on new investments made through such Service Agents a commission of up to 1% of the amount invested. The Distributor generally will pay Service Agents 1% on new investments of Class C shares made through such Service Agents, and generally paid Service Agents 4% on new investments of Class B shares made through such Service Agents, of the NAV of such shares purchased by their clients. With respect to Fund Class B shares subject to a CDSC or Distribution Plan issued to shareholders in exchange for shares originally issued by a series of The Bear Stearns Funds (the "Acquired Fund"), the proceeds of any CDSC and fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan are payable to the Acquired Fund's former distributor to defray the expenses it incurred in connection with the sale of such shares when originally issued by the Acquired Fund.

The amounts retained by the Distributor from sales loads and from CDSCs, as applicable, for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, are as follows:

Name of Fund/Class	Fiscal Year Ended 2005	Fiscal Year Ended 2006	Fiscal Year Ended 2007
Balanced Fund			
Class A	\$8,337	\$3,277	\$5,793
Class B	\$155,237	\$66,126	\$24,252
Class C	\$5,188	\$840	\$513
Class T	\$44	\$297	\$9

Name of Fund/Class	Fiscal Year Ended 2005	Fiscal Year Ended 2006	Fiscal Year Ended 2007
Large Company Stock Fund			
Class A	\$4,476	\$5,733	\$8,977
Class B	\$97,480	\$56,393	\$20,520
Class C	\$468	\$116	\$286
Class T	\$43	\$37	\$206
Limited Term Income Fund			
Class A	\$11,608	\$280	\$27
Class B	\$50,379	\$14,008	\$9,177
Class C	\$910	\$355	\$3,529
Midcap Stock Fund			
Class A	\$18,216	\$11,508	\$4,812
Class B	\$64,112	\$56,405	\$36,635
Class C	\$2,077	\$2,348	\$1,406
Class T	\$3,860	\$1,700	\$29
Small Cap Value Fund			
Class A	\$112,803	\$25,259	\$3,204
Class B	\$56,193	\$54,358	\$53,267
Class C	\$14,609	\$18,392	\$6,898
Class T	\$5,239	\$216	\$154
Tax Managed Growth Fund			
Class A	\$10,434	\$6,407	\$5,135
Class B	\$246,536	\$128,818	\$55,417
Class C	\$6,723	\$5,158	\$3,918
Class T	\$245	\$92	\$263

The Distributor may pay Service Agents that have entered into agreements with the Distributor a fee based on the amount invested through such dealers in Fund shares by employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities or state and local governments (“Retirement Plans”), or other programs. The term “Retirement Plans” does not include IRAs, IRA “Rollover Accounts” or IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans (“SEP-IRAs”). Generally, the Distributor may pay such Service Agents a fee of up to 1% of the amount invested through the Service Agents. The Distributor, however, may pay Service Agents a higher fee and reserves the right to cease paying these fees at any time. The Distributor will pay such fees from its own funds, other than amounts received from the Fund, including past profits or any other source available to it. Sponsors of such Retirement Plans or the participants therein should consult their Service Agent for more information regarding any such fee payable to the Service Agent.

Dreyfus or the Distributor may provide additional cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of a Fund or provide other services. Such payments are

separate from any sales charges and/or 12b-1 fees paid by a Fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or a Fund, a Fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments or compensation may be made to Service Agents, including affiliates that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the Service Agent. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus' or the Distributor's own resources to Service Agents for inclusion of a Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, Dreyfus or the Distributor also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to Service Agents in the form of: occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets, or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund to you. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to a Fund.

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent and Custodian. Dreyfus Transfer, Inc. (the "Transfer Agent"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, is the Company's transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Company, the Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of shareholder account records for each Fund, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Fund and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund. For these services, the Transfer Agent receives a monthly fee from Dreyfus pursuant to each Fund's unitary fee structure, which fee is computed on the basis of the number of shareholder accounts it maintains for each Fund during the month, and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

Mellon Bank, N.A. (the "Custodian"), One Mellon Bank Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258, acts as Custodian for the investments of each Fund. The Custodian has no part in determining the investment policies of a Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Funds. Under a custody agreement with the Company, the Custodian holds the Funds' securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records. For its custody services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee from Dreyfus pursuant to each Fund's unitary fee structure, which fee is based on the market value of each respective Fund's assets held in custody and receives certain securities transaction charges.

HOW TO BUY SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide," "Account Policies," "Services for Fund Investors," "Instructions for Regular Accounts," and "Instructions for IRAs."

All Funds – General. Each Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order. None of the Funds will establish an account for a "foreign financial institution", as that term is defined in Department of the Treasury rules implementing section 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Foreign financial institutions include: foreign banks (including foreign branches of U.S.

depository institutions); foreign offices of U.S. securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, and mutual funds; non-U.S. entities that, if they were located in the United States, would be securities brokers-dealers, futures commission merchants or mutual funds; and non-U.S. entities engaged in the business of a currency dealer or exchanger or a money transmitter.

S&P 500 Index Fund and Disciplined Stock Fund only--General. Shares of these Funds are sold without a sales charge. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order.

With respect to the S&P 500 Index Fund, the minimum initial investment is \$5,000 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs), Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant. For all other accounts, the minimum initial investment for shares of the S&P 500 Index Fund is \$10,000. Subsequent investments must be at least \$1,000 (or at least \$100 in the case of persons who have held shares of the S&P 500 Index Fund since September 14, 1995). There is no minimum on subsequent purchases for holders of shares of the S&P 500 Index Fund in an account for a Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plan, IRA or 403(b)(7) Plan with only one participant which has been open since September 14, 1995.

With respect to the Disciplined Stock Fund, the minimum initial investment is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a Service Agent which maintains an omnibus account in the Fund and has made an aggregate minimum initial purchase for its customers of \$2,500. Subsequent investments must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment for shares of the Disciplined Stock Fund is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs) and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant and \$500 for Dreyfus-sponsored Education Savings Accounts, with no minimum for subsequent purchases (only after the first year for Education Savings Accounts). For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing, the minimum initial investment is \$1,000. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements to Board members of a Fund advised by the Manager or its affiliates, including members of the Company's Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation for serving in that capacity automatically allocated to the Fund.

The initial investment must be accompanied by the Account Application. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum subsequent investment requirements to shareholders purchasing fund shares through the Dreyfus Managed Assets program or through other wrap account program. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

Shares of the Disciplined Stock Fund also are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan pursuant to the Dreyfus Step Program described under “Shareholder Services.” These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in the relevant Fund’s Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, and, to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients direct fees. As discussed under “Management Arrangements – Distributor,” Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from Dreyfus or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to a Fund. You should consult your Service Agent in this regard.

Shares of these Funds are sold on a continuous basis at the NAV per share next determined after an order in proper form is received by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund. NAV per share is determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on days the NYSE is open for regular business. For purposes of determining NAV, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE. NAV per share is computed by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of Fund shares outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Funds’ investments, see “Determination of Net Asset Value.”

If an order is received in proper form by the Transfer Agent or other authorized entity to receive orders on behalf of a Fund by the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on a business day, Fund shares will be purchased at the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on that day. Otherwise, Fund shares will be purchased at the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on the next business day, except where shares are purchased through a dealer as provided under “Purchases Through a Selected Dealer” below.

Bond Index Fund only – General. The Bond Index Fund offers Investor shares and BASIC shares. (Investor shares and BASIC shares of the Fund were formerly called Institutional shares and Retail shares, respectively.) Investor shares and BASIC shares are identical, except as to the services offered to, the expenses borne by, and the minimum purchase and account balance maintenance requirements of, each Class. Investor shares and BASIC shares are offered to any investor. You should consult your Service Agent to determine which Class of shares is offered by the Service Agent. You may be charged a fee if you effect transactions in Bond Index Fund shares through a Service Agent. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable. Unless the Fund is otherwise instructed, new purchases by existing shareholders will

be in the same Class of shares that the shareholder then holds. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order.

With respect to the Bond Index Fund, the minimum initial investment for BASIC shares is \$10,000. The minimum initial investment for Investor shares is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a Service Agent which maintains an omnibus account in the Investor shares Class of the Fund and has made an aggregate minimum initial purchase for its customers of \$2,500. Subsequent investments for BASIC shares must be at least \$1,000 (or at least \$100 in the case of persons who have held BASIC shares since August 14, 1997) and for Investor shares must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment for BASIC shares with respect to Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs), and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant is \$5,000; subsequent investments for BASIC shares with respect to such accounts must be at least \$1,000 (with no minimum on subsequent purchases by holders of BASIC shares in such accounts open since August 14, 1997). However, the minimum initial investment for Investor shares is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs) and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant and \$500 for Dreyfus-sponsored Education Savings Accounts, with no minimum for subsequent purchases (only after the first year for Education Savings Accounts). The initial investment must be accompanied by the Account Application. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing, the minimum initial investment for Investor shares is \$1,000. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment for Investor shares is \$50. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

Investor shares of the Fund also are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan pursuant to the Dreyfus Step Program described under "Shareholder Services." These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in the Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, and, to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients direct fees. As discussed under "Management Arrangements – Distributor," Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from Dreyfus or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the

sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to a Fund. You should consult your Service Agent in this regard.

BASIC shares and Investor shares of the Bond Index Fund are sold on a continuous basis at the NAV per share next determined after an order in proper form is received by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund. NAV per share is determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on days the NYSE is open for regular business. For purposes of determining NAV, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE. NAV per share of each Class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets represented by such Class (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of Fund shares of such Class outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Fund's investments, see "Determination of Net Asset Value."

If an order is received in proper form by the Transfer Agent or other authorized entity to receive orders on behalf of the Fund by the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on a business day, Fund shares will be purchased at the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on that day. Otherwise, Fund shares will be purchased at the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on the next business day, except where shares are purchased through a dealer as provided under "Purchases Through a Selected Dealer" below.

Dreyfus Premier Funds only--General. Each Dreyfus Premier Fund offers Class A, Class C, Class I and Class T (except, Limited Term Income Fund) shares. Class A shares, Class C shares and Class T shares of the Dreyfus Premier Funds may be purchased only by clients of Service Agents, including the Distributor. Subsequent purchases may be sent directly to the Transfer Agent or your Service Agent. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable.

As of June 1, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), Class B shares of each Dreyfus Premier Fund are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or Founders Asset Management LLC ("Founders"), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, or shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. held in an Exchange Account (as defined under "Shareholder Services—Fund Exchanges") as a result of a previous exchange of Class B shares. No new or subsequent investments, including through automatic investment plans, are allowed in Class B shares of any Dreyfus Premier Fund, except through dividend reinvestment or permitted exchanges. If you hold Class B shares and make a subsequent investment in Dreyfus Premier Fund shares, unless you specify the Class of shares you wish to purchase, such subsequent investment will be made in Class A shares and will be subject to any applicable sales load. For Class B shares outstanding on the Effective Date and Class B shares acquired upon reinvestment of dividends, all Class B share attributes, including associated CDSC schedules, conversion to Class A features and Distribution Plan and Service Plan fees, will continue in effect.

Class I shares are offered only to (i) bank trust departments and other financial service providers (including Mellon Bank and its affiliates) acting on behalf of their customers having a

qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution, or to customers who have received and hold Class I shares of a Fund distributed to them by virtue of such an account or relationship, and (ii) institutional investors acting for themselves or in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for Retirement Plans and SEP-IRAs. Class I shares may be purchased for a Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA only by a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of such Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA. In addition, except as noted below, holders of Class I shares of a Fund who have held their shares since June 5, 2003 may continue to purchase Class I shares of the Fund for their existing accounts whether or not they would otherwise be eligible to do so. Only holders of Restricted shares of the Large Company Stock Fund may continue to purchase Class I shares of that Fund (whether or not they would otherwise be eligible to do so). Institutions effecting transactions in Class I shares of the accounts of their clients may charge their clients direct fees in connection with such transactions.

When purchasing shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund, you must specify which Class is being purchased. Your Service Agent can help you choose the share Class that is appropriate for your investment. The decision as to which Class of shares is most beneficial to you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and the intended length of your investment in a Fund. Please refer to the relevant Fund's Prospectus for a further discussion of those factors.

In many cases, neither the Distributor nor the Transfer Agent will have the information necessary to determine whether a quantity discount or reduced sales charge is applicable to a purchase. You or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor whenever a quantity discount or reduced sale charge is applicable to a purchase and must provide the Distributor with sufficient information at the time of purchase to verify that each purchase qualifies for the privilege or discount.

Service Agents may receive different levels of compensation for selling different Classes of shares. Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in the relevant Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, and, to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients direct fees. As discussed under "Management Arrangements – Distributor," Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from Dreyfus or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to a Fund.

For Class A, C, I and T shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund, the minimum initial investment in a Fund is \$1,000. Subsequent investments must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs) and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant and \$500 for Dreyfus-sponsored Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, with no minimum for subsequent purchases (only after the first year for Coverdell Education Savings Accounts). Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum subsequent investment requirements to shareholders purchasing Fund shares through the Dreyfus Managed Assets Program or through other wrap account programs. The initial investment must

be accompanied by the Account Application. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

The minimum initial investment through an exchange for Class B shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund is \$1,000. Subsequent exchanges for Class B shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund must be at least \$500.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes various limitations on the amount that may be contributed annually to certain Retirement Plans. These limitations apply with respect to participants at the plan level and, therefore, do not directly affect the amount that may be invested in the Fund by a Retirement Plan. Participants and plan sponsors should consult their tax advisers for details.

Class A, C, I and T shares of each Dreyfus Premier Fund also may be purchased through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan described under "Shareholder Services." These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Shares of each Dreyfus Premier Fund are sold on a continuous basis. NAV per share is determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on days the NYSE is open for regular business. For purposes of determining NAV, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE. NAV per share of each Class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets represented by such Class (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of shares of such Class outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Funds' investments, see "Determination of Net Asset Value."

If an order is received in proper form by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund by the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on a business day, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the closing of trading on the floor of the NYSE on that day. Otherwise, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on the next business day, except where shares are purchased through a dealer as provided under "Purchases Through a Selected Dealer" below.

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Class A Shares. The public offering price for Class A shares is the NAV per share of that Class plus (except for the Limited Term Income Fund, and shareholders beneficially owning Class A shares of the Balanced Fund on November 30, 1996, or Investor shares of the Large Company Stock Fund or Midcap Stock Fund on January 15, 1998) a sales load as shown below:

Total Sales Load* – Class A of
each Dreyfus Premier Fund,
except Limited Term Income Fund

<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>As a % of offering price per share</u>	<u>As a % of NAV per share</u>	<u>Dealers' Reallowance as a % of offering price</u>
Less than \$50,000	5.75	6.10	5.00
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.50	4.70	3.75
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.50	3.60	2.75
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.50	2.60	2.25
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

For shareholders who opened Balanced Fund accounts after December 19, 1994, and who beneficially owned Class A shares of the Balanced Fund on November 30, 1996, the public offering price for Class A shares of the Balanced Fund is the NAV per share of that Class plus a sales load as shown below:

Total sales load* - Class A of Balanced Fund for shareholders on November 30, 1996.

<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>As a % of offering price per share</u>	<u>As a % of NAV per share</u>	<u>Dealers' Reallowance as a % of offering price</u>
Less than \$50,000	4.50	4.70	4.25
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.00	4.20	3.75
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.00	3.10	2.75
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.50	2.60	2.25
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

Holders of Class A accounts of the Balanced Fund as of December 19, 1994 and holders of Investor shares of the Large Company Stock Fund and Midcap Stock Fund as of January 15, 1998 may continue to purchase Class A shares of such Fund at NAV. However, investments by such holders in other funds advised by Dreyfus will be subject to any applicable front-end sales load. Omnibus accounts will be eligible to purchase Class A shares of the Large Company Stock Fund and Midcap Stock Fund without a front-end sales load only on behalf of their customers who held Investor shares of the respective Fund through such omnibus account on January 15, 1998.

The public offering price of Class A shares of the Limited Term Income Fund is the NAV per share of that Class plus (except for shareholders beneficially owning Class A shares of the Fund on December 19, 1994) a sales load as shown below:

Total Sales Load* – Class A of
Limited Term Income Fund only

<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>As a % of offering price per share</u>	<u>As a % of NAV per share</u>	<u>Dealers' Reallowance as a % of offering price</u>
Less than \$100,000	3.00	3.10	2.75
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	2.75	2.80	2.50
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.25	2.30	2.00
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

Holders of Class A accounts of the Limited Term Income Fund as of December 19, 1994 may continue to purchase Class A shares of such Fund at NAV. However, investments by such holders in other funds advised by Dreyfus will be subject to any applicable front-end sales load.

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1,000,000 or more of Class A shares. However, if you purchase Class A shares without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of at least \$1,000,000 and redeem all or a portion of those shares within one year of purchase, a CDSC of 1% will be assessed at the time of redemption. The Distributor may pay Service Agents an amount up to 1% of the NAV of Class A shares purchased by their clients that are subject to a CDSC. The terms contained below under “How to Redeem Shares - Contingent Deferred Sales Charge - Class B Shares” (other than the amount of the CDSC and time periods) and “How to Redeem Shares - Waiver of CDSC” are applicable to the Class A shares subject to a CDSC. Letter of Intent and Right of Accumulation apply to such purchases of Class A shares.

The scale of sales loads applies to purchases of Class A shares made by any “purchaser,” which term includes an individual and/or spouse purchasing securities for his, her or their own

account or for the account of any minor children, or a trustee or other fiduciary purchasing securities for a single trust estate or a single fiduciary account trust estate or a single fiduciary account (including a pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit trust created pursuant to a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Code) although more than one beneficiary is involved; or a group of accounts established by or on behalf of the employees of an employer or affiliated employers pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (including accounts established pursuant to Sections 403(b), 408(k) and 457 of the Code); or an organized group which has been in existence for more than six months, provided that it is not organized for the purpose of buying redeemable securities of a registered investment company and provided, that the purchases are made through a central administration or a single dealer, or by other means which result in economy of sales effort or expense.

Set forth below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of the indicated Fund's Class A shares. The example assumes a purchase of Class A shares of the Fund aggregating less than \$50,000, subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth above at a price based upon the NAV of the Fund's Class A shares on October 31, 2007:

	Balanced Fund	Large Company Stock Fund	Midcap Stock Fund	Small Cap Value Fund	Tax Managed Growth Fund
NAV Per Share	\$15.18	\$28.48	\$15.11	\$22.34	\$20.51
Per Share Sales Charge – Class A- 5.75%* of offering price (6.10% of NAV per share)	\$.93	\$1.74	\$.92	\$1.36	\$1.25
Per Share Offering Price to the Public	\$16.11	\$30.22	\$16.03	\$23.70	\$21.76

* Class A shares of the Balanced Fund purchased by shareholders beneficially owning Class A shares of the Fund on November 30, 1996, but who opened their accounts after December 19, 1994, are subject to a different sales load schedule as described above.

	Limited Term Income Fund
NAV Per Share	\$10.88
Per Share Sales Charge – Class A- 3.00% of offering price (3.10% of NAV per share)	\$0.34
Per Share Offering Price to the Public	\$11.22

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Class B Shares. Class B shares of Dreyfus Premier Funds are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds. The public offering price for such Class B shares is the NAV per share of that Class. No initial sales charge is imposed at the time of dividend reinvestment or

exchange. A CDSC is imposed on certain redemptions of Class B shares as described in the relevant Dreyfus Premier Fund's Prospectus and in this Statement of Additional Information under "How to Redeem Shares--Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares."

Approximately six years after the date of purchase, Class B shares automatically will convert to Class A shares, based on the relative net asset values for shares of each such Class. Class B shares of a Fund that have been acquired through the reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and distributions will be converted on a pro rata basis together with other Class B shares, in the proportion that a shareholder's Class B shares converting to Class A shares bears to the total Class B shares not acquired through the reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and distributions.

Class B shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund acquired by shareholders in exchange for Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003 are subject to different CDSC and conversion to Class A schedules. See "How to Redeem Shares—Contingent Deferred Sales Charge—Class B Shares."

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Class C Shares. The public offering price for Class C shares is the NAV per share of that Class. No initial sales charge is imposed at the time of purchase. A CDSC is imposed, however, on redemptions of Class C shares made within the first year of purchase. See "How to Redeem Shares--Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class C Shares."

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Class I Shares. The public offering price for Class I shares is the NAV per share of that Class.

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Class T Shares. (Not offered by the Limited Term Income Fund) The public offering price for Class T shares is the net asset value per share of that Class plus a sales load as shown below:

<u>Total Sales Load* – Class T</u>			
<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>As a % of offering price per share</u>	<u>As a % of net asset value per share</u>	<u>Dealers' Reallowance as a % of offering price</u>
Less than \$50,000	4.50	4.70	4.00
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.00	4.20	3.50
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.00	3.10	2.50
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	1.50	1.50	1.25

\$1,000,000 or more

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* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1,000,000 or more of Class T shares. However, if you purchase Class T shares without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of at least \$1,000,000 and redeem all or a portion of those sales within one year of purchase, a CDSC of 1% will be assessed at the time of redemption. The Distributor may pay Service Agents an amount up to 1% of the NAV of Class T shares purchased by their clients that are subject to a CDSC. The terms contained below under “How to Redeem Shares - Contingent Deferred Sales Charge - Class B shares” (other than the amount of the CDSC and time periods) and “How to Redeem Shares - Waiver of CDSC” are applicable to the Class T shares subject to a CDSC. Letter of Intent and Right of Accumulation apply to such purchases of Class T shares. Because the expenses associated with Class A shares will be lower than those associated with Class T shares, purchasers investing \$1,000,000 or more in the Fund (assuming ineligibility to purchase Class I shares) generally will find it beneficial to purchase Class A shares rather than Class T shares.

The scale of sales loads applies to purchases of Class T shares made by any “purchaser,” as defined above under “Class A Shares.”

Set forth below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of the indicated Fund’s Class T shares. The example assumes a purchase of Class T shares of the Fund aggregating less than \$50,000, subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth above at a price based upon the NAV of the Fund’s Class T shares on October 31, 2007:

	Balanced Fund	Large Company Stock Fund	Midcap Stock Fund	Small Cap Value Fund	Tax Managed Fund
NAV Per Share	\$15.19	\$28.03	\$14.62	\$21.92	\$20.18
Per Share Sales Charge – Class T- 4.50% of offering price (4.70% of NAV per share)	\$0.71	\$1.32	\$0.69	\$1.03	\$0.95
Per Share Offering Price to the Public	\$15.90	\$29.35	\$15.31	\$22.95	\$21.13

Dreyfus Premier Funds—Dealers’ Reallowance--Class A and Class T Shares. The dealer reallowance provided with respect to Class A and Class T shares may be changed from time to time but will remain the same for all dealers. The Distributor, at its own expense, may provide additional promotional incentives to dealers that sell shares of funds advised by the Manager which are sold with a sales load, such as Class A and Class T shares. In some instances, these incentives may be offered only to certain dealers who have sold or may sell significant amounts of such shares.

Class A or Class T Shares Offered at NAV. Full-time employees of FINRA member firms and full-time employees of other financial institutions which have entered into an agreement with the Distributor pertaining to the sale of Fund shares (or which otherwise have a brokerage related or clearing arrangement with a FINRA member firm or financial institution with respect to the sale of such shares) may purchase Class A shares for themselves directly or pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (if Fund shares are offered to such plans or programs), or for their spouses or minor children, at NAV without a sales load, provided that they have furnished the Distributor with such information as it may request from time to time in order to verify eligibility for this privilege. This privilege also applies to full-time employees of financial institutions affiliated with FINRA member firms whose full-time employees are eligible to purchase Class A shares at NAV. In addition, Class A shares are offered at NAV to full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager or its affiliates, including members of the Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing.

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV, without a sales load, through certain broker-dealers and other financial institutions which have entered into an agreement with the Distributor, which includes a requirement that such shares be sold for the benefit of clients participating in a "wrap account" or a similar program under which such clients pay a fee to such broker-dealer or other financial institution.

Class A shares also may be purchased at NAV, without a sales load, subject to appropriate documentation, by (i) qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company pursuant to the laws of any State or territory of the United States and (ii) a State, county or city or instrumentality thereof, (iii) a charitable organization (as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Code) investing \$50,000 or more in Fund shares, and (iv) a charitable remainder trust (as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code).

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV, without a sales load, by qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained and open account directly through the Distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund, including the Funds, or a Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006.

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV, without a sales load, with the cash proceeds from an investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the Fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the Fund or Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the Fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options.

Class A shares may be purchased at NAV, without a sales load, by members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the Distributor.

Class A and Class T shares are offered at NAV, without a sales load, to employees participating in Retirement Plans. Class A and Class T shares also may be purchased (including by exchange) at NAV without a sales load for Dreyfus-sponsored IRA "Rollover Accounts" with the distribution proceeds from Retirement Plan or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in case of a Retirement Plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Rollover Account in the Fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the Fund at NAV in such account.

Dreyfus Premier Funds--Right of Accumulation--Class A and Class T Shares. Reduced sales loads apply to any purchase of Class A and Class T shares by you and any related "purchaser" as defined above, where the aggregate investment including such purchase, is \$50,000 or more (\$100,000 or more in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund). If, for example, you previously purchased and still hold shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund or shares of certain other funds advised by Dreyfus or Founders that are subject to a front-end sales load or a CDSC, or shares acquired by a previous exchange of such shares (hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Funds"), or combination thereof, with an aggregate current market value of \$40,000 (\$80,000 in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund) and subsequently purchase Class A or Class T shares of such Fund having a current value of \$20,000 (\$40,000 in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund), the sales load applicable to the subsequent purchase would be reduced to 4.50% (2.75% in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund) of the offering price in the case of Class A shares or 4.00% of the offering price in the case of Class T shares. All present holdings of Eligible Funds may be combined to determine the current offering price of the aggregate investment in ascertaining the sales load applicable to each subsequent purchase.

To qualify at the time of purchase, you or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor if orders are made by wire, or the Transfer Agent if orders are made by mail. The reduced sales load is subject to confirmation of your holdings through a check of appropriate records.

(All Funds) Orders for the purchase of Fund shares received by Selected Dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m., Eastern time) will be based on the public offering price per share determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on that day. Otherwise, the orders will be based on the next determined public offering price. It is the dealer's responsibility to transmit orders so that they will be received by the Distributor or its designee before the close of its business day. For certain institutions that have entered into agreements with the Distributor, payment for the purchase of Fund shares may be transmitted, and must be received by the Transfer Agent, within three business days after the order is placed. If such payment is not received within three business days after the order is placed, the order may be canceled and the institution could be held liable for resulting fees and/or losses.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. (All Funds) You may purchase Class A, C, I or T shares by telephone or online if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. The proceeds will be transferred between the bank account designated in one of

these documents and your Fund account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) member may be so designated.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase orders may be made at any time. If purchase orders are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the NYSE are open for regular business, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on that day. If purchase orders are made after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the NYSE are open for regular business, or made on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the NYSE is not open for business), Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on the next bank business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, the initial payment for purchase of Fund shares must be drawn on, and redemption proceeds paid to, the same bank and account as are designated on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form on file. If the proceeds of a particular redemption are to be sent to an account at any other bank, the request must be in writing and signature-guaranteed. See “How to Redeem Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.” A Fund may modify or terminate this Privilege at any time or charge a service fee upon notice to shareholders. No such fee currently is contemplated.

Reopening an Account. (All Funds) You may reopen an account with a minimum investment of \$100 without filing a new Account Application during the calendar year the account is closed or during the following calendar year, provided the information on the old Account Application is still applicable.

In-Kind Purchases. (All Funds) If the following conditions are satisfied, a Fund may at its discretion, permit the purchase of shares through an “in-kind” exchange of securities. Any securities exchanged must meet the investment objective, policies and limitations of the Fund, must have a readily ascertainable market value, must be liquid and must not be subject to restrictions on resale. The market value of any securities exchanged, plus any cash, must be at least equal to \$25,000. Shares purchased in exchange for securities generally cannot be redeemed for fifteen days following the exchange in order to allow time for the transfer to settle.

The basis of the exchange will depend upon the relative NAVs of the shares purchased and securities exchanged. Securities accepted by the Fund will be valued in the same manner as the Fund values its assets. Any interest earned on the securities following their delivery to the Fund and prior to the exchange will be considered in valuing the securities. All interest, dividends, subscription or other rights attached to the securities become the property of the Fund, along with the securities. For further information about “in-kind” purchases, please call the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information.

Taxpayer ID Number. (All Funds) Federal regulations require that you provide a certified taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) upon opening or reopening an account. See the Account Application for further information concerning this requirement. Failure to furnish a certified TIN to the Company could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”).

Share Certificates. (All Funds) Share certificates are issued upon written request only. No certificates are issued for fractional shares.

DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE PLANS

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Your Investment."

Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares of each Dreyfus Premier Fund, Investor shares of the Bond Index Fund and shares of the Disciplined Stock Fund are subject to annual fees for distribution and shareholder services.

The SEC has adopted Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (the "Rule") regulating the circumstances under which investment companies such as the Company may, directly or indirectly, bear the expenses of distributing their shares. The Rule defines distribution expenses to include expenditures for "any activity which is primarily intended to result in the sale of fund shares." The Rule, among other things, provides that an investment company may bear such expenses only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule.

Distribution Plan. (Class A shares of the Dreyfus Premier Funds, Investor shares of the Bond Index Fund and shares of the Disciplined Stock Fund only) The Company has adopted a distribution plan pursuant to the Rule with respect to the Class A shares of each Dreyfus Premier Fund (the "Class A Plan"), whereby Class A shares of the Fund may spend annually up to 0.25% of the average of its net assets to compensate the Distributor for shareholder servicing activities and expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of Class A shares of the Fund. The Company has adopted a distribution plan pursuant to the Rule with respect to Investor shares of the Bond Index Fund and shares of the Disciplined Stock Fund (together with the Class A Plan, each, a "Distribution Plan"), whereby the respective Fund may pay Mellon Bank and its affiliates (including but not limited to Dreyfus and the Distributor) for shareholder servicing activities and the Distributor for shareholder servicing activities and expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of such shares at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Bond Index Fund's average daily net assets attributable to its Investor shares and 0.10% of the Disciplined Stock Fund's average daily net assets. Each Distribution Plan allows the Distributor to make payments from the Rule 12b-1 fees it collects from the Fund to compensate Service Agents that have entered into Selling Agreements ("Agreements") with the Distributor. Under the Agreements, the Service Agents are obligated to provide distribution related services with regard to the Fund and/or shareholder services to the Service Agent's clients that own shares of the Fund subject to the Distribution Plan. The Board of Directors believes that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Distribution Plan will benefit the Fund and the holders of the relevant Class of Fund shares.

Each Distribution Plan provides that a report of the amounts expended under such Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Directors for their review at least quarterly. In addition, each Distribution Plan provides that it may not be amended to increase materially the costs which the Fund may bear for distribution pursuant to such Plan without the approval of the holders of the relevant Class of shares, and that other material amendments of the Distribution Plan must be approved by the vote of a majority of the

Directors and of the Directors who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or the Distributor and who do not have any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. Each Distribution Plan is subject to annual approval by the entire Board of Directors and by the Directors who are neither interested persons nor have any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Distribution Plan. Each Distribution Plan is terminable, as to the relevant Fund’s shares, at any time by vote of a majority of the Directors who are not interested persons and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan or by vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class of the Fund.

Distribution and Service Plans. (Class B, Class C and Class T shares of the Dreyfus Premier Funds only) In addition to the above described current Class A Plan for Class A shares, the Board of Directors has adopted a Service Plan (the “Service Plan”) under the Rule for Class B, Class C and Class T shares, pursuant to which each Dreyfus Premier Fund pays the Distributor a fee at the annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class B, Class C and Class T shares for the provision of certain services to the holders of Class B, Class C and Class T shares, respectively. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund and providing reports and other information, and providing services related to the maintenance of such shareholder accounts. With regard to such services, each Service Agent is required to disclose to its clients any compensation payable to it by the Fund and any other compensation payable by its clients in connection with the investment of their assets in Class B, Class C and Class T shares. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of services for these Classes of shares. The Distributor determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents under the Service Plan and the basis on which such payments are made. The Board of Directors has also adopted a distribution plan pursuant to the Rule with respect to Class B and Class C shares (the “Class B and Class C Plan”) and a separate distribution plan pursuant to the Rule with respect to Class T shares (the “Class T Plan”). Pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan, each Dreyfus Premier Fund pays the Distributor for distributing the Fund’s Class B and Class C shares at an aggregate annual rate of 0.75% (0.50% in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund) of the value of the average daily net assets of Class B and Class C shares, respectively. Pursuant to the Class T Plan, each Dreyfus Premier Fund that offers Class T pays the Distributor for distributing the Fund’s Class T shares at an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class T shares. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of advertising, marketing and other distribution services for Class T shares, and determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents and the basis on which such payments are made. The Board of Directors believes that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Service Plan, the Class B and Class C Plan and the Class T Plan (each, a “Plan” and collectively, the “Plans”) will benefit the Fund and the holders of Class B, Class C and Class T shares.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under each Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Directors for their review. In addition, each Plan provides that it may not be amended to increase materially the cost which holders of Class B, Class C or Class T shares may bear pursuant to the Plan without the approval of the

holders of the relevant Class of shares and that other material amendments of the Plan must be approved by the Board of Directors and by the Directors who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. Each Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote of the Directors cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Plan. Each Plan may be terminated, as to the relevant Fund, at any time by vote of a majority of the Directors who are not interested persons and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Plan or by vote of the holders of a majority of the relevant Class of shares.

Fees Under the Plans. A Service Agent entitled to receive compensation for selling and servicing the Fund’s shares may receive different compensation with respect to one Class of shares over another. Potential investors should read this Statement of Additional Information in light of the terms governing Agreements with their Service Agents. The fees payable under each plan described above are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred. A Fund and the Distributor may suspend or reduce payments under any of the plans at any time, and payments are subject to the continuation of the relevant Fund’s plans and the Agreements described above. From time to time, the Service Agents, the Distributor and the Funds may voluntarily agree to reduce the maximum fees payable under the plans.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Balanced Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$197,904 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$88,613 and \$67,726, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; with respect to Class T shares, \$441 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class T Plan; with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, \$29,538, \$22,575 and \$441, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Large Company Stock Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$128,032 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$75,479 and \$54,397, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; with respect to Class T shares, \$1,199 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class T Plan; and with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, \$25,160, \$18,132 and \$1,199, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Limited Term Income Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$32,507 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$25,555 and \$29,793, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; and with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$12,777 and \$14,897, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Midcap Stock Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$197,909 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$152,130 and \$87,174, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; with respect to Class T shares, \$3,538 in distribution

fees pursuant to the Class T Plan; and with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, \$50,710, \$29,058 and \$3,538, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Small Cap Value Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$721,329 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$172,547 and \$346,678, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; with respect to Class T shares, \$54,650 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class T Plan; and with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, \$57,516, \$115,559 and \$54,650, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Tax Managed Growth Fund paid the Distributor: with respect to Class A shares, \$237,674 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class A Plan; with respect to Class B and Class C shares, \$220,818 and \$265,657, respectively, in distribution fees pursuant to the Class B and Class C Plan; with respect to Class T shares, \$7,449 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class T Plan; and with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, \$73,606, \$88,552 and \$7,449, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the Service Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Bond Market Index Fund paid Mellon Bank and the Distributor with respect to Investor shares, \$601,586 in fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Disciplined Stock Fund paid Mellon Bank and the Distributor \$941,500 in fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide," "Account Policies," "Services for Fund Investors," "Instructions for Regular Accounts" and "Instructions for IRAs."

General. (All Funds) Each Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by the rules of the SEC. However, if you have purchased Fund shares by check, by Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege or through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], and subsequently submit a written redemption request to the Transfer Agent, the Fund may delay sending the redemption proceeds for up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will reject requests to redeem shares by wire or telephone, online or pursuant to the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, for a period of up to eight business days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the purchase check, the Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase or the Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder order against which such redemption is requested. These procedures will not apply if your shares were purchased by wire payment, or if you otherwise have a sufficient collected balance in your account to cover the redemption request. Fund shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

If you hold shares of more than one Class of a Dreyfus Premier Fund or the Bond Index Fund, any request for redemption must specify the Class of shares being redeemed. If you fail to specify the Class of shares to be redeemed or if you own fewer shares of the Class than specified to be redeemed, the redemption request may be delayed until the Transfer Agent receives further instructions from you or your Service Agent.

The Funds impose no charges (other than any applicable CDSC with respect to the Dreyfus Premier Funds) when shares are redeemed. Service Agents may charge their clients a fee for effecting redemptions of Fund shares. Any certificates representing Fund shares being redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. The value of the shares redeemed may be more or less than their original cost, depending upon the Fund's then-current NAV.

Procedures. (All Funds) You may redeem Fund shares by using the regular redemption procedure through the Transfer Agent, or through the Telephone Redemption Privilege, which is granted automatically unless you specifically refuse it by checking the applicable "No" box on the Account Application. The Telephone Redemption Privilege may be established for an existing account by a separate signed Shareholder Services Form or by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account by calling the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information. You also may redeem shares through the Wire Redemption Privilege or the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. If you are a client of a Selected Dealer, you can also redeem Fund shares through the Selected Dealer. Other redemption procedures may be in effect for clients of certain Service Agents and institutions. The Fund makes available to certain large institutions the ability to issue redemption instructions through compatible computer facilities. The Fund reserves the right to refuse any request made by telephone, including requests made shortly after a change of address, and may limit the amount involved or the number of such requests. The Fund may modify or terminate any redemption privilege at any time or charge a service fee upon notice to shareholders. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs, or other retirement plans, and shares for which certificates have been issued, are not eligible for the Wire Redemption, Telephone Redemption or Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.

The Telephone Redemption Privilege, the Wire Redemption Privilege, Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege or Telephone Exchange Privilege authorizes the Transfer Agent to act on telephone or online instructions (including the Dreyfus Express[®] voice response telephone system) from any person representing himself or herself to be you, or a representative of your Service Agent, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. The Fund will require the Transfer Agent to employ reasonable procedures, such as requiring a form of personal identification, to confirm that instructions are genuine and, if it does not follow such procedures, the Fund or the Transfer Agent may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Neither the Fund nor the Transfer Agent will be liable for following telephone or online instructions reasonably believed to be genuine.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, you may experience difficulty in contacting the Transfer Agent by telephone or online to request a redemption or an exchange of

Fund shares. In such cases, you should consider using the other redemption procedures described herein. Use of these other redemption procedures may result in your redemption request being processed at a later time than it would have been if telephone or online redemption had been used. During the delay, the Fund's NAV may fluctuate.

Redemption Through a Selected Dealer. (All Funds) Customers of Selected Dealers may make redemption requests to their Selected Dealer. If the Selected Dealer transmits the redemption request so that it is received by the Transfer Agent prior to the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE (currently 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), the redemption request will be effective on that day. If a redemption request is received by the Transfer Agent after the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE, the redemption request will be effective on the next business day. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit a request so that it is received in a timely manner. The proceeds of the redemption are credited to your account with the Selected Dealer.

In addition, the Distributor or its designee will accept orders from Selected Dealers with which the Distributor has sales agreements for the repurchase of Fund shares held by shareholders. Repurchase orders received by dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee prior to the close of its business day (normally 5:15 p.m., Eastern time) are effected at the price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the NYSE on that day. Otherwise, the Fund shares will be redeemed at the next determined NAV. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit orders on a timely basis. The Selected Dealer may charge the shareholder a fee for executing the order. This repurchase arrangement is discretionary and may be withdrawn at any time.

Telephone Redemption Privilege. (All Funds) You may request by telephone that redemption proceeds (maximum \$250,000 per day) be paid by check and mailed to your address.

Wire Redemption Privilege. (All Funds) By using this Privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephone, letter or online redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you (or a representative of your Service Agent for a Dreyfus Premier Fund) and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Ordinarily, the Company will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the next business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the redemption request in proper form. Redemption proceeds (\$1,000 minimum) will be transferred by Federal Reserve wire only to the commercial bank account specified by you on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form, or to a correspondent bank if your bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System. Fees ordinarily are imposed by such bank and borne by the investor. Immediate notification by the correspondent bank to your bank is necessary to avoid a delay in crediting the funds to your bank account.

To change the commercial bank or account designated to receive wire redemption proceeds, a written request must be sent to the Transfer Agent. This request must be signed by each shareholder, with each signature guaranteed as described below under "Stock Certificates; Signatures."

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. (All Funds) You may request by telephone or online that redemption proceeds be transferred between your Fund account and your bank account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be designated. You should be aware that if you have selected the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, any request for a Dreyfus TeleTransfer transaction will be effected through the ACH system unless more prompt transmittal specifically is requested. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. See “How to Buy Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.”

Stock Certificates; Signatures. (All Funds) Any certificates representing Fund shares to be redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. A fee may be imposed to replace lost or stolen certificates, or certificates that were never received. Written redemption requests must be signed by each shareholder, including each holder of a joint account, and each signature must be guaranteed. Signatures on endorsed certificates submitted for redemption also must be guaranteed. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards and procedures pursuant to which signature-guarantees in proper form generally will be accepted from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program, the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (“STAMP”) and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program. Guarantees must be signed by an authorized signatory of the guarantor and “Signature-Guaranteed” must appear with the signature. The Transfer Agent may request additional documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, and may accept other suitable verification arrangements from foreign investors, such as consular verification. For more information with respect to signature-guarantees, please call the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information.

Redemption Commitment. (All Funds) The Company has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record of a Fund, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of such Fund’s net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the SEC. In the case of requests for redemption in excess of such amount, the Board reserves the right to make payments in whole or in part in securities or other assets in case of an emergency or any time a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Fund to the detriment of the existing shareholders. In such event, the securities would be valued in the same manner as the Fund’s portfolio is valued. If the recipient sold such securities, brokerage charges would be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. (All Funds) The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (a) during any period when the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when trading in the markets the relevant Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of the Fund’s investments or determination of its NAV is not reasonably practicable, or (c) for such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect the Fund’s shareholders.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares. (Dreyfus Premier Funds only) A CDSC payable to the Distributor is imposed on any redemption of Class B shares which reduces the current NAV of your Class B shares to an amount which is lower than the dollar amount of all payments by you for the purchase of Class B shares of the Fund held by you at the time of redemption. No CDSC will be imposed to the extent that the NAV of the Class B shares of the Fund redeemed does not exceed (i) the current NAV of Class B shares of the Fund acquired through reinvestment of Fund dividends or capital gain distributions, plus (ii) increases in the NAV of your Class B shares above the dollar amount of all your payments for the purchase of Class B shares of the Fund held by you at the time of redemption.

If the aggregate value of Class B shares redeemed has declined below their original cost as a result of the Fund's performance, a CDSC may be applied to the then-current NAV rather than the purchase price.

In circumstances where the CDSC is imposed, the amount of the charge will depend on the number of years from the time you purchased the Class B shares until the time of redemption of such shares. Solely for purposes of determining the number of years from the time of any payment for the purchase of Class B shares, all payments during a month will be aggregated and deemed to have been made on the first day of the month.

The following table sets forth the rates of the CDSC and the conversion to Class A schedule for Class B shares, except for Class B shares of Limited Term Income Fund and certain Class B shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund described below:

<u>Year Since Purchase Payment Was Made</u>	<u>CDSC as a % of Amount Invested or Redemption Proceeds (whichever is less)</u>
First.....	4.00
Second	4.00
Third	3.00
Fourth	3.00
Fifth	2.00
Sixth.....	1.00*

* These Class B shares will automatically convert into Class A shares approximately six years after the date of purchase.

The following table sets forth the rates of the CDSC and concession to Class A schedule for Class B shares of Limited Term Income Fund:

<u>Year Since Purchase Payment Was Made</u>	<u>CDSC as a % of Amount Invested or Redemption Proceeds (whichever is less)</u>
First	3.00
Second	3.00
Third.....	2.00
Fourth	2.00
Fifth	1.00
Sixth	0.00**

** These Class B shares will automatically convert into Class A shares approximately six years after the date of purchase.

The following table sets forth the rates of the CDSC payable to the Acquired Fund's former distributor and the conversion to Class A schedule for Class B shares of the Fund issued in exchange for Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003:

<u>Year Since Purchase Payment Was Made</u>	<u>CDSC as a % of Amount Invested or Redemption Proceeds (whichever is less)</u>
First	5.00
Second	4.00
Third.....	3.00
Fourth	3.00
Fifth	2.00
Sixth	1.00
Seventh.....	0.00
Eighth	0.00***

*** These Class B shares will automatically convert into Class A shares at the end of the calendar quarter that is eight years after the initial purchase of the Class B shares of the Acquired Fund (applies to such Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003).

In determining whether a CDSC is applicable to a redemption, the calculation will be made in a manner that results in the lowest possible rate. It will be assumed that the redemption

is made first of amounts representing Class B shares of the Fund acquired pursuant to the reinvestment of Fund dividends and distributions; then of amounts representing the increase in NAV of Class B shares above the total amounts of payments for the purchase of Class B shares made during the preceding six years (five years in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund or eight years for certain shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund); and finally, of amounts representing the cost of shares held for the longest period.

For example, assume an investor purchased 100 shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund at \$10 per share for a cost of \$1,000. Subsequently, the shareholder acquired five additional Fund shares through the reinvestment of Fund dividends. During the second year after the purchase the investor decided to redeem \$500 of the investment. Assuming at the time of the redemption the NAV had appreciated to \$12 per share, the value of the investor's shares would be \$1,260 (105 shares at \$12 per share). The CDSC would not be applied to the value of the reinvested dividend shares and the amount which represented appreciation (\$260). Therefore, \$240 of the \$500 redemption proceeds (\$500 minus \$260) would be charged at a rate of 4% (3% in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund) (the applicable rate in the second year after purchase) for a total CDSC of \$9.60 (\$7.20 in the case of the Limited Term Income Fund).

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class C Shares. (Dreyfus Premier Funds only) A CDSC of 1% payable to the Distributor is imposed on any redemption of Class C shares within one year of the date of purchase. The basis for calculating the payment of any such CDSC will be the method used in calculating the CDSC for Class B shares. See "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares" above.

Waiver of CDSC. (Dreyfus Premier Funds only) The CDSC may be waived in connection with (a) redemptions made within one year after the death or disability, as defined in Section 72(m)(7) of the Code, of the shareholder, (b) redemptions by employees participating in Retirement Plans, (c) redemptions as a result of a combination of any investment company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets or otherwise, (d) a distribution following retirement under a tax-deferred retirement plan or upon attaining age 70-1/2 in the case of an IRA or Keogh plan or custodial account pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Code, and (e) redemptions pursuant to the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, as described below. If the Company's Board determines to discontinue the waiver of the CDSC, the disclosure herein will be revised appropriately. Any Fund shares subject to a CDSC which were purchased prior to the termination of such waiver will have the CDSC waived as provided in the Fund's Prospectus or this Statement of Additional Information at the time of the purchase of such shares.

To qualify for a waiver of the CDSC, at the time of redemption you or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor. Any such qualification is subject to confirmation of your entitlement.

Reinvestment Privilege. (Dreyfus Premier Funds only) Upon written request, you may reinvest up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you have redeemed, within 45 days of redemption, at the then-prevailing NAV without a sales load, or reinstate your account for the purpose of exercising Fund Exchanges. Upon reinstatement, if such shares were subject to a

CDSC, your account will be credited with an amount equal to the CDSC previously paid upon redemption of the shares reinvested. The Reinvestment Privilege may be exercised only once.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide," "Account Policies" and "Services for Fund Investors."

Fund Exchanges. (All Funds) You may purchase, in exchange for shares of a Fund (other than a Dreyfus Premier Fund), shares of certain other funds managed or administered by Dreyfus or shares of certain funds advised by Founders, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence. You may purchase, in exchange for shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund, shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, shares of the same Class of certain funds advised by Founders, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and, with respect to Class T shares of the Fund, Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence.

Shares of other funds purchased by exchange will be purchased on the basis of relative NAV per share as follows:

- A. Exchanges for shares of funds offered without a sales load will be made without a sales load.
- B. Shares of funds purchased without a sales load may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load may be exchanged without a sales load for shares of other funds sold without a sales load.
- D. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load, shares of funds acquired by a previous exchange from shares purchased with a sales load and additional shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or distributions of any such funds (collectively referred to herein as "Purchased Shares") may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load that could have been imposed in connection with the Purchased Shares (at the time the Purchased Shares were acquired), without giving effect to any reduced loads, the difference may be deducted.
- E. Shares of funds subject to a CDSC exchanged for shares of another fund will be subject to the higher applicable CDSC of the two funds and, for purposes of calculating CDSC rates and conversion periods, if any, will be deemed to have been held since the date the shares being exchanged were initially purchased.

To accomplish an exchange under item D above, you or, with respect to a Dreyfus Premier Fund, your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must notify the Transfer Agent of your prior ownership of Fund shares and your account number.

As of the Effective Date, you also may exchange your Class B shares for Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. (the “General Fund”), a money market fund advised by Dreyfus. The shares so purchased will be held in a special account created solely for this purpose (“Exchange Account”). Exchanges of shares from an Exchange Account only can be made into Class B shares of funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or certain funds advised by Founders. No CDSC is charged when an investor exchanges into an Exchange Account; however, the applicable CDSC will be imposed when shares are redeemed from an Exchange Account or other applicable fund account. Upon redemption, the applicable CDSC will be calculated taking into account the time such shares were held in the General Fund’s Exchange Account. In addition, the time Class B shares are held in the General Fund’s Exchange Account will be taken into account for purposes of calculating when such shares convert to Class A shares. If your Class B shares are held in the General Fund’s Exchange Account at the time such shares are scheduled to convert to Class A shares, you will receive Class A shares of the General Fund. Prior to the Effective Date, shareholders were permitted to exchange their Class B shares for shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. (“Worldwide Dollar Fund”), and such shares were held in an Exchange Account. Shareholders who held shares of Worldwide Dollar Fund in an Exchange Account on the Effective Date may continue to hold those shares and upon redemption from the Exchange Account or other applicable fund account, the applicable CDSC and conversion to Class A schedule will be calculated, except for Fund shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund, without regard to the time such shares were held in a Worldwide Dollar Fund’s Exchange Account; for Fund shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund, the applicable CDSC and conversion to Class A schedule will be calculated taking into account the time such shares were held in the Worldwide Dollar Fund’s Exchange Account. Exchanges of shares from an Exchange Account in Worldwide Dollar Fund only can be made into Class B shares of funds in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, certain funds advised by Founders and the General Fund. See “How to Redeem Shares.” Redemption proceeds for Exchange Account shares are paid by Federal wire or check only. Exchange Account shares also are eligible for the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege and the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, as described below.

To request an exchange, you or your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must give exchange instructions to the Transfer Agent in writing, by telephone or online. The ability to issue exchange instructions by telephone or online is given to all Fund shareholders automatically, unless you check the applicable “No” box on the Account Application, indicating that you specifically refuse this privilege. By using this privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephonic and online instructions (including over the Dreyfus Express[®] voice response telephone system) from any person representing himself or herself to be you or a representative of your Service Agent and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Exchanges may be subject to limitations as to the amount involved or the number of exchanges permitted. Shares issued in certificate form are not eligible for telephone or online exchange. No fees currently are charged shareholders directly in connection with exchanges,

although the Company reserves the right, upon not less than 60 days' written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal administrative fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the SEC.

Exchanges of Fund shares held by a Retirement Plan, including Class I shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund held by a Retirement Plan, may be made only between the investor's Retirement Plan account in one fund and such investor's Retirement Plan account in another fund.

To establish a personal retirement plan by exchange, shares of the fund being exchanged must have a value of at least the minimum initial investment required for the fund into which the exchange is being made.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, the Company may suspend Fund Exchanges temporarily without notice and treat exchange requests based on their separate components--redemption orders with a simultaneous request to purchase the other fund's shares. In such a case, the redemption request would be processed at the Fund's next determined NAV but the purchase order would be effective only at the NAV next determined after the fund being purchased receives the proceeds of the redemption, which may result in the purchase being delayed.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. (All Funds) Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of a Fund, or shares of the same Class of another fund of which you are a shareholder (including, for Class B shares, Class B shares of the General Fund held in an Exchange Account) as described above under "Fund Exchanges." This Privilege is available only for existing accounts. The amount the investor designates, which can be expressed either in terms of a specific dollar or share amount (\$100 minimum), will be exchanged automatically on the first and/or fifteenth day of the month according to the schedule the investor has selected. With respect to Fund shares held by a Retirement Plan, exchanges may be made only between the investor's Retirement Plan account in one fund and such investor's Retirement Plan account in another fund. Shares will be exchanged on the basis of relative NAV as described above under "Fund Exchanges." Enrollment in or modification or cancellation of this Privilege is effective three business days following notification by you. You will be notified if your account falls below the amount designated to be exchanged under this Privilege. In this case, your account will fall to zero unless additional investments are made in excess of the designated amount prior to the next Auto-Exchange transaction. Shares held under IRA and other retirement plans are eligible for this Privilege. Exchanges of IRA shares may be made between IRA accounts and from regular accounts to IRA accounts, but not from IRA accounts to regular accounts. With respect to all other retirement accounts, exchanges may be made only among those accounts.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-645-6561, or visiting www.dreyfus.com. The Company reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. Fund Exchanges and Dreyfus Auto-Exchange privilege are available to shareholders residing in any state in which shares of the fund being acquired may legally be sold. Shares may be exchanged only between accounts having certain identical identifying designations. The exchange of shares of one fund for shares of another is treated for

Federal income tax purposes as a sale of the shares given in exchange and, therefore, an exchanging shareholder (other than a tax-exempt Retirement Plan) may realize a taxable gain or loss. The Fund Exchanges service or Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®. (All Funds) Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder® permits you to purchase Class A, C, I or T shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$150,000 per transaction) at regular intervals selected by you. Fund shares are purchased by transferring funds from the bank account designated by you.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege. (All Funds) Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege enables you to purchase Class A, C, I or T shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$50,000 per transaction) by having Federal salary, Social Security, or certain veterans' military or other payments from the U.S. Government automatically deposited into your fund account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. (All Funds) Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan permits you to purchase Class A, C, I or T shares (minimum of \$100 per transaction) automatically on a regular basis. Depending upon your employer's direct deposit program, you may have part or all of your paycheck transferred to your existing Dreyfus account electronically through the ACH system at each pay period. To establish a Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan account, you must file an authorization form with your employer's payroll department. Your employer must complete the reverse side of the form and return it to the Fund. You may obtain the necessary authorization form by calling the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information. You may change the amount of purchase or cancel the authorization only by written notification to your employer. The Company may modify or terminate this Privilege at any time or charge a service fee. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs or other retirement plans are not eligible for this Privilege. It is the sole responsibility of your employer, not the Distributor, your Service Agent, Dreyfus, the Funds, the Transfer Agent or any other person, to arrange for transactions under the Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan.

Dreyfus Step Program. (Disciplined Stock Fund, Investor shares of the Bond Index Fund and holders of Class A shares of the Dreyfus Premier Funds currently enrolled in the Program only) Dreyfus Step Program enables you to purchase Fund shares without regard to the Fund's minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. To establish a Dreyfus Step Program account, you must supply the necessary information on the Account Application and file the required authorization form(s) with the Transfer Agent. For more information concerning this Program, or to request the necessary authorization form(s), please call toll free 1-800-782-6620. You may terminate your participation in this Program at any time by discontinuing participation in Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan, as the case may be, as provided under the terms of such Privilege(s). The Company may modify or terminate this Program at any time. If you wish to purchase Fund shares through the Dreyfus Step Program in conjunction with a Dreyfus-sponsored retirement plan, you may do so only for IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs.

Dreyfus Dividend Options. (All Funds) Dreyfus Dividend Sweep allows you to invest automatically your dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from a Fund (other than a Dreyfus Premier Fund) in shares of another fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of a fund advised by Founders or, with respect to dividends or dividends and distributions from Class A, C, I or T shares of a Dreyfus Premier Fund, in shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, shares of the same Class of certain funds advised by Founders, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and with respect to Class T shares of the Fund, Class A shares of certain Dreyfus Premier fixed-income funds, of which you are a shareholder. Shares of the same Class of other funds purchased pursuant to this privilege will be purchased on the basis of relative NAV per share as follows:

- A. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested without a sales load in shares of other funds offered without a sales load.
- B. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund which does not charge a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that charges a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as “Offered Shares”), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load charged by a fund from which dividends or distributions are being swept (without giving effect to any reduced loads), the difference may be deducted.
- D. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested in shares of other funds that impose a CDSC and the applicable CDSC, if any, will be imposed upon redeeming such shares.

Dreyfus Dividend ACH permits you to transfer electronically dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from a Fund to a designated bank account. Only an account maintained at a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be so designated. Banks may charge a fee for this service.

For more information concerning these Privileges, or to request a Dividend Options Form, please call the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information. You may cancel these Privileges by mailing written notification to the Fund. To select a new fund after cancellation, you must submit a new Dividend Options Form. Enrollment in or cancellation of these privileges is effective three business days following receipt. These privileges are available only for existing accounts and may not be used to open new accounts. Minimum subsequent investments do not apply for Dreyfus Dividend Sweep. The Company may modify or terminate these privileges at any time or charge a service fee. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs or other retirement plans are not eligible for Dreyfus Dividend Sweep.

Automatic Withdrawal Plan. (All Funds) The Automatic Withdrawal Plan permits you to request withdrawal of a specified dollar amount (minimum of \$50) on either a monthly or quarterly basis if you have a \$5,000 minimum account. Withdrawal payments are the proceeds from sales of Fund shares, not the yield on the shares. If withdrawal payments exceed reinvested dividends and distributions, your shares will be reduced and eventually may be depleted. An Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be established by filing an Automatic Withdrawal Plan application with the Transfer Agent or by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account by calling the Fund at the appropriate telephone number, as listed at the beginning of this Statement of Additional Information. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be terminated at any time by you, the Company or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

With respect to each Dreyfus Premier Fund, no CDSC with respect to Class B shares (including Class B shares held in an Exchange Account) or Class C shares will be imposed on withdrawals made under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, provided that any amount withdrawn under the plan does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of (1) the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, or (2) the account value at the time of the subsequent withdrawal. Withdrawals with respect to Class B or Class C shares under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan that exceed such amounts will be subject to a CDSC. Withdrawals of Class A and Class T shares subject to a CDSC under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan will be subject to any applicable CDSC. Purchases of additional Class A and Class T shares where the sales load is imposed concurrently with withdrawals of Class A and Class T shares generally are undesirable.

Certain Retirement Plans, including Dreyfus-sponsored retirement plans, may permit certain participants to establish an automatic withdrawal plan from such Retirement Plans. Participants should consult their Retirement Plan sponsor and tax adviser for details. Such a withdrawal plan is different than the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Letter of Intent--Class A and Class T Shares. (Dreyfus Premier Funds only) By signing a Letter of Intent form, you become eligible for the reduced sales load on purchases of Class A and Class T shares based on the total number of shares of Eligible Funds (as defined under "Right of Accumulation" above) purchased by you and any related "purchaser" (as defined above) in a 13-month period pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Intent. Shares of any Eligible Fund purchased within 90 days prior to the submission of the Letter of Intent may be used to equal or exceed the amount specified in the Letter of Intent. A minimum initial purchase of \$5,000 is required. You can obtain a Letter of Intent form by calling 1-800-554-4611.

Each purchase you make during the 13-month period (which begins on the date you submit the Letter of Intent) will be at the public offering price applicable to a single transaction of the aggregate dollar amount you select in the Letter of Intent. The Transfer Agent will hold in escrow 5% of the amount indicated in the Letter of Intent, which may be used for payment of a higher sales load if you do not purchase the full amount indicated in the Letter of Intent. When you fulfill the terms of the Letter of Intent by purchasing the specified amount the escrowed amount will be released and additional shares representing such amount credited to your account.

If your purchases meet the total minimum investment amount specified in the Letter of Intent within the 13-month period, an adjustment will be made at the conclusion of the 13-month period to reflect any reduced sales load applicable to shares purchased during the 90-day period prior to submission of the Letter of Intent. If your purchases qualify for a further sales load reduction, the sales load will be adjusted to reflect your total purchase at the end of 13 months. If total purchases are less than the amount specified, the offering price of the shares you purchased (including shares representing the escrowed amount) during the 13-month period will be adjusted to reflect the sales load applicable to the aggregate purchases you actually made (which will reduce the number of shares in your account), unless you have redeemed the shares in your account, in which case, the Transfer Agent, as attorney-in-fact pursuant to the terms of the Letter of Intent, will redeem an appropriate number of Class A or Class T shares of the Fund held in escrow to realize the difference between the sales load actually paid and the sales load applicable to the aggregate purchases actually made and any remaining shares will be credited to your account. Signing a Letter of Intent does not bind you to purchase, or the Fund to sell, the full amount indicated at the sales load in effect at the time of signing, but you must complete the intended purchase to obtain the reduced sales load. At the time you purchase Class A or Class T shares, you must indicate your intention to do so under a Letter of Intent. Purchases pursuant to a Letter of Intent will be made at the then-current NAV plus the applicable sales load in effect at the time such Letter of Intent was submitted.

Retirement Plans and IRAs. (All Funds) The Company makes available to corporations a variety of prototype pension and profit-sharing plans, including a 401(k) Salary Reduction Plan. In addition, the Company makes available Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, and rollover IRAs), Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, 401(k) Salary Reduction Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans. Plan support services also are available.

If you wish to purchase Fund shares in conjunction with a Keogh Plan, a 403(b)(7) Plan or an IRA, including a SEP-IRA, you may request from the Distributor forms for adoption of such plans.

The entity acting as custodian for Keogh Plans, 403(b)(7) Plans or IRAs may charge a fee, payment of which could require the liquidation of shares. All fees charged are described in the appropriate form.

Shares may be purchased in connection with these plans only by direct remittance to the entity acting as custodian. Purchases for these plans may not be made in advance of receipt of funds.

You should read the prototype retirement plan and the appropriate form of custodial agreement for further details on eligibility, service fees and tax implications, and should consult a tax adviser.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide."

Valuation of Portfolio Securities. Each Fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Each Fund's portfolio securities, including covered call options written by a Fund, are valued at the last sale price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities primarily are traded. Securities listed on the NASDAQ National Market System for which market quotations are available are valued at the official closing price or, if there is no official closing price on that day, at the last sale price. Securities not listed on an exchange or national securities market, or securities in which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices, except that open short positions are valued at the asked price. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Substantially all of a Fund's fixed-income investment (excluding short-term investments) are valued by one or more independent pricing services (the "Service") approved by the Board. Securities valued by the Service for which quoted bid prices in the judgment of the Service are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). The value of other fixed-income investments is determined by the Service based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Market quotations of foreign securities in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the midpoint of the New York interbank market spot exchange rate as quoted on the day of such translation or, if no such rate is quoted on such date, such other quoted market exchange rate as may be determined to be appropriate by the Manager and/or the Sub-Adviser. Forward currency contracts will be valued at the current cost of offsetting the contract. If a Fund has to obtain prices as of the close of trading on various exchanges throughout the world, the calculation of net asset value may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of prices of certain of the Fund's securities. Short-term investments may be carried at amortized cost, which approximates value. Exchanges and fees, including the management fee and fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan, and the Shareholder Services Plan, if applicable, are accrued daily and taken into account for the purpose of determining the net asset value of the relevant Fund's shares. Because of the differences in operating expenses incurred by each Class of shares of a Fund, the per share net asset value of each Class of shares of a Fund will differ.

Restricted securities, as well as securities or other assets for which recent market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, are not valued by the Service, or are determined by the Company not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market) but before the Company calculates NAV), are valued at fair value as determined in good faith based on procedures approved by the Company's Board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the Company's Board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. The factors that

may be considered when fair valuing a security include fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased or sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. The valuation of a security based on fair value procedures may differ from the security's most recent closing price, and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by a Fund may trade on days that the Fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Fund's assets on days when investors have no access to the Fund. Restricted securities that are, or are convertible into, securities of the same class of other securities for which a public market exists usually will be valued at such market value less the same percentage discount at which the restricted securities were purchased. This discount will be revised periodically by the Board, if the Board members believe that it no longer reflects the value of the restricted securities. Restricted securities not of the same class as securities for which a public market exists usually be will valued initially at cost. Any subsequent adjustment from cost will be based upon considerations deemed relevant by the Company's Board.

New York Stock Exchange Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed currently are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

DIVIDENDS, OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "Distributions and Taxes."

Dreyfus believes that each Fund has qualified for treatment as a "regulated investment company" under the Code for its most recent fiscal year. Each Fund intends to continue to so qualify if such qualification is in the best interest of its shareholders. As a regulated investment company, each Fund will pay no Federal income tax on its net investment income and net realized gains to the extent such income and gains are distributed to its shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, each Fund must distribute each taxable year at least 90% of its investment company taxable net income (consisting of net investment income, the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long term capital loss and net gains from certain foreign currency transactions, all determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid) to its shareholders and meet certain asset diversification and other requirements. If a Fund does not qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, it will be treated for tax purposes as an ordinary corporation subject to Federal income tax. The term "regulated investment company" does not imply the supervision of management or investment practices or policies by any government agency.

If you elect to receive dividends and other distributions in cash, and your dividend or distribution check is returned to the Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months,

the Fund reserves the right to reinvest such distributions and all future distributions payable to you in additional Fund shares at NAV. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks.

Any dividend or other distribution paid shortly after your purchase may have the effect of reducing the aggregate NAV of the shares below the cost of your investment. Such a distribution would be a return of capital in an economic sense, as described herein. In addition, if a shareholder holds shares of a Fund for six months or less and has received a capital gain distribution with respect to such shares, any loss incurred on the sale of such shares will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain distribution received.

In general, dividends (other than capital gain dividends) paid by a Fund to U.S. individual shareholders may be eligible for the 15% preferential maximum tax rate to the extent that the Fund's income consists of dividends paid by U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations on shares that have been held by the Fund for at least 61 days during the 121-day period commencing 60 days before the shares become ex-dividend. In order to be eligible for the preferential rate, the shareholder must have held his or her shares in the Fund for at least 61 days during the 121-day period commencing 60 days before the Fund shares become ex-dividend. Additional restrictions on an individual shareholder's qualification for the preferential rate may apply.

In general, dividends (but not capital gain distributions) paid by a Fund to U.S. corporate shareholders may be eligible for the dividends received deduction to the extent that the Fund's income consists of dividends paid by U.S. corporations on shares that have been held by the Fund for at least 46 days during the 91-day period commencing 45 days before the shares become ex-dividend and with respect to which the Fund satisfies certain other requirements. In order to claim the dividends received deduction, the shareholder must have held its shares in the Fund for at least 46 days during the 91-day period commencing 45 days before the Fund shares become ex-dividend. Additional restrictions on a corporate shareholder's ability to claim the dividends received deduction apply.

Distributions to you of a Fund's net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long you have held your Fund shares, and also are subject to a 15% maximum federal income tax rate for individual shareholders to the extent the distributions are attributable to net capital gain the Fund recognizes on sales or exchanges of capital assets after May 5, 2003, through its last taxable year beginning before January 1, 2009. In addition, any capital gain an individual shareholder recognizes on a redemption or exchange during that period of his or her Fund shares that have been held for more than one year will qualify for that maximum rate.

Ordinarily, gains and losses realized from portfolio transactions will be treated as capital gains and losses. However, a portion of the gain or loss realized from the disposition of foreign currencies and non-U.S. dollar denominated securities (including debt instruments and certain futures or forward contracts and options) may be treated as ordinary income or loss. In addition, all or a portion of any gains realized from the sale or other disposition of certain market discount bonds will be treated as ordinary income. Finally, all or a portion of the gain realized from

engaging in “conversion transactions” (generally including certain transactions designed to convert ordinary income into capital gain) may be treated as ordinary income.

Gain or loss, if any, realized by a Fund from certain forward contracts and futures and options transactions (“Section 1256 contracts”) will be treated as 60% long-term capital gain or loss and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Gain or loss will arise upon exercise or lapse of Section 1256 contracts as well as from closing transactions. In addition, any Section 1256 contracts remaining open at the end of a Fund’s taxable year will be treated as sold for their then fair market value, resulting in additional gain or loss to the Fund characterized in the manner described above.

Offsetting positions held by a Fund involving certain actively traded futures or forward contracts or options may be considered, for tax purposes, to constitute “straddles.” To the extent the straddle rules apply to positions established by a Fund, losses realized by the Fund on a straddle position may be deferred to the extent of unrealized gain in the offsetting position. In addition, short-term capital loss on straddle positions may be recharacterized as long-term capital loss, and long-term capital gains on straddle positions may be treated as short-term capital gains or ordinary income. Certain of the straddle positions held by a Fund may constitute “mixed straddles.” A Fund may make one or more elections with respect to the treatment of “mixed straddles,” resulting in different tax consequences. In certain circumstances, the provisions governing the tax treatment of straddles override or modify certain of the provisions discussed above.

If a Fund either (1) holds an appreciated financial position with respect to stock, certain debt obligations, or partnership interests (“appreciated financial position”) and then enters into a short sale, futures, forward, or offsetting notional principal contract (collectively, a “Contract”) with respect to the same or substantially identical property or (2) holds an appreciated financial position that is a Contract and then acquires property that is the same as, or substantially identical to, the underlying property, the Fund generally will be taxed as if the appreciated financial position were sold at its fair market value on the date the Fund enters into the financial position or acquires the property, respectively. The foregoing will not apply, however, to any transaction during any taxable year that otherwise would be treated as a constructive sale if the transaction is closed within 30 days after the end of that year and the Fund holds the appreciated financial position unhedged for 60 days after that closing (i.e., at no time during that 60-day period is the Fund’s risk of loss regarding that position reduced by reason of certain specified transactions with respect to substantially identical or related property, such as having an option to sell, being contractually obligated to sell, making a short sale, or granting an option to buy substantially identical stock or securities).

If a Fund enters into certain derivatives (including forward contracts, long positions under notional principal contracts, and related puts and calls) with respect to equity interests in certain pass-thru entities (including other regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, partnerships, real estate mortgage investment conduits and certain trusts and foreign corporations), long-term capital gain with respect to the derivative may be recharacterized as ordinary income to the extent it exceeds the long-term capital gain that would have been realized had the interest in the pass-thru entity been held directly by the Fund during the term of the

derivative contract. Any gain recharacterized as ordinary income will be treated as accruing at a constant rate over the term of the derivative contract and may be subject to an interest charge. The Treasury Department has authority to issue regulations expanding the application of these rules to derivatives with respect to debt instruments and/or stock in corporations that are not pass-thru entities.

Investment by a Fund in securities issued or acquired at a discount, or providing for deferred interest or for payment of interest in the form of additional obligations, could under special tax rules affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders by causing the Fund to recognize income prior to the receipt of cash payments. For example, a Fund could be required each year to accrue a portion of the discount (or deemed discount) at which the securities were issued and to distribute such income in order to maintain its qualification for treatment as a regulated investment company. In such case, the Fund may have to dispose of securities, which it might otherwise have continued to hold, in order to generate cash to satisfy the distribution requirements.

If a Fund invests in an entity that is classified as a “passive foreign investment company” (“PFIC”) for Federal income tax purposes, the operation of certain provisions of the Code applying to PFICs could result in the imposition of Federal income taxes (and interest thereon) on the Fund. In addition, gain realized from the sale or other disposition of PFIC securities held beyond the end of a Fund’s taxable year generally will be treated as ordinary income.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General. The Manager assumes general supervision over the placement of securities purchase and sale orders on behalf of the funds it manages. Funds managed by dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity, and funds that employ a sub-investment adviser, execute portfolio transactions through the trading desk of the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser, as applicable (the “Trading Desk”). Those funds use the research facilities, and are subject to the internal policies and procedures, of applicable affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser.

The Trading Desk generally has the authority to select brokers (for equity securities) or dealers (for fixed income securities) and the commission rates or spreads to be paid. Allocation of brokerage transactions is made in the best judgment of the Trading Desk and in a manner deemed fair and reasonable. In choosing brokers or dealers, the Trading Desk evaluates the ability of the broker or dealer to execute the transaction at the best combination of price and quality of execution.

In general, brokers or dealers involved in the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of a fund are selected on the basis of their professional capability and the value and quality of their services. The Trading Desk attempts to obtain best execution for the funds by choosing brokers or dealers to execute transactions based on a variety of factors, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) price; (ii) liquidity; (iii) the nature and character of the relevant market for the security to be purchased or sold; (iv) the quality and efficiency of the broker’s or dealer’s execution; (v) the broker’s or dealer’s willingness to commit capital; (vi) the reliability of the broker or dealer in trade settlement and clearance; (vii) the level of counter-

party risk (*i.e.*, the broker's or dealer's financial condition); (viii) the commission rate or the spread; (ix) the value of research provided; (x) the availability of electronic trade entry and reporting links; and (xi) the size and type of order (*e.g.*, foreign or domestic security, large block, illiquid security). In selecting brokers or dealers no factor is necessarily determinative; however, at various times and for various reasons, certain factors will be more important than others in determining which broker or dealer to use. Seeking to obtain best execution for all trades takes precedence over all other considerations.

Investment decisions for one fund or account are made independently from those for other funds or accounts managed by the portfolio managers. Under the Trading Desk's procedures, portfolio managers and their corresponding Trading Desks may seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one fund or account. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by a fund or an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. As noted above, certain brokers or dealers may be selected because of their ability to handle special executions such as those involving large block trades or broad distributions, provided that the primary consideration of best execution is met. Generally, when trades are aggregated, each fund or account within the block will receive the same price and commission. However, random allocations of aggregate transactions may be made to minimize custodial transaction costs. In addition, at the close of the trading day, when reasonable and practicable, the completed securities of partially filled orders will generally be allocated to each participating fund and account in the proportion that each order bears to the total of all orders (subject to rounding to "round lot" amounts and other relevant factors).

Portfolio turnover may vary from year to year as well as within a year. In periods in which extraordinary market conditions prevail, the portfolio managers will not be deterred from changing a Fund's investment strategy as rapidly as needed, in which case higher turnover rates can be anticipated which would result in greater brokerage expenses. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid is evaluated by the Trading Desk based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services. Higher portfolio turnover rates usually generate additional brokerage commissions and transaction costs, and any short-term gains realized from these transactions are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

To the extent that a fund invests in foreign securities, certain of such fund's transactions in those securities may not benefit from the negotiated commission rates available to funds for transactions in securities of domestic issuers. For funds that permit foreign exchange transactions, such transactions are made with banks or institutions in the interbank market at prices reflecting a mark-up or mark-down and/or commission.

The portfolio managers may deem it appropriate for one fund or account they manage to sell a security while another fund or account they manage is purchasing the same security. Under such circumstances, the portfolio managers may arrange to have the purchase and sale transactions effected directly between the funds and/or accounts ("cross transactions"). Cross transactions will be effected in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

Funds and accounts managed by the Manager, an affiliated entity or a sub-investment adviser may own significant positions in portfolio companies which, depending on market conditions, may affect adversely the ability to dispose of some or all of such positions.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the Funds paid the below total brokerage commissions, gross spreads and concessions on principal transactions.

Name of Fund	Brokerage Commissions Paid			Brokerage Concessions		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Balanced Fund	\$304,296	\$163,546	\$147,545	\$1,499	\$2,937	\$17,880
Large Company Stock Fund	\$171,817	\$169,411	\$68,181	\$2,138	\$9,690	\$4,420
Limited Term Income Fund	\$244	\$2,013	\$2,292	-0-	-0-	-0-
Midcap Stock Fund	\$487,707	\$479,856	\$344,340	-0-	-0-	-0-
Small Cap Value Fund	\$2,204,209	\$2,051,779	\$1,483,891	-0-	-0-	-0-
Tax Managed Growth Fund	\$65,067	\$55,548	\$44,262	-0-	-0-	-0-
Disciplined Stock Fund	\$2,115,668	\$1,939,021	\$826,648	\$26,123	\$112,108	\$53,271
S&P 500 Index Fund	\$43,261	\$13,611	\$18,618	-0-	\$6,706	\$47,129
Bond Index Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

The brokerage commissions for certain Funds fluctuated significantly from year-to-year because of increased market volatility and increased cash flows into and out of such Funds.

The Fund contemplates that, consistent with the policy of seeking best price and execution, brokerage transactions may be conducted through affiliates of the Manager. The Board has adopted procedures in conformity with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act to ensure that all brokerage commissions paid affiliates of the Manager are reasonable and fair.

There were no brokerage commissions paid to Dreyfus or its affiliates for any of the Fund's most current fiscal years.

IPO Allocations. Certain funds advised by the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may participate in IPOs. In deciding whether to purchase an IPO, the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) generally considers the capitalization characteristics of the security, as well as other characteristics of the security, and identifies funds and accounts with investment objectives and strategies consistent with such a

purchase. Generally, as more IPOs involve small- and mid-cap companies, the funds and accounts with a small- and mid-cap focus may participate in more IPOs than funds and accounts with a large-cap focus. The Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate), when consistent with the fund's and/or account's investment guidelines, generally will allocate shares of an IPO on a pro rata basis. In the case of "hot" IPOs, where the Manager (and if applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) only receives a partial allocation of the total amount requested, those shares will be distributed fairly and equitably among participating funds or accounts managed by the Manager (or where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate). "Hot" IPOs raise special allocation concerns because opportunities to invest in such issues are limited as they are often oversubscribed. The distribution of the partial allocation among funds and/or accounts will be based on relevant net asset values. Shares will be allocated on a pro rata basis to all appropriate funds and accounts, subject to a minimum allocation based on trading, custody, and other associated costs. International hot IPOs may not be allocated on a pro rata basis due to transaction costs, market liquidity and other factors unique to international markets.

Soft Dollars. The term "soft dollars" is commonly understood to refer to arrangements where an investment adviser uses client (or fund) brokerage commissions to pay for research and other services to be used by the investment adviser. Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides a "safe harbor" that permits investment advisers to enter into soft dollar arrangements if the investment adviser determines in good faith that the amount of the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. Eligible products and services under Section 28(e) include those that provide lawful and appropriate assistance to the investment adviser in the performance of its investment decision-making responsibilities.

Subject to the policy of seeking best execution, Dreyfus-managed funds may execute transactions with brokerage firms that provide research services and products, as defined in Section 28(e). Any and all research products and services received in connection with brokerage commissions will be used to assist the applicable affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser in its investment decision-making responsibilities, as contemplated under Section 28(e). Under certain conditions, higher brokerage commissions may be paid in connection with certain transactions in return for research products and services.

The products and services provided under these arrangements permit the Trading Desk to supplement its own research and analysis activities, and provide it with information from individuals and research staffs of many securities firms. Such services and products may include, but are not limited to the following: fundamental research reports (which may discuss, among other things, the value of securities, or the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, or the availability of securities or the purchasers or sellers of securities, or issuers, industries, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and performance); current market data and news; technical and portfolio analyses; economic forecasting and interest rate projections; and historical information on securities and companies. The Trading Desk also may defray the costs of certain services and communication systems that facilitate trade execution (such as on-line quotation systems, direct data feeds from stock exchanges and on-line trading systems with brokerage commissions generated by client transactions) or functions related thereto (such as clearance and settlement). Some of the research products or services received by the Trading Desk may have both a research function and a non-research administrative function (a "mixed

use”). If the Trading Desk determines that any research product or service has a mixed use, the Trading Desk will allocate in good faith the cost of such service or product accordingly. The portion of the product or service that the Trading Desk determines will assist it in the investment decision-making process may be paid for in soft dollars. The non-research portion is paid for by the Trading Desk in hard dollars.

The Trading Desk generally considers the amount and nature of research, execution and other services provided by brokerage firms, as well as the extent to which such services are relied on, and attempts to allocate a portion of the brokerage business of its clients on the basis of that consideration. Neither the services nor the amount of brokerage given to a particular brokerage firm are made pursuant to any agreement or commitment with any of the selected firms that would bind the Trading Desk to compensate the selected brokerage firm for research provided. The Trading Desk endeavors, but is not legally obligated, to direct sufficient commissions to broker/dealers that have provided it with research and other services to ensure continued receipt of research the Trading Desk believes is useful. Actual commissions received by a brokerage firm may be more or less than the suggested allocations.

There may be no correlation between the amount of brokerage commissions generated by a particular fund or client and the indirect benefits received by that fund or client. The affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser may receive a benefit from the research services and products that is not passed on to a fund in the form of a direct monetary benefit. Further, research services and products may be useful to the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser in providing investment advice to any of the funds or clients it advises. Likewise, information made available to the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser from brokerage firms effecting securities transactions for a fund may be utilized on behalf of another fund or client. Information so received is in addition to, and not in lieu of, services required to be performed by the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser and fees are not reduced as a consequence of the receipt of such supplemental information. Although the receipt of such research services does not reduce the normal independent research activities of the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser, it enables them to avoid the additional expenses that might otherwise be incurred if it were to attempt to develop comparable information through its own staff.

For each Fund, the aggregate amount of transactions during the last fiscal year in securities effected on an agency basis through a broker for, among other things, research services, and the commissions and concessions related to such transactions were as follows:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Transaction Amount</u>	<u>Commissions and Concessions</u>
Balanced Fund	\$145,175	\$29,596
S&P 500 Index Fund	\$0	\$0
MidCap Stock Fund	\$164,930,407	\$167,579
Small Cap Value Fund	\$340,373,086	\$486,227

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Transaction Amount</u>	<u>Commissions and Concessions</u>
Disciplined Stock Fund	\$826,644	\$262,290
Large Company Stock Fund	\$68,180	\$21,649

Regular Broker-Dealers. A Fund may acquire securities issued by one or more of its “regular brokers or dealers,” as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act. Rule 10b-1 provides that a “regular broker or dealer” is one of the ten brokers or dealers that, during the Fund’s most recent fiscal year (i) received the greatest dollar amount of brokerage commissions from participating, either directly or indirectly, in the Fund’s portfolio transactions, (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amount of the Fund’s portfolio transactions or (iii) sold the largest dollar amount of the Fund’s securities. The following is a list of each Fund that acquired securities of its regular brokers or dealers for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the issuer of the securities and the aggregate value per issuer, as of October 31, 2007, of such securities:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name of Regular Broker Dealer</u>	<u>Aggregate Value Per Issuer</u>
<u>S&P 500 Index Fund</u>	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$12,086,000
	Prudential Equity Group LLC	\$5,334,000
	Bank of America Securities	\$25,742,000
	Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.	\$1,590,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$25,045,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$19,108,000
	Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$4,041,000
<u>Bond Index Fund</u>	Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.	\$2,443,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$5,679,000
	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$4,105,000
	RBS Greenwich Capital	\$980,000
	Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$3,120,000
	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$3,053,000
	UBS Securities LLC	\$151,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$6,458,000
	Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$3,761,000
	Prudential Equity Group LLC	\$330,000
	Jefferies & Company, Inc.	\$183,000
<u>Balanced Fund</u>	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$192,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$894,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$969,000
	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$775,000
	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$275,000
	Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$660,000

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name of Regular Broker Dealer</u>	<u>Aggregate Value Per Issuer</u>
	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$633,000
	Bear, Stearns & Co Inc.	\$360,000
	Jefferies & Company, Inc.	\$187,000
	Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$51,000
<u>Disciplined Stock Fund</u>	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$11,257,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$19,261,000
<u>Large Company Stock Fund</u>	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$1,707,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$946,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$1,615,000
<u>Limited Term Income Fund</u>	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$274,000
	Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$752,000
	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$584,000
	Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.	\$471,000
	RBS Greenwich Capital	\$472,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$333,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$1,440,000
	Jefferies & Company Inc.	\$99,000
	Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$365,000
<u>Small Cap Value Fund</u>	ITG Inc.	\$4,425,000
<u>Tax Managed Growth Fund</u>	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$3,809,000
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	\$6,224,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$4,230,000

With respect to MidCap Stock Fund, there were no acquisitions of securities from brokers or dealers during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007.

Portfolio Turnover. None of the Funds purchases securities on the basis of short-term trading profits. The Tax Managed Growth Fund uses a tax managed investment approach designed to minimize realized capital gains and taxable investment income and, as a result, it anticipates its annual portfolio turnover rate generally will not exceed 15% and will exceed 25% only in the event of extraordinary market conditions. Each other Fund's portfolio turnover rate may exceed 100%. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% would occur, for example, if all the securities held by the Fund were replaced once in a period of one year. A higher rate of portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other expenses that must be borne directly by the Fund and, thus, indirectly by its shareholders. In addition, a higher rate of portfolio turnover may result in the realization of larger amounts of short-term capital gains that, when distributed to the Fund's shareholders, are taxable to them as ordinary income. Nevertheless, securities transactions for the Funds will be based only upon investment considerations and will not be limited by any other considerations when Dreyfus (or the Sub-

Adviser if applicable) deems it appropriate to make changes in the Fund's assets. The portfolio turnover rate for a Fund is calculated by dividing the lesser of the Fund's annual sales or purchases of portfolio securities (exclusive of purchases and sales of securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less) by the monthly average value of securities in the Fund during the year. Portfolio turnover may vary from year to year as well as within a year.

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings. It is the policy of the Company to protect the confidentiality of each Fund's portfolio holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. Each Fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its holdings in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the SEC. Each non-money market Fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings at month-end, with a one-month lag, at www.dreyfus.com. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, each non-money market Fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter. Each money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of holdings twice a month, on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month, with a 15-day lag. Portfolio holdings will remain available at www.dreyfus.com until the date on which the Fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

If a Fund's portfolio holdings are released pursuant to an ongoing arrangement with any party, such Fund must have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and neither the Fund, nor Dreyfus or its affiliates may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make available information about the Fund's portfolio holdings. Funds may distribute portfolio holdings to mutual fund evaluation services such as Standard & Poor's, Morningstar or Lipper Analytical Services; due diligence departments of broker-dealers and wirehouses that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure; and broker-dealers that may be used by the Fund, for the purpose of efficient trading and receipt of relevant research, provided that (a) the recipient does not distribute the portfolio holdings to persons who are likely to use the information for purchasing or selling Fund shares or Fund portfolio holdings before the portfolio holdings become public information; and (b) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement.

Funds may also disclose any and all portfolio information to their service providers and others who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities and are subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract. These service providers include a Fund's custodians, auditors, investment adviser, administrator, and each of their respective affiliates and advisers.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings may be authorized only by the Company's Chief Compliance Officer, and any exceptions to this policy are reported quarterly to the Company's Board.

SUMMARY OF THE PROXY VOTING POLICY, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE DREYFUS FAMILY OF FUNDS

The Board of each fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds has delegated to the Manager the authority to vote proxies of companies held in the fund's portfolio. The Manager, through its participation on the BNY Mellon Proxy Policy Committee (the "PPC"), applies BNY Mellon's Proxy Voting Policy, related procedures, and voting guidelines when voting proxies on behalf of the funds.

The Manager recognizes that an investment adviser is a fiduciary that owes its clients, including funds it manages, a duty of utmost good faith and full and fair disclosure of all material facts. An investment adviser's duty of loyalty requires an adviser to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of its clients and precludes the adviser from subrogating the clients' interests to its own. In addition, an investment adviser voting proxies on behalf of a fund must do so in a manner consistent with the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.

The Manager seeks to avoid material conflicts of interest by participating in the PPC, which applies detailed, pre-determined written proxy voting guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines") in an objective and consistent manner across client accounts, based on internal and external research and recommendations provided by a third party vendor, and without consideration of any client relationship factors. Further, Dreyfus and its affiliates engage a third party as an independent fiduciary to vote all proxies of funds managed by BNY Mellon or its affiliates (including the Dreyfus Family of Funds), and may engage an independent fiduciary to vote proxies of other issuers at its discretion.

All proxies received by the funds are reviewed, categorized, analyzed and voted in accordance with the Voting Guidelines. The guidelines are reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect new issues and any changes in BNY Mellon's or the Manager's policies on specific issues. Items that can be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are voted in accordance with any applicable guidelines or referred to the PPC, if the applicable guidelines so require. Proposals that cannot be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are referred to the PPC for discussion and vote. Additionally, the PPC reviews proposals where it has identified a particular company, industry or issue for special scrutiny. With regard to voting proxies of foreign companies, Dreyfus weighs the cost of voting and potential inability to sell the securities (which may occur during the voting process) against the benefit of voting the proxies to determine whether or not to vote. With respect to securities lending transactions, Dreyfus seeks to balance the economic benefits of continuing to participate in an open securities lending transaction against the inability to vote proxies.

When evaluating proposals, the PPC recognizes that the management of a publicly-held company may need protection from the market's frequent focus on short-term considerations, so as to be able to concentrate on such long-term goals as productivity and development of competitive products and services. In addition, the PPC generally supports proposals designed to provide management with short-term insulation from outside influences so as to enable them to bargain effectively with potential suitors to the extent such proposals are discrete and not bundled with other proposals. The PPC believes that a shareholder's role in the governance of a

publicly-held company is generally limited to monitoring the performance of the company and its management and voting on matters which properly come to a shareholder vote. However, the PPC generally opposes proposals designed to insulate an issuer's management unnecessarily from the wishes of a majority of shareholders. Accordingly, the PPC generally votes in accordance with management on issues that the PPC believes neither unduly limit the rights and privileges of shareholders nor adversely affect the value of the investment.

On questions of social responsibility where economic performance does not appear to be an issue, the PPC attempts to ensure that management reasonably responds to the social issues. Responsiveness will be measured by management's efforts to address the particular social issue including, where appropriate, assessment of the implications of the proposal to the ongoing operations of the company. The PPC will pay particular attention to repeat issues where management has failed in its commitment in the intervening period to take actions on issues.

In evaluating proposals regarding incentive plans and restricted stock plans, the PPC typically employs a shareholder value transfer model. This model seeks to assess the amount of shareholder equity flowing out of the company to executives as options are exercised. After determining the cost of the plan, the PPC evaluates whether the cost is reasonable based on a number of factors, including industry classification and historical performance information. The PPC generally votes against proposals that permit or are silent on the repricing or replacement of stock options without shareholder approval or that are silent on repricing and the Company has a history of repricing stock options in a manner that the PPC believes is detrimental to shareholders.

Information regarding how the Manager voted proxies for a Fund is available at www.dreyfus.com and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> on the Company's Form N-PX filed with the SEC.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND FUNDS

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund's Prospectus entitled "The Fund."

General. The Company has an authorized capitalization of 25 billion shares of \$0.001 par value stock.

Each Fund share has one vote and, when-issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, is fully paid and non-assessable. Fund shares are of one class, except in the case of the Dreyfus Premier Funds, and have equal rights as to dividends and in liquidation. Shares have no preemptive or subscription rights and are freely transferable.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Company to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, shareholders may not consider each year the election of Board members or the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Company to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of

removing a Board member from office. Shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Board will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Board members if, at any time, less than a majority of the Board members then holding office have been elected by shareholders.

The Company is a "series fund," which is a mutual fund divided into separate portfolios, each of which is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act and for other purposes. A shareholder of one portfolio is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other portfolio. For certain matters shareholders vote together as a group; as to others they vote separately by portfolio or, where matters affect different classes of a portfolio differently, by class.

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted under the provisions of the 1940 Act or applicable state law or otherwise to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company, such as the Company, will not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by such matter. Rule 18f-2 further provides that a series shall be deemed to be affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each series in the matter are identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of such series. Rule 18f-2 exempts the selection of independent accountants and the election of Board members from the separate voting requirements of the Rule.

Effective June 1, 2007, the Fund's Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.

Each Fund sends annual and semi-annual financial statements to all its shareholders.

Additional Information About the S&P 500 Index Fund. "Standard & Poor's[®]," "S&P[®]," "S&P 500," and "Standard & Poor's 500[®]," are trademarks of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and have been licensed for use by the Company. Standard & Poor's only relationship to the Company is the licensing of certain trademarks and trade names of Standard & Poor's and of the S&P 500 which is determined, composed and calculated by Standard & Poor's without regard to the Company or any Fund. Standard & Poor's has no obligation to take the needs of the Company or the owners of the S&P 500 Index Fund into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the S&P 500. Standard & Poor's is not responsible for and has not participated in the determination of the prices and amount of the S&P 500 Index Fund or the timing of the issuance or sale of the Fund or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the Fund is to be converted into cash. Standard & Poor's has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the S&P 500 Index Fund.

STANDARD & POOR'S DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY AND/OR THE COMPLETENESS OF THE S&P 500 OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN AND STANDARD & POOR'S SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR INTERRUPTIONS THEREIN. STANDARD & POOR'S MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY THE S&P 500 INDEX FUND, OWNERS OF THE FUND, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE S&P 500 OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. STANDARD & POOR'S MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL

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Holders of 5% or More of Fund Shares. The following persons are known by the Company to own of record 5% or more of a Fund's outstanding voting securities as of February 4, 2008. A shareholder who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of a Fund's voting securities may be deemed a "control person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund.

Name of Fund

Percentage of Ownership

Dreyfus BASIC S&P 500 Stock Index Fund

GPC as Agent for
MFS Heritage Trust Company FBO
P.O. Box 79377
Atlanta, GA 30357-7377

6.7787%

SEI Trust Company
Attn.: Mutual Funds
1 Freedom Valley Drive
Oaks, PA 19456

17.5165%

MAC & Co.
Mutual Fund Operations
P.O. Box 3198
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3198

33.5270%

Dreyfus Bond Market Index Fund

NFS LLC FEBO
Jeffrey A. Begleiter
Emily Begleiter
Burlington, CT 06013-1002

6.6712% (Investor shares)

Reliance Trust Company
C/o Copeland Retirement Trust
Account Group Trust
400 Atrium Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873-4162

19.1017% (Investor shares)

Patterson & Co.

10.6112% (Investor shares)

FBO Comerica
For Various Retirement Plans
1525 West Wt. Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28288-0001

AIG Federal Savings Bank
FBO Carolinas Medical Center-Union
2929 Allen Parkway
Houston, TX 77019-2118

11.8540% (Investor shares)

Wells Fargo Bank
FBO First Midwest Bancorp. RRP
P.O. Box 1533
Minneapolis, MN 55480-1533

7.0366% (Investor shares)

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.
Reinvest Account
101 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

13.6914% (Investor shares)

FIIOC FBO
Nimblefish Technologies Inc.
100 Magellan Way (KW1C)
Covington, KY 41015-1987

5.0072% (BASIC shares)

NFS LLC FEBO
Country TR.
P.O. Box 2020
Bloomington, IL 61702-2020

6.2146% (BASIC shares)

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Of Its Customers
Attn.: Fund Administration
4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3rd Floor East
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

12.5565% (BASIC shares)

SEI Private Trust Company
C/o Mellon
Attn.: Mutual Funds
One Freedom Valley Drive
Oaks, PA 19456

30.7407% (BASIC shares)

Mac & Co.
Attn.: Mutual Fund Operations
525 William Penn Place
P.O. Box 3198

14.2343% (BASIC shares)

Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3198

Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund

NFS LLC FEBO 14.1095%
FBO Mary Elizabeth Schirk
P.O. Box 501
Battle Creek, MI 49016-0501

Pershing LLC 5.4200%
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

SEI Private Trust Co.
C/o Lexington National Bank 6.7742%
Attn.: Mutual Funds
1 Freedom Valley Dr.
Oaks, PA 19456

Dreyfus Premier Balanced Fund

NFS LLC FEBO 19.4637% (Class A)
WAMU Investments, Inc.
Roth IRA, FBO Donna Lappetito
New City, NY 10956-2829

People's Securities, Inc. 6.4871% (Class A)
1000 Lafayette Blvd.
P.O. Box 31
Bridgeport, CT 06601-0031

Pershing LLC 6.5322% (Class A)
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit 10.4584% (Class A)
Of Its Customers
Attn.: Fund Administration
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Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

NFS LLC FEBO 16.1174% (Class B)
Marian G. Moon
Thomas Gregoretti
Oceanside, NY 11572-3003

First Clearing Corporation Retha C. Antonielli Roth IRA FCC As Custodian Leavenworth, KS 66048-3531	15.8193% (Class B)
UBS Financial Services Inc. FBO UBS-FINSVC CDN FBO Carolyn C. Harvey P.O. Box 3321 1000 Harbor Blvd. Weehawken, NJ 07086-8154	6.2976% (Class C)
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. Annette A. Cadiente New York, NY 10018-2706	6.2622% (Class C)
Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	5.1854% (Class C)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake DR., 3 rd Floor East Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	35.8737% (Class C)
First Clearing Corporation Elizabeth S. Stanley Roanoke, VA 24018-2009	8.7730% (Class C)
SEI Private Trust Company C/o Mellon Attn.: Mutual Funds 1 Freedom Valley Drive Oaks, PA 19456	6.9002% (Class I)
MAC & Co. FBO Benchmark Electronics Mutual Fund Operations P.O. Box 3198 525 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3198	81.2302% (Class I)
GPC As Agent For MFS Heritage Trust Company FBO Springhouse Computer School 401K P.O. Box 79377	31.7058% (Class T)

Atlanta, GA 30357-7377

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 West 34 th St. – 3 rd Floor New York, NY 10001-2402	12.9220% (Class T)
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A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc. Cust. FBO Ronald P. Jasper Rollover IRA Syracuse, IN 46567-7572	9.8038% (Class T)
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D. John Renner Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-7536	9.1509% (Class T)
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Dreyfus Trust Company Custodian Karen Y. Simontacchi Alameda, CA 94501-2639	16.6366% (Class T)
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Premier Large Company Stock Fund

NFS LLC FEBO Edwin N. & Marilyn S. Millar Ttee Edwin N. & Marilyn S. Millar Palm Coast, FL 32137-8345	32.8003% (Class A)
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Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette Securities Corporation Inc. P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	6.0331% (Class A)
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MLPF & S Inc. FBO David Lee Williams New York, NY 10080-0001	6.0019% (Class A)
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NFS LLC FEBO Linda M. Schmitz Cust. Corrie M. Schmitz Dresher, PA 19025-1025	21.7291% (Class B)
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First Clearing, LLC Paul M. Caputo Simple IRA FCC As Custodian Englishtown, NJ 07726	11.9676% (Class B)
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H&R Block Financial Advisors The Dime Building	8.7872% (Class B)
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719 Griswold Street, Suite 1700
Detroit, MI 48226-3318

UBS Financial Services Inc.
FBO Blanche Cirker
Hewlett, NY 11557-2417

15.4498% (Class C)

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
333 West 34th St. – 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10001-2402

5.6495% (Class C)

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Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

39.5169% (Class C)

First Clearing, LLC
Lorie Menk Bartee
Richmond, VA 23235-2410

5.5746% (Class C)

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

5.3011% (Class I)

MG Trust Custodian
Merlliz Inc. DBA Dome Printing
700 17th Street, Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202-3502

14.1806% (Class T)

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
333 West 34th Street – 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10001-2402

15.1932% (Class T)

Vinod Nigam MD FBO
Spectrum Radiology Associates
401(K) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust
1150 Youngs Road, Suite 111
Williams Ville, NY 14221-8024

24.4582% (Class T)

First Clearing, LLC
For Joshua T. Webb
New Virginia, IA 50210-9051

8.6451% (Class T)

UBS Financial Services Inc. FBO
Shirley M. Pennington Tee

6.0514% (Class T)

Shirley M. Pennington Trust
Naperville, IL 60564-6173

Larry Jay Schoncite Ttee
Larry Jay Schoncite Livng Trust
Palm Desert, CA 92211-8968

5.0085% (Class T)

Damon Zumwalt FBO
Contemporary Services Corp.
401(K) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust
Northridge, CA 91325-1961

7.4789% (Class T)

Dreyfus Premier Limited Term Income Fund

NFS LLC FEBO
Harel Weinstein
Barbara Weinstein
New York, NY 10024-3401

16.1270% (Class A)

Morgan Stanley & Co.
Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 2, 3rd FLOOR
Jersey City, NJ 07311

12.8319% (Class A)

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

12.37795% (Class A)

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13.7494% (Class A)

First Clearing, LLC
Roger C. Raguse (STD IRA)
FCC As Custodian
Troy, OH 45373-9611

5.5962% (Class A)

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

16.3395% (Class B)

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Attn.: Fund Administration
4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3rd Floor East

15.1219% (Class B)

Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

First Clearing Corporation
Craig D. Norford
La Platam MD 20646-4571

7.0730% (Class B)

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

7.4809% (Class C)

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Of Its Customers
Attn.: Fund Administration
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12.5957% (Class C)

First Clearing, LLC
Pearl Kinne & Grace E. Miller
Topeka, KS 66611-2540

9.9853% (Class C)

LPL Financial Services
9785 Towne Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92121-1968

9.4263% (Class C)

NFS LLC FEBO
Rick J. Gooberman
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-4241

15.9020% (Class I)

SEI Private Trust Company
C/o Mellon
Attn.: Mutual Funds
1 Freedom Valley Drive
Oaks, PA 19456

13.7517% (Class I)

MAC & Co.
Mutual Fund Operations
P.O. Box 3198
525 William Penn Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3198

42.3035% (Class I)

Dreyfus Premier Midcap Stock Fund

NFS LLC FEBO
John C. Sickels
Colleen A. Sickels

21.8665% (Class A)

Wausau, WI 54403-2252

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

6.3243% (Class A)

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.
Special Custody Acct. FBO Customers
Attn.: Mutual Funds
101 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

6.5278% (Class A)

NFS LLC FEBO
Yow Chyi Fu Lee
Wei Chang Lee
Plano, TX 75093-6326

24.6706% (Class B)

Pershing LLC
P.O. Box 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

10.4163% (Class B)

NFS LLC FEBO
National Guard Scholarship Fund
Attn.: Hugh S. Niles, President
5-47 Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003

7.2440% (Class C)

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
333 West 34th St. – 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10001-2402

18.7979% (Class C)

MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit
Of Its Customers
Attn.: Fund Administration
4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3rd Floor East
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18.8447% (Class C)

First Clearing, LLC
Rajeev Malik
Anderson Area Cancer Center
Oncology-Hematology, P.A.

6.6117% (Class C)

LPL Financial Services
9785 Towne Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92121-1968

5.9626% (Class C)

NFS LLC FEBO FMT Co. Cust. IRA FBO Ramesh B. Joshi Downers Grove, IL 60516-3210	17.4532% (Class I)
Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	5.5745% (Class I)
NFS LLC FEBO Jennifer Richardson Ashlee M. Richardson Utma MI Rockwood, MI 48173-8644	65.7183% (Class T)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3 rd Floor East Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	6.8793% (Class T)
First Union National Bank Cust. For Various Retirement Plans 1525 West Wt. Harris Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28262-8522	6.4859% (Class T)

Dreyfus Premier Small Cap Value Fund

MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Dr E FL 3 Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	22.9083% (Class A)
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Special Custody Acct. FBO Customers Attn.: Mutual Funds 101 Montgomery St. San Francisco, CA 94104-412	8.1185% (Class A)
Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Co., Inc. (FIIOC) As Agent 100 Magellan Way # KW1C Covington, KY 41015-1999	9.3276% (Class A)

Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	5.8410% (Class A)
PIMS/Prudential Retirement As Nominee For The Ttee/Cust PL. 006 City of Tallahassee Map Plan 300 South Adams Street, Box# A-30 Tallahassee, FL 32301-1721	5.9972% (Class A)
Citigroup Institutional Trust Copeland Retirement Trust Acct. 400 Atrium Drive Somerset, NJ 08873-4162	8.6335% (Class A)
NFS LLC FEBO NFS/FMTC IRA FBO John Bronico Easton, PA 18045-2109	21.3872% (Class B)
Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	9.2248% (Class B)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Dr E FL 3 Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	23.7558% (Class B)
First Clearing, LLC Johannah M. Olsher Delray Beach, FL 33445-6692	5.5592% (Class B)
NFS LLC FEBO NFS/FMTC IRA FBO Anne M. Brock Kansas City, MO 64113-2316	9.1454% (Class C)
Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	6.1704% (Class C)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration	44.2805% (Class C)

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Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

First Clearing, LLC
Ann Louise Lyman
FCC As Custodian
White Plains, NY 10606-3217

5.1886% (Class C)

Fidelity Investments Institutional
Operations Co (FIIOC) as Agent For
Certain Employee Benefit Plans
100 Magellan Way # KW1C
Covington, KY 41015-1999

8.0318% (Class I)

NFS LLC FEBO
Of Ramos
Collateral Account
Davie, FL 33330-4636

8.8914% (Class I)

SEI Private Trust C/O SunTrust
C/o SunTrust Bank
Attn.: Mutual Fund Administrator
1 Freedom Valley Drive
Oaks, PA 19456

24.4471% (Class I)

Nationwide Trust Company FSB
FBO Participating Retirement Plans
C/o IPO Portfolio Accounting
P.O. Box 182029
Columbus, OH 43218-2029

5.7841% (Class I)

Nationwide Life Insurance
C/o IPO Portfolio Accounting
P.O. Box 182029
Columbus, OH 43218-2029

19.1568% (Class I)

AIG Federal Savings Bank Cust.
FBO Bradford Regional Medical
Center Deferred Compensation Plan
Attn.: Kathleen Janos
2929 Allen Parkway L3-00
Houston, TX 77019-2118

8.6289% (Class I)

SunTrust Bank Trustee National
Commerce Financial Corp. Equity
Inv. Plan NCF 401K Excess Plan

14.6343% (Class I)

Attn.: Leilani Fountaine
25 Park Place Dept 210
Atlanta, GA 30303-2918

NFS LLC FEBO
Reliance Trust Company Ttee
Holloman Distributing Co. PFT
Shring Pl.
P.O. Box 1031
Trinity, TX 75862-1031

7.3226 % (Class T)

Hartford Life Insurance Company
Separate Account DC III
Attn.: Curt Nadeau
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

19.7422% (Class T)

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23.3781% (Class T)

AUL Group Retirement Annuity
Separate Account II
One American Square
P.O. Box 1995
Indianapolis, IN 46206-9102

9.1029% (Class T)

FBO Various Symetra Retirement
Plans Ttee
State Street Bank and Trust Co. Cust.
801 Pennsylvania Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64105-1307

20.3585% (Class T)

Dreyfus Premier Tax Managed Growth Fund

NFS LLC FEBO
Southside Party Store Inc.
877 S. Washington Ave.
Holland, MI 49423-5229

16.8291% (Class A)

Pershing LLC
P.O. BOX 2052
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

9.4956% (Class A)

MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3 rd Floor East Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	15.1127% (Class A)
First Clearing, LLC John Richard Stricker Ttee UW Karen Elaine Whittier, CA 90603	6.0294% (Class A)
PFPC FBO Nationwide Best of America Advisory Services Program 760 Moore Rd. King Of Prussia, PA 19406-1212	6.1557% (Class A)
NFS LLC FEBO Gregory P. Tedesco Cust. Gregory Tedesco Utma NY Staten Island, NY 10307-2045	11.1990% (Class B)
Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Book Entry Acct. 333 West 34 th St. – 3 rd Floor New York, NY 10001-2402	12.7563% (Class B)
Pershing LLC P.O. BOX 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	7.8151% (Class B)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Dr., 3 rd Floor East Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	30.5942% (Class B)
First Clearing, LLC Charles A. Landon & Donna L. Landon Stafford, VA 22554-7613	7.8613% (Class B)
Morgan Stanley & Co. Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 2, 3 rd Floor Jersey City, NJ 07311-3907	7.4991% (Class C)
MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit	32.7568% (Class C)

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Attn.: Fund Administration
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First Clearing, LLC 15.9491% (Class C)
Gastroenterology Assoc.
546 Buist St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509-3014

Ameritrade Inc. For The 8.75145% (Class I)
Exclusive Benefit of Our Customers
P.O. Box 2226
Omaha, NE 68103-2226

MBC Investments Corporation 10.7133% (Class I)
C/o Mellon Financial Corp.
Attn.: Delaware Fin. Dep.
4001 Kennett Pike, Suite 218
Two Greenville Crossing
Greenville, DE 19807-2029

Sterne Agee & Leach Inc. 39.5824% (Class I)
813 Shades Creek Pky
Birmingham, AL 35209-4542

Wells Fargo Investments LLC 40.9530% (Class I)
625 Marquette Ave. S, 13th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2308

UBS Financial Services, Inc. 5.1611% (Class T)
FBO Olga Bifulco
Kansas City, MO 64151-1785

First Clearing, LLC 8.3497% (Class T)
Jane L. Reynolds
FCC as Custodian
Holland, MI 49423-5116

UBS Financial Services, Inc. 8.8307% (Class T)
FBO Comerica Bank & Trust NA Ttee
Supplemental Care Trust
FBO Daniel Anthony Young
Detroit, MI 48226

Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Inc. 9.5927% (Class T)

Mary Jane Linker
St. Louis, MO 63102-2131

LPL Financial Services
9785 Towne Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92121-1968

30.2397% (Class T)

COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP, 1601 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-1600, has passed upon the legality of the shares offered by the relevant Fund Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information.

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982, serves as counsel to the non-interested Directors of the Company.

KPMG LLP, 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154, an independent registered public accounting firm, was appointed by the Directors to serve as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending October 31, 2008, providing audit and other services including (1) examination of the annual financial statements, (2) review and consultation in connection with SEC filings and (3) review of the annual federal income tax return filed on behalf of the Funds.

APPENDIX

Rating Categories

Description of certain ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"):

S&P

Long-term

AAA

An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA

An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest rated obligations only in small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A

An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB

An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

BB, B, CCC, CC, and C

Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB

An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B

An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC

An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

r

The symbol 'r' is attached to the ratings of instruments with significant noncredit risks. It highlights risks to principal or volatility of expected returns which are not addressed in the credit rating. Examples include: obligations linked or indexed to equities, currencies, or commodities; obligations exposed to severe prepayment risk—such as interest-only or principal-only mortgage securities; and obligations with unusually risky interest terms, such as inverse floaters.

N.R.

The designation 'N.R.' indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Note: The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Short-term

A-1

A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are given a plus sign (+) designation. This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

A-2

A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

A-3

A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B

A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

C

A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

Moody's

Long-term

Aaa

Bonds rated 'Aaa' are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa

Bonds rated 'Aa' are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the 'Aaa' group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in 'Aaa' securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the 'Aaa' securities.

A

Bonds rated 'A' possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.

Baa

Bonds rated 'Baa' are considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

Ba

Bonds rated 'Ba' are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B

Bonds rated 'B' generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

Caa

Bonds rated 'Caa' are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

Note: Moody's applies numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 in each generic rating classification from 'Aa' through 'Caa'. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

Prime rating system (short-term)

Issuers rated **Prime-1** (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics:

Leading market positions in well-established industries.

High rates of return on funds employed.

Conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection.

Broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation.

Well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Issuers rated **Prime-2** (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated **Prime-3** (or supporting institutions) have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and may require relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Fitch

Long-term investment grade

AAA

Highest credit quality. ‘AAA’ ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA

Very high credit quality. ‘AA’ ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A

High credit quality. ‘A’ ratings denote a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

BBB

Good credit quality. ‘BBB’ ratings indicate that there is currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. This is the lowest investment-grade category.

Long-term speculative grade

BB

Speculative. ‘BB’ ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met. Securities rated in this category are not investment grade.

B

Highly speculative. ‘B’ ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

CCC

High default risk. Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments.

Short-term

A short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 12 months for most obligations, or up to three years for U.S. public finance securities, and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

F1

Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2

Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

F3

Fair credit quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitment is adequate; however, near-term adverse changes could result in a reduction non-investment grade.

B

Speculative. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments plus vulnerability to near-term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

C

High default risk. Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

‘**NR**’ indicates that Fitch does not rate the issuer or issue in question.

Notes to long-term and short-term ratings: A plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the ‘AAA’ long-term rating category, to categories below ‘CCC’, or to short-term ratings other than ‘F1.’

THE DREYFUS/LAUREL FUNDS, INC.

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves

Dreyfus AMT- Free Municipal Reserves

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MARCH 1, 2008

This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus, dated March 1, 2008, for Class R and Investor shares of each of Dreyfus Money Market Reserves (“Money Market Reserves”), Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves (“U.S. Treasury Reserves”), and Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves (“AMT-Free Municipal Reserves”) (each, a “Fund”, and collectively, the “Funds”), or for BASIC shares or Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, as such Prospectus may be revised from time to time. The Funds are separate, diversified portfolios of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc. (the “Company”), an open-end management investment company, known as a mutual fund, that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

To obtain a copy of a Fund’s Prospectus for Class R and Investor shares, or for BASIC shares or Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, please contact your financial adviser, or write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit www.dreyfus.com, or call one of the following numbers:

Call Toll Free 1-800-645-6561

In New York City -- Call 1-718-895-1206

Outside the U.S. -- Call 516-794-5452

The financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, including notes to the financial statements and supplementary information and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, are included in each Fund’s Annual Report to shareholders. A copy of each Fund’s Annual Report accompanies this Statement of Additional Information. The financial statements included in the Annual Reports, and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon contained therein, and related notes, are incorporated herein by reference.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNDS/COMPANY

The Company is a Maryland corporation formed on August 6, 1987. The Company is an open-end management investment company comprised of separate portfolios, including the Funds, each of which is treated as a separate Fund.

Each Fund expects to maintain, but does not guarantee, a net asset value (“NAV”) of \$1.00 per share. To do so, each Fund uses the amortized cost method of valuing its securities pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), which Rule includes various maturity, quality and diversification requirements, certain of which are summarized as follows. In accordance with Rule 2a-7, each Fund must maintain a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of 90 days or less and invest only in U.S. dollar-denominated securities with remaining maturities of 397 days or less and which are determined to be of high quality with minimal credit risk in accordance with procedures adopted by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board” or “Directors” and “Board of Directors”). In determining whether a security is of high quality with minimal credit risk, The Dreyfus Corporation (“Dreyfus”) must consider whether the security is rated in one of the two highest short-term rating categories by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or determined to be of comparable quality by Dreyfus in accordance with requirements of these procedures. These procedures are reasonably designed to assure that the prices determined by the amortized cost valuation will approximate the current market value of each Fund’s securities. Each Fund is diversified, which means that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, a Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any single issuer. In addition, in accordance with Rule 2a-7, each Fund generally will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any one issuer.

Dreyfus serves as each Fund’s investment adviser.

MBSC Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”) is the distributor of the Funds’ shares.

Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information regarding the securities that a Fund may purchase supplements, where indicated, that found in the relevant Fund Prospectus.

Municipal Securities (AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). Municipal securities are obligations issued by or on behalf of states, territories and possessions of the United States and their political subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities, the interest from which is, in the opinion of bond counsel, exempt from regular Federal income tax. The municipal securities in which AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will invest are limited to those obligations which at the time of purchase: (i) are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, (ii) are rated in the two highest short-term rating categories by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (or by one organization if only one organization has rated the security), (iii) if not rated, are obligations of an issuer whose other outstanding short-term debt obligations are so rated, or (iv) if not rated, are of comparable quality, as determined by Dreyfus under procedures established by the Board of Directors.

The average distribution of investments (at value) in municipal securities by ratings for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, computed on a monthly basis, for AMT-Free Municipal Reserves was as follows:

Fitch Ratings (“Fitch”)	or	Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”)	or	Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“S&P”)	Percentage of Value
F1+/F1		VMIG 1/MIG 1, P-1		SP-1+/SP-1, A-1+/A-1	86.3%
AAA/AA/A		Aaa/Aa/A		AAA/AA/A	6.4%
Not Rated		Not Rated		Not Rated	7.3%*
					<u>100.0%</u>

* Included in the Not Rated category are securities which, while not rated have been determined by Dreyfus to be of comparable quality to securities in the F1+/F1 or VMIG 1/MIG 1/P1 or SP-1+/SP-1/A-1+/A-1 rating categories.

The actual distribution of AMT-Free Municipal Reserve’s municipal securities by ratings on any given date will vary. In addition, the distribution of AMT-Free Municipal Reserve’s investments by rating as set forth above should not be considered as representative of the AMT-Free Municipal Reserve’s future portfolio composition.

The municipal securities in which AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may invest include municipal notes, short-term municipal bonds and municipal leases. Municipal notes are generally used to provide for the issuer’s short-term capital needs and generally have maturities of one year or less. Examples include tax anticipation and revenue anticipation notes which generally are issued in anticipation of various seasonal revenues, bond anticipation notes, construction loan notes and tax-exempt commercial paper. Short-term municipal bonds may include “general obligation bonds,” which are secured by the issuer’s pledge of its faith, credit and taxing power for payment of principal and interest, “revenue bonds,” which are generally paid from the revenues of a particular facility or a specific excise or other source, “industrial revenue bonds,” which are issued by or on behalf of public authorities to provide funding for various privately operated industrial and commercial facilities, and “private activity bonds.” AMT-Free Municipal Reserves currently will not purchase municipal securities, including certain industrial development bonds and bonds issued after August 7, 1986 to finance “private activities,” the interest on which may constitute a “tax preference item” for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax, even though the interest will continue to be fully tax-exempt for Federal income tax purposes.

“Municipal leases,” which may take the form of a lease or an installment purchase or conditional sale contract, are issued by state and local governments and authorities to acquire a wide variety of equipment and facilities such as fire and sanitation vehicles, telecommunications equipment and other capital assets. Municipal leases frequently have special risks not normally associated with general obligation or revenue bonds. Leases and installment purchase or conditional sale contracts (which normally provide for title to the leased asset to pass eventually to the government issuer) have evolved as a means for governmental issuers to acquire property

and equipment without meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements for the issuance of debt. The debt-issuance limitations of many state constitutions and statutes are deemed to be inapplicable because of the inclusion in many leases or contracts of “non-appropriation” clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for such purpose by the appropriate legislative body on a yearly or other periodic basis. To reduce these risks, AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will only purchase municipal leases subject to a non-appropriation clause when the payment of principal and accrued interest is backed by an unconditional irrevocable letter of credit or guarantee of a bank.

AMT-Free Municipal Reserves proposes to purchase municipal lease obligations principally from banks, equipment vendors or other parties that have entered into an agreement with AMT-Free Municipal Reserves providing that such party will remarket the municipal lease obligations on certain conditions (described below) within seven days after demand by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves. (Such agreements are referred to as “remarketing agreements” and the party that agrees to remarket or repurchase a municipal lease obligation is referred to as a “remarketing party.”) The agreement will provide for a remarketing price equal to the principal balance on the obligation as determined pursuant to the terms of the remarketing agreement as of the repurchase date (plus accrued interest). The Funds’ investment adviser, Dreyfus, anticipates that, in most cases, the remarketing agreement will also provide for the seller of the municipal lease obligation or the remarketing party to service it for a servicing fee. The conditions to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves right to require the remarketing party to purchase or remarket the obligation are that AMT-Free Municipal Reserves must certify at the time of remarketing that (1) payments of principal and interest under the municipal lease obligation are current and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves has no knowledge of any default thereunder by the governmental issuer, (2) such remarketing is necessary in the sole opinion of a designated officer of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves to meet the Fund’s liquidity needs, and (3) the governmental issuer has not notified AMT-Free Municipal Reserves of termination of the underlying lease.

The remarketing agreement described above requires the remarketing party to purchase (or market to a third party) municipal lease obligations of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves under certain conditions to provide liquidity if share redemptions of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves exceed purchases of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves shares. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will only enter into remarketing agreements with banks, equipment vendors or other responsible parties (such as insurance companies, broker-dealers and other financial institutions) that in Dreyfus’ opinion are capable of meeting their obligations to the Fund. Dreyfus will regularly monitor the ability of remarketing parties to meet their obligations to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will enter into remarketing agreements covering at least 75% of the principal amount of the municipal lease obligations in its portfolio. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will not enter into remarketing agreements with any one remarketing party in excess of 5% of its total assets. Remarketing agreements with broker-dealers may require an exemptive order under the 1940 Act. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will not enter into such agreements with broker-dealers prior to the issuance of such an order or interpretation of the SEC that such an order is not required. There can be no assurance that such an order or interpretation will be granted.

The “remarketing” feature of the agreement entitles the remarketing party to attempt to resell the municipal lease obligation within seven days after demand from the Fund; however, the remarketing party will be obligated to repurchase the obligation for its own account at the end of the seven-day period if such obligation has not been resold. The remarketing agreement will often be entered into with the party who has sold a municipal lease obligation to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, but remarketing agreements may also be entered into with a separate remarketing party of the same type that meets the credit and other criteria listed above. Up to 25% of the municipal lease obligations held by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may not be covered by remarketing agreements. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, however, will not invest in municipal lease obligations that are not subject to remarketing agreements if, as a result of such investment, more than 10% of its total assets would be invested in illiquid securities such as (1) municipal lease obligations not subject to remarketing agreements and not deemed by Dreyfus at the time of purchase to be at least of comparable quality to rated municipal debt obligations, or (2) other illiquid assets such as securities restricted as to resale under federal or state securities laws. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a municipal lease obligation that is backed by an irrevocable bank letter of credit or an insurance policy, issued by a bank or issuer deemed by Dreyfus to be of high quality and minimal credit risk, will not be deemed to be “illiquid” solely because the underlying municipal lease obligation is unrated, if Dreyfus determines that such municipal lease obligation is readily marketable because it is backed by such letter of credit or insurance policy.

As used within this section, high quality means that the municipal lease obligation meets all of the following criteria: (1) the underlying equipment is for an essential governmental function; (2) the municipality has a documented history of stable financial operations and timely payments of principal and interest on its municipal debt or lease obligation; (3) the lease/purchase agreement contains proper terms and conditions to protect against non-appropriation, substitution of equipment and other more general risks associated with the purchase of securities; (4) the equipment underlying the lease was leased in a proper and legal manner; and (5) the equipment underlying the lease was leased from a reputable equipment vendor. A letter of credit or insurance policy would generally provide that the issuer of the letter of credit or insurance policy would pay the outstanding principal balance of the municipal lease obligations plus any accrued but unpaid interest upon non-appropriation or default by the governmental lessee. However, the terms of each letter of credit or insurance policy may vary significantly and would affect the degree to which such protections increase the liquidity of a particular municipal lease obligation.

AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may invest more than 25% of its assets in industrial development bonds, in participation interests therein issued by banks, and in municipal securities and other obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. A participation interest gives AMT-Free Municipal Reserves an undivided interest in a municipal bond owned by a bank and generally is backed by the bank’s irrevocable letter of credit or guarantee.

When the assets and revenues of an agency, authority, instrumentality or other political subdivision are separate from those of the government creating the issuing entity and a security is backed only by the assets or revenues of the entity, the entity will be deemed to be the sole issuer of the security. Similarly, in the case of an industrial development bond backed only by

the assets or revenues of the non-governmental user, the non-governmental user will be deemed to be the sole issuer of the bond.

AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will invest in securities, including the foregoing types of securities, only if the investments are of a type which would satisfy the requirements of Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the 1940 Act and only to the extent permitted by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves' investment limitations. Accordingly, if the creating agency, authority, instrumentality or other political subdivision or some other entity, such as an insurance company or other corporate obligor, guarantees a security purchased by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves or a bank issues a letter of credit in support of a security purchased by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, it will not purchase any security which, as to 75% of the value of all securities held, it would result in the value of all securities issued or guaranteed by a single guarantor or issuer of letters of credit exceeding 10% of the total value of the Fund's assets.

Yields on municipal securities are dependent on a variety of factors, including the general conditions of the money market and of the municipal bond and municipal note markets, the size of a particular offering, the maturity of the obligation and the rating of the issue. The achievement of the investment objective of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves is dependent in part on the continuing ability of the issuers of municipal securities in which the Fund invests to meet their obligations for the payment of principal and interest when due. Municipal securities historically have not been subject to registration with the SEC, although there have been proposals which would require registration in the future.

Obligations of issuers of municipal securities are subject to the provisions of bankruptcy, insolvency, and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors. In addition, the obligations of such issuers may become subject to laws enacted in the future by Congress or state legislatures, or referenda extending the time for payment of principal and/or interest, or imposing other constraints upon enforcement of such obligations or upon the ability of municipalities to levy taxes. There is also the possibility that, as a result of litigation or other conditions, the ability of any issuer to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on its municipal securities may be materially affected.

Derivative Products (AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). The Fund may purchase various derivative products whose value is tied to underlying municipal securities. The Fund will purchase only those derivative products that are consistent with its investment objective and policies and comply with the quality, maturity and diversification standards of Rule 2a-7. The principal types of derivative products are briefly described below.

(1) Tax Exempt Participation Interests. Tax exempt participation interests (such as industrial development bonds and municipal lease/purchase agreements) give the Fund an undivided interest in a municipal security in the proportion that the Fund's participation interest bears to the total principal amount of the municipal security. Participation interests may have fixed, floating or variable rates of interest, and are frequently backed by an irrevocable letter of credit or guarantee of a bank. See "Variable Rate Obligations" and "Floating Rate Securities".

(2) Tender Option Bonds. Tender option bonds grant the holder an option to tender an underlying municipal security at par plus accrued interest at specified intervals to a financial

institution that acts as a liquidity provider. The holder of a tender option bond effectively holds a demand obligation that bears interest at the prevailing short-term tax-exempt rate. See “Tender Option Bonds”.

(3) Custodial Receipts. In a typical custodial receipt arrangement, an issuer of a municipal security deposits it with a custodian in exchange for two classes of custodial receipts. One class has the characteristics of a typical auction rate security, where at specified intervals its interest rate is adjusted and ownership changes. The other class’s interest rate also is adjusted, but inversely to changes in the interest rate of the first class. See “Custodial Receipts”.

(4) Structured Notes. Structured notes typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions and, therefore, may not have an active trading market. When the Fund purchases a structured note, it will make a payment of principal to the counterparty. Some structured notes have a guaranteed repayment of principal while others place a portion (or all) of the principal at risk. The possibility of default by the counterparty or its credit provider may be greater for structured notes than for other types of money market instruments.

Variable Rate Obligations (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). The interest rates payable on certain securities, including municipal leases, in which the Funds may invest, called “variable rate” obligations, are not fixed and may fluctuate based upon changes in market rates. The interest rate payable on a variable rate security is adjusted at predesignated periodic intervals. Other features may include the right whereby the Funds may demand prepayment of the principal amount of the obligation prior to its stated maturity and the right of the issuer to prepay the principal amount prior to maturity. The main benefit of variable rate securities is that the interest rate adjustment minimizes changes in the market value of the obligation. As a result, the purchase of variable rate securities enhances the ability of the Funds to maintain a stable NAV per share and to sell an obligation prior to maturity at a price approximating the full principal amount of the obligation. The payment of principal and interest by issuers of certain securities purchased may be guaranteed by letters of credit or other credit facilities offered by banks or other financial institutions. Such guarantees will be considered in determining whether a security meets a Fund’s investment quality requirements.

Variable rate obligations purchased by a Fund may include participation interests, including those in industrial development bonds, purchased from banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions, and variable rate obligations that are backed by irrevocable letters of credit or guarantees of banks. The Funds can exercise the right, on not more than thirty days’ notice, to sell such an instrument back to the bank from which it purchased the instrument and draw on the letter of credit for all or any part of the principal amount of a Fund’s participation interest in the instrument, plus accrued interest, but will do so only (i) as required to provide liquidity to the Funds, (ii) to maintain a high quality investment portfolio, or (iii) upon a default under the terms of the demand instrument. Banks and other financial institutions retain portions of the interest paid on such variable rate obligations as their fees for servicing such instruments and the issuance of related letters of credit, guarantees and repurchase commitments. Dreyfus will monitor the pricing, quality and liquidity of variable rate demand obligations and participation interests therein held by the Funds on the basis of published financial information, rating agency reports and other research services.

Variable Amount Master Demand Notes (Money Market Reserves). The Fund may invest in variable amount master demand notes. Variable amount master demand notes are unsecured obligations that are redeemable upon demand and are typically unrated. These instruments are issued pursuant to written agreements between their issuers and holders. The agreements permit the holders to increase (subject to an agreed maximum) and the holders and issuers to decrease the principal amount of the notes, and specify that the rate of interest payable on the principal fluctuates according to an agreed-upon formula. If an issuer of a variable amount master demand note were to default on its payment obligation, the Fund might be unable to dispose of the note because of the absence of a secondary market and might, for this or other reasons, suffer a loss to the extent of the default. The Fund will invest in variable amount master demand notes issued only by entities that Dreyfus considers creditworthy.

Floating Rate Securities (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may invest in floating rate securities. A floating rate security provides for the automatic adjustment of its interest rate whenever a specified interest rate changes. Interest rates on these securities are ordinarily tied to, and are a percentage of, a widely recognized interest rate, such as the yield on 90-day U.S. Treasury bills or the prime rate of a specified bank. These rates may change as often as twice daily. Generally, changes in interest rates will have a smaller effect on the market value of floating rate securities than on the market value of comparable fixed income obligations. Thus, investing in variable and floating rate securities generally allows less opportunity for capital appreciation and depreciation than investing in comparable fixed income securities.

Tender Option Bonds (AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). The Fund may invest in tender option bonds. A tender option bond is a municipal security (generally held pursuant to a custodial arrangement) having a relatively long maturity and bearing interest at a fixed rate substantially higher than prevailing short-term tax-exempt rates, that has been coupled with the agreement of a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or other financial institution, pursuant to which such institution grants the security holders the option, at periodic intervals, to tender their securities to the institution and receive the face value thereof. As consideration for providing the option, the financial institution receives periodic fees equal to the difference between the municipal security's fixed coupon rate and the rate, as determined by a remarketing or similar agent at or near the commencement of such period, that would cause the securities, coupled with the tender option, to trade at par on the date of such determination. Thus, after payment of this fee, the security holder effectively holds a demand obligation that bears interest at the prevailing short-term tax-exempt rate. Dreyfus, on behalf of the Fund, will consider on an ongoing basis the creditworthiness of the issuer of the underlying municipal security, of any custodian and the third-party provider of the tender option. In certain instances and for certain tender option bonds, the option may be terminable in the event of a default in payment of principal or interest on the underlying municipal securities and for other reasons. The Fund will not invest more than 10% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, which would include tender option bonds for which the required notice to exercise the tender feature is more than seven days if there is no secondary market available for these obligations.

Custodial Receipts (AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). The Fund may purchase securities, frequently referred to as "custodial receipts", representing the right to receive future principal and interest payments on municipal securities underlying such receipts. A number of different

arrangements are possible. In a typical custodial receipt arrangement, an issuer or a third party owner of a municipal security deposits such obligation with a custodian in exchange for two or more classes of receipts. The class of receipts that the Fund may purchase has the characteristics of a typical tender option security backed by a conditional “put”, which provides the holder with the equivalent of a short-term variable rate note. At specified intervals, the interest rate for such securities is reset by the remarketing agent in order to cause the securities to be sold at par through a remarketing mechanism. If the remarketing mechanism does not result in a sale, the conditional put can be exercised. In either event, the holder is entitled to full principal and accrued interest to the date of the tender or exercise of the “put”. The “put” may be terminable in the event of a default in payment of principal or interest on the underlying municipal security and for other reasons. Before purchasing such security, Dreyfus is required to make certain determinations with respect to the likelihood of, and the ability to monitor, the occurrence of the conditions that would result in the put not being exercisable. The interest rate for these receipts generally is expected to be below the coupon rate of the underlying municipal securities and generally is at a level comparable to that of a municipal security of similar quality and having a maturity equal to the period between interest rate readjustments. These custodial receipts are sold in private placements. The Fund also may purchase directly from issuers, and not in a private placement, municipal securities having the characteristics similar to the custodial receipts in which the Fund may invest.

Bank Instruments (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may purchase bank instruments. Bank instruments consist mainly of certificates of deposit, time deposits and bankers’ acceptances.

ECDs, ETDs and Yankee CDs (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may purchase Eurodollar certificates of deposit (“ECDs”), which are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by foreign branches of domestic banks, Eurodollar time deposits (“ETDs”), which are U.S. dollar-denominated deposits in a foreign branch of a domestic bank or a foreign bank, and Yankee-Dollar certificates of deposit (“Yankee CDs”) which are certificates of deposit issued by a domestic branch of a foreign bank denominated in U.S. dollars and held in the United States. ECDs, ETDs, and Yankee CDs are subject to somewhat different risks than domestic obligations of domestic banks. See “Foreign Securities.”

Eurodollar Bonds and Notes (Money Market Reserves). The Fund may invest in Eurodollar bonds and notes. Eurodollar bonds and notes are obligations which pay principal and interest in U.S. dollars held in banks outside the United States, primarily in Europe. Investments in Eurodollar bonds and notes involve risks that differ from investments in securities of domestic issuers. See “Foreign Securities.”

Corporate Obligations (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may invest in corporate obligations that have received a short-term rating from Moody’s, S&P or Fitch in one of the two highest short-term rating categories, or that have been issued by an issuer that has received a short-term rating from Moody’s, S&P or Fitch in one of the two highest short-term ratings categories with respect to a class of debt obligations that is comparable in priority and security with the obligation in which the Fund invests. These Funds may also invest in unrated corporate obligations that are of comparable quality to the foregoing

obligations, as determined by Dreyfus. A Fund will dispose in a prudent and orderly fashion of bonds whose ratings drop below these minimum ratings.

Government Obligations (All Funds). Each Fund may invest in a variety of U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: (a) U.S. Treasury bills have a maturity of one year or less, (b) U.S. Treasury notes have maturities of one to ten years, and (c) U.S. Treasury bonds generally have maturities of greater than ten years.

In addition to U.S. Treasury obligations, Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are supported by any of the following: (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow an amount limited to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (c) the discretionary authority of the U.S. Treasury to lend to such Government agency or instrumentality, or (d) the credit of the instrumentality. (Examples of agencies and instrumentalities are: Federal Land Banks, Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, General Services Administration, Maritime Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority, District of Columbia Armory Board, Inter-American Development Bank, Asian-American Development Bank, Student Loan Marketing Association, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Small Business Administration and Fannie Mae). No assurance can be given that the U.S. Government will provide financial support to the agencies or instrumentalities described in (b), (c) and (d) in the future, other than as set forth above, since it is not obligated to do so by law.

Repurchase Agreements (All Funds). Each Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with U.S. Government securities dealers recognized by the Federal Reserve Board, with member banks of the Federal Reserve System, or with such other brokers or dealers that meet the respective Fund's credit guidelines. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash. In a repurchase agreement, a Fund buys a security from a seller that has agreed to repurchase the same security at a mutually agreed upon date and price. A Fund's resale price will be in excess of the purchase price, reflecting an agreed upon interest rate. This interest rate is effective for the period of time the Fund is invested in the agreement and is not related to the coupon rate on the underlying security. Repurchase agreements may also be viewed as a collateralized loan of money by a Fund to the seller. The period of these repurchase agreements will usually be short, from overnight to one week, and at no time will a Fund invest in repurchase agreements for more than one year. A Fund will always receive as collateral securities whose market value including accrued interest is, and during the entire term of the agreement remains, at least equal to 100% of the dollar amount invested by the Fund in each agreement, including interest, and the Fund will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or upon evidence of book entry transfer to the account of the custodian. If the seller defaults, a Fund might incur a loss if the value of the collateral securing the repurchase agreement declines and might incur disposition costs in connection with liquidating the collateral. In addition, if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of a security which is the subject of a repurchase agreement, realization upon the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. Each Fund seeks to minimize the risk of loss through repurchase agreements by

analyzing the creditworthiness of the obligors under repurchase agreements, in accordance with the Fund's credit guidelines.

Each Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions that are collateralized by U.S. Treasury bills, notes or bonds, or U.S. Government Agency securities (which are deemed to be "collateralized fully" under the 1940 Act) or, for Money Market Reserves, collateralized by securities other than U.S. Treasury or Government Agency securities, such as corporate bonds, asset-backed securities and privately-issued mortgage-related securities, of investment grade or below investment grade credit quality ("credit collateral"). Transactions that are collateralized fully enable the Fund to look to the collateral for diversification purposes under the 1940 Act. Conversely, transactions secured with credit collateral require the Fund to look to the counterparty to the repurchase agreement for determining diversification. Because credit collateral is subject to certain credit and liquidity risks that U.S. Treasury and Government Agency securities are not subject to, the amount of collateral posted in excess of the principal value of the repurchase agreement is expected to be higher in the case of repurchase agreements secured with credit collateral compared to repurchase agreements secured with U.S. Treasury or Government Agency securities. Fixed income securities rated Baa/BBB or higher by Moody's, S&P, or Fitch are known as investment grade bonds. Investment grade and below investment grade bonds involve degrees of credit risks, which relates to the likelihood that the bond issuer will pay interest and repay principal on a timely basis. Fixed income securities rated Ba/BB or lower by Moody's, S&P, and Fitch are regarded as below investment grade (i.e., "junk" bonds) and are considered speculative in terms of the issuer's creditworthiness.

Commercial Paper (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may invest in commercial paper. These instruments are short-term obligations issued by banks and corporations that have maturities ranging from two to 270 days. Each instrument may be backed only by the credit of the issuer or may be backed by some form of credit enhancement, typically in the form of a guarantee by a commercial bank. Commercial paper backed by guarantees of foreign banks may involve additional risk due to the difficulty of obtaining and enforcing judgments against such banks and the generally less restrictive regulations to which such banks are subject. Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will only invest in commercial paper of U.S. and foreign companies rated at the time of purchase at least A-1 by S&P, Prime-1 by Moody's or F1 by Fitch or determined by Dreyfus to be of comparable quality.

Foreign Securities (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may purchase U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers and may invest in obligations of foreign branches of domestic banks and domestic branches of foreign banks. Investment in foreign securities presents certain risks, including those resulting from adverse political and economic developments and the possible imposition of foreign governmental laws or restrictions, reduced availability of public information concerning issuers, and the fact that foreign issuers are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or to other regulatory practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to domestic issuers. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of comparable domestic issuers. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation and limitations on the use or removal of funds or other assets of a Fund, including withholding of dividends.

Foreign securities may be subject to foreign government taxes that would reduce the yield on such securities.

Illiquid Securities (All Funds). Each Fund may invest up to 10% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, including time deposits and repurchase agreements having maturities longer than seven days. Securities that have readily available market quotations are not deemed illiquid for purposes of this limitation (irrespective of any legal or contractual restrictions on resale). A Fund may invest in commercial obligations issued in reliance on the so-called “private placement” exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“Section 4(2) paper”). A Fund may also purchase securities that are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but that can be sold to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under that Act (“Rule 144A securities”). Liquidity determinations with respect to Section 4(2) paper and Rule 144A securities will be made by the Board of Directors or by Dreyfus pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Directors. The Board or Dreyfus will consider availability of reliable price information and other relevant information in making such determinations. Section 4(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the federal securities laws, and generally is sold to institutional investors, such as the Funds, that agree that they are purchasing the paper for investment and not with a view to public distribution. Any resale by the purchaser must be pursuant to registration or an exemption therefrom. Section 4(2) paper normally is resold to other institutional investors like the Funds through or with the assistance of the issuer or investment dealers who make a market in the Section 4(2) paper, thus providing liquidity. Rule 144A securities generally must be sold to other qualified institutional buyers. If a particular investment in Section 4(2) paper or Rule 144A securities is not determined to be liquid, that investment will be included within the percentage limitation on investment in illiquid securities. The ability to sell Rule 144A securities to qualified institutional buyers is a recent development and it is not possible to predict how this market will mature. Investing in Rule 144A securities could have the effect of increasing the level of Fund illiquidity to the extent that qualified institutional buyers become, for a time, uninterested in purchasing these securities.

Credit Enhancements (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). Certain instruments in which these Funds may invest, including floating rate securities, variable amount master demand notes and variable rate obligations, may be backed by letters of credit or insured or guaranteed by financial institutions, such as banks, or insurance companies, whose credit quality ratings are judged by Dreyfus to be comparable in quality to the two highest quality ratings of Moody’s, S&P, or Fitch. Changes in the credit quality of banks and other financial institutions that provide such credit or liquidity enhancements to a Fund’s portfolio securities could cause losses to the Fund and affect its share price.

Asset-Backed Securities (Money Market Reserves). The Fund may purchase asset-backed securities, which are securities issued by special purpose entities whose primary assets consist of a pool of mortgages, loans, receivables or other assets. Payment of principal and interest may depend largely on the cash flows generated by the assets backing the securities and, in certain cases, supported by letters of credit, surety bonds or other forms of credit or liquidity enhancements. The value of these asset-backed securities also may be affected by the creditworthiness of the servicing agent for the pool of assets, the originator of the loans or receivables or the financial institution providing the credit support.

Investment Techniques

In addition to the principal investment strategies discussed in the relevant Fund Prospectus, the Funds also may engage in the investment techniques described below. A Fund might not use, or may not have the ability to use, any of these strategies and there can be no assurance that any strategy that is used will succeed. The use of certain of these investment techniques by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may give rise to taxable income.

Borrowing (All Funds). Each Fund is permitted to borrow in or amount up to 33⅓% of the value of its total assets. Each Fund, however, is authorized currently, within specified limits, to borrow money for temporary administrative purposes and to pledge its assets in connection with such borrowings.

When-Issued Securities and Delayed Delivery Transactions (All Funds). New issues of U.S. Treasury and Government securities are often offered on a “when-issued” basis. This means that delivery and payment for the securities normally will take place in the future after the date the buyer commits to purchase them. The payment obligation and the interest rate that will be received on securities purchased on a “when-issued” basis are each fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment. Each Fund will make commitments to purchase such securities only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but the Fund may sell these securities or dispose of the commitment before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy. A Fund will segregate permissible assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Fund’s when-issued and delayed-delivery purchase commitments.

Securities purchased on a “when-issued” basis and the securities held by each Fund are subject to changes in market value based upon the public’s perception of changes in the level of interest rates. Generally, the value of such securities will fluctuate inversely to changes in interest rates i.e., they will appreciate in value when interest rates decline and decrease in value when interest rates rise. Therefore, if in order to achieve higher interest income each Fund remains substantially fully invested at the same time that it has purchased securities on a “when-issued” basis, there will be a greater possibility of fluctuation in the Fund’s NAV.

When payment for “when-issued” securities is due, each Fund will meet its obligations from then-available cash flow, the sale of segregated securities, the sale of other securities and/or, although it would not normally expect to do so, from the sale of the “when-issued” securities themselves (which may have a market value greater or less than the Fund’s payment obligation). The sale of securities to meet such obligations carries with it a greater potential for the realization of capital gains, which are subject to federal income taxes.

To secure advantageous prices or yields, a Fund may purchase or sell securities for delayed delivery. In such transactions, delivery of the securities occurs beyond the normal settlement periods, but no payment or delivery is made by a Fund prior to the actual delivery or payment by the other party to the transaction. The purchase of securities on a delayed delivery basis involves the risk that the value of the securities purchased will decline prior to the settlement date. The sale of securities for delayed delivery involves the risk that the prices available in the market on the delivery date may be greater than those obtained in the sale transaction. The Funds will establish a segregated account consisting of cash, U.S. Government

securities or other high-grade debt obligations in an amount at least equal at all times to the amounts of its delayed delivery commitments.

Stand-by Commitments (AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). AMT-Free Municipal Reserves may purchase municipal securities together with the right to resell them to the seller or to some third party at an agreed-upon price or yield within specified periods prior to their maturity dates. The right to resell is commonly known as a “stand-by commitment,” and the aggregate price which AMT-Free Municipal Reserves pays for securities with a stand-by commitment may be higher than the price which otherwise would be paid. The primary purpose of this practice is to permit AMT-Free Municipal Reserves to be as fully invested as practicable in municipal securities while preserving the necessary flexibility and liquidity to meet unanticipated redemptions. In this regard, AMT-Free Municipal Reserves acquires stand-by commitments solely to facilitate portfolio liquidity and does not exercise its rights thereunder for trading purposes. In connection with stand-by commitments, AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will segregate on its records permissible liquid assets of the Fund in an amount at least equal to the commitments. On delivery dates under the commitments, AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will meet its obligations from maturing securities, sales of securities held in a separate account or other available sources of cash. Since the value of a stand-by commitment is dependent on the ability of the stand-by commitment writer to meet its obligation to repurchase, the policy of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves is to enter into stand-by commitment transactions only with municipal securities dealers which are determined to present minimal credit risks as determined by Dreyfus.

The acquisition of a stand-by commitment does not affect the valuation or maturity of the underlying municipal securities which continue to be valued in accordance with the amortized cost method. Stand-by commitments acquired by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves are valued at zero in determining NAV. When AMT-Free Municipal Reserves pays directly or indirectly for a stand-by commitment its cost is reflected as unrealized depreciation for the period during which the commitment is held. Stand-by commitments do not affect the average weighted maturity of the Fund’s portfolio of securities.

Stand-by commitments may involve certain expenses and risks, including the inability of the issuer of the commitment to pay for the securities at the time the commitment is exercised, non-marketability of the commitment, and differences between the maturity of the commitment.

Loans of Fund Securities (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions needing to borrow securities to complete certain transactions. A Fund continues to be entitled to payments in amounts equal to the interest, dividends or other distributions payable on the loaned securities, which affords the Fund an opportunity to earn interest on the amount of the loan and on the loaned securities’ collateral. Loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 33⅓% of the value of a Fund’s total assets (including the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan). The Fund will receive collateral consisting of cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. These loans are terminable by a Fund at any time upon specified notice. A Fund might experience loss if the institution to which it has lent its securities fails financially or breaches its agreement with the Fund. In addition, it is

anticipated that a Fund may share with the borrower some of the income received on the collateral for the loan or that it will be paid a premium for the loan. In determining whether to lend securities, a Fund considers all relevant factors and circumstances including the creditworthiness of the borrower. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Fund may experience delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. In a loan transaction, the Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. A Fund will minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to repurchase agreements or other high quality instruments with short maturities.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements (Money Market Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves). These Funds may enter into reverse repurchase agreements to meet redemption requests where the liquidation of Fund securities is deemed by Dreyfus to be disadvantageous. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, a Fund: (1) transfers possession of Fund securities to a bank or broker-dealer in return for cash in an amount equal to a percentage of the securities' market value; and (2) agrees to repurchase the securities at a future date by repaying the cash with interest. A Fund retains record ownership of the security involved including the right to receive interest and principal payments. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the aggregate amount of its reverse repurchase obligations, plus accrued interest, in certain cases, in accordance with releases promulgated by the SEC. The SEC views reverse repurchase transactions as collateralized borrowings by the Fund. Except for these transactions, borrowings by a Fund generally will be unsecured. These transactions may increase the risk of potential fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets. In addition, interest costs on the cash received may exceed the return on the securities purchased.

Master/Feeder Option. The Company may in the future seek to achieve any Fund's investment objective by investing all of the Fund's net investable assets in another investment company having the same investment objective and substantially the same investment policies and restrictions as those applicable to the Fund. Shareholders of a Fund will be given at least 30 days' prior notice of any such investment. Such investment would be made only if the Board of Directors determines it to be in the best interest of a Fund and its shareholders. In making that determination, the Board of Directors will consider, among other things, the benefits to shareholders and/or the opportunity to reduce costs and achieve operational efficiency. Although the Funds believe that the Board of Directors will not approve an arrangement that is likely to result in higher costs, no assurance is given that costs will be materially reduced if this option is implemented.

Certain Investments. From time to time, to the extent consistent with its investment objective, policies and restrictions, each Fund may invest in securities of companies with which an affiliate of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon") has a lending relationship.

Simultaneous Investments. Investment decisions for a Fund are made independently from those of the other investment companies advised by Dreyfus. If, however, such other investment companies desire to invest in, or dispose of, the same securities as a Fund, available investments or opportunities for sales will be allocated equitably to each investment company. In some cases, this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtained for or disposed of by a Fund or the price paid or received by a Fund.

General. Each Fund attempts to increase yields by trading to take advantage of short-term market variations. This policy is expected to result in high portfolio turnover but should not adversely affect the Funds since the Funds usually do not pay brokerage commissions when purchasing short-term obligations. The value of the portfolio securities held by a Fund will vary inversely to changes in prevailing interest rates. Thus, if interest rates have increased from the time a security was purchased, such security, if sold, might be sold at a price less than its cost. Similarly, if interest rates have declined from the time a security was purchased, such security, if sold, might be sold at a price greater than its purchase cost. In either instance, if the security was purchased at face value and held to maturity, no gain or loss would be realized.

Investment Restrictions

Fundamental. The following limitations have been adopted by each Fund. A Fund may not change any of these fundamental investment limitations without the consent of: (a) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting of shareholders duly called if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund, whichever is less. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves has adopted a fundamental policy to invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in tax-exempt securities (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). None of the Funds may:

1. Purchase any securities which would cause more than 25% of the value of a Fund's total assets at the time of such purchase to be invested in the securities of one or more issuers conducting their principal activities in the same industry. (For purposes of this limitation, U.S. Government securities, and state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions are not considered members of any industry. In addition, this limitation does not apply to investments in domestic banks, including U.S. branches of foreign banks and foreign branches of U.S. banks.)

2. Borrow money or issue senior securities as defined in the 1940 Act except that (a) a Fund may borrow money in an amount not exceeding one-third of the Fund's total assets at the time of such borrowings, and (b) a Fund may issue multiple classes of shares. The purchase or sale of futures contracts and related options shall not be considered to involve the borrowing of money or issuance of senior securities.

3. Purchase with respect to 75% of a Fund's total assets securities of any one issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities) if, as a result, (a) more than 5% of a Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or (b) a Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer.

4. Make loans or lend securities, if as a result thereof more than one-third of the Fund's total assets would be subject to all such loans. For purposes of this limitation debt instruments and repurchase agreements shall not be treated as loans.

5. Purchase or sell real estate, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent a Fund from investing in securities or other

instruments backed by real estate, including mortgage loans, or securities of companies that engage in real estate business or invest or deal in real estate or interests therein).

6. Underwrite securities issued by any other person, except to the extent that the purchase of securities and later disposition of such securities in accordance with the Fund's investment program may be deemed an underwriting.

7. Purchase or sell commodities except that each Fund may enter into futures contracts and related options, forward currency contracts and other similar instruments.

Each Fund may, notwithstanding any other fundamental investment policy or limitation, invest all of its investable assets in securities of a single open-end management investment company with substantially the same investment objective, policies and limitations as the Fund.

None of the Funds intend to engage in futures contracts, related options or forward currency contracts.

Non-fundamental. Under normal circumstances, U.S. Treasury Reserves invests exclusively in direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury and in repurchase agreements secured by these obligations (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). U.S. Treasury Reserves has adopted a policy to provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in its policy to so invest its assets. The Funds have adopted the following additional non-fundamental restrictions. These non-fundamental restrictions may be changed without shareholder approval, in compliance with applicable law and regulatory policy. None of the Funds may:

1. Sell securities short, unless it owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in kind and amounts to the securities sold short.

2. Purchase securities on margin, except that a Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions.

3. Purchase oil, gas or mineral leases.

4. Purchase or retain the securities of any issuer if the officers, Directors of the Fund, its advisers, or managers, owning beneficially more than one half of one percent of the securities of such issuer, together own beneficially more than five percent of such securities.

5. Purchase securities of issuers (other than securities issued or guaranteed by domestic or foreign governments or political subdivisions thereof), including their predecessors, that have been in operation for less than three years, if by reason thereof, the value of such Fund's investment in such securities would exceed 5% of such Fund's total assets. For purposes of this limitation, sponsors, general partners, guarantors and originators of underlying assets may be treated as the issuer of a security.

6. Invest more than 10% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities, including repurchase agreements with remaining maturities in excess of seven days, time deposits with maturities in excess of seven days and other securities which are not readily marketable. For

purposes of this limitation, illiquid securities shall not include Section 4(2) Paper and securities which may be resold under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, provided that the Board of Directors, or its delegate, determines that such securities are liquid based upon the trading markets for the specific security.

7. Invest in securities of other investment companies, except as they may be acquired as part of a merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets and except to the extent otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act.

8. Purchase any security while borrowings representing more than 5% of the Fund's total assets are outstanding.

9. Purchase warrants if at the time of such purchase: (a) more than 5% of the value of such Fund's assets would be invested in warrants, or (b) more than 2% of the value of the Fund's assets would be invested in warrants that are not listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or American Stock Exchange (for purposes of this limitation, warrants acquired by a Fund in units or attached to securities will be deemed to have no value).

10. Purchase puts, calls, straddles, spreads and any combination thereof if by reason thereof the value of its aggregate investment in such classes of securities will exceed 5% of its total assets except that: (a) this limitation shall not apply to standby commitment, and (b) this limitation shall not apply to a Fund's transactions in futures contracts and related options. If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of an investment, a later increase or decrease in such percentage resulting from a change in the values of assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction, except as otherwise required by the 1940 Act. With respect to Fundamental Investment Restriction No. 2, however, if borrowings exceed 33⅓% of the value of a Fund's total assets as a result of a change in values or assets, the Fund must take steps to reduce such borrowings at least to the extent of such excess.

If a Fund's investment objective, policies, restrictions, practices or procedures change, shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of the shareholder's then-current position and needs.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS/COMPANY

The Company's Board is responsible for the management and supervision of the Funds, and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Funds. These companies are as follows:

The Dreyfus CorporationInvestment Adviser
 MBSC Securities Corporation Distributor
 Dreyfus Transfer, Inc.Transfer Agent
 Mellon Bank, N.A.Custodian

Directors of the Company*

Directors of the Company, together with information as to their positions with the Company, principal occupations and other Board memberships and affiliations, are shown below. Each of the Directors also serves as a Trustee of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Trust and The Dreyfus/Laurel Tax-Free Municipal Funds (collectively, with the Company, the "Dreyfus/Laurel Funds") and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

<u>Name (Age)</u> <u>Position with Company</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u> <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino (64) Chairman of the Board (1999)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, <i>Director</i> The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, <i>Director</i> Sunair Services Corporation, a provider of certain outdoor-related services to homes and businesses, <i>Director</i>
James M. Fitzgibbons (73) Board Member (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Davidson Cotton Company (1998-2002)	Bill Barrett Company, an oil and gas exploration company, <i>Director</i>
J. Tomlinson Fort (79) Board Member (1987)	Retired (2005 - Present); Of Counsel, Reed Smith LLP (1998-January 2005)	Allegheny College, <i>Emeritus Trustee</i> Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, <i>Trustee</i> American College of Trial Lawyers, <i>Fellow</i>
Kenneth A. Himmel (61) Board Member (1994)	President and CEO, Related Urban Development, a real estate development company (1996-present) President and CEO, Himmel & Company, a real estate development company (1980-present) CEO, American Food Management, a restaurant company (1983-present)	None

* None of the Directors are "interested persons" of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act.

<u>Name (Age)</u> <u>Position with Company</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u> <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</u>
Stephen J. Lockwood (60) Board Member (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Stephen J. Lockwood and Company LLC, an investment company (2000-present)	None
Roslyn M. Watson (58) Board Member (1994)	Principal, Watson Ventures, Inc., a real estate investment company (1993-present)	American Express Centurion Bank, <i>Director</i> The Hyams Foundation Inc., a Massachusetts Charitable Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> National Osteoporosis Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>
Benaree Pratt Wiley (61) Board Member (1998)	Principal, The Wiley Group, a firm specializing in strategy and business development (2005-present) President and CEO, The Partnership, an organization dedicated to increasing the representation of African Americans in positions of leadership, influence and decision-making in Boston, MA (1991-2005)	Boston College, <i>Trustee</i> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, <i>Director</i> Commonwealth Institute, <i>Director</i> Efficacy Institute, <i>Director</i> PepsiCo African-American, <i>Advisory Board</i> The Boston Foundation, <i>Director</i> Harvard Business School Alumni Board, <i>Director</i>

Directors are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Company has standing audit and nominating committees, each comprised of its Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is (i) to oversee the Company’s accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Funds’ financial statements and (ii) to assist in the Board’s oversight of the integrity of the Funds’ financial statements, the Funds’ compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications, independence and performance. The Company’s nominating committee, among other things, is responsible for selecting and nominating persons as members of the Board for election or appointment by the Board and for election by shareholders. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the committee takes into consideration various factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of each Fund and its shareholders. The nominating committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Company, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor East, New York, New York 10166, which includes information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the nominating committee charter. The Company also has a standing compensation committee comprised of Ms. Watson (Chair), Messrs. Fitzgibbons and Fort and Ms. Wiley. The function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The Company also has a standing evaluation committee comprised of any one Director. The function of the evaluation committee is to assist in valuing the Funds’ investments. The audit committee met three times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007. The evaluation, compensation and nominating committees did not meet during the last fiscal year.

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Board member’s ownership of Fund shares and shares of other Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which he or she is a Board member, in each case as of December 31, 2007.

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Money Market Reserves</u>	<u>U.S. Treasury Reserves</u>	<u>AMT-Free Municipal Reserves</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	None	None	None
James M. Fitzgibbons	\$10,001 – \$50,000	None	None
J. Tomlinson Fort	None	None	None
Kenneth A. Himmel	None	None	None
Stephen J. Lockwood	None	None	None
Roslyn M. Watson	None	None	None
Benaree Pratt Wiley	None	None	None

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Holding of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	Over \$100,000
James M. Fitzgibbons	Over \$100,000
J. Tomlinson Fort	\$50,001 – \$100,000
Kenneth A. Himmel	None
Stephen J. Lockwood	None
Roslyn M. Watson	None
Benaree Pratt Wiley	None

As of December 31, 2007, none of the Board members or their immediate family members owned securities of Dreyfus, the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with Dreyfus or the Distributor.

Officers of the Company

J. DAVID OFFICER, President since December 2006. Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director of Dreyfus, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 59 years old, and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1998.

PHILLIP N. MAISANO, Executive Vice President since July 2007. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Maisano also is an officer and/or Board member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of BNY

Mellon, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 2006. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr. Maisano served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EACM Advisors, an affiliate of the Manager, since August 2004, and served as Chief Executive Officer of Evaluation Associates, a leading institutional investment consulting firm, from 1988 until 2004.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director-Mutual Fund Accounting of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1985.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1991.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel and Secretary of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since December 1996.

JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 52 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1988.

JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 2000.

JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 45 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1984.

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since February 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 42 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1990.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2008. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since 1982.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005. Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 39 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since April 1991.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since November 1990.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since July 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 75 investment companies (comprised of 176 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 37 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004. Chief Compliance Officer of Dreyfus and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (79 investment companies, comprised of 180 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. He is 50 years old and has served in various capacities with Dreyfus since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

The address of each Director and officer of the Company is 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

No officer or employee of Dreyfus or the Distributor (or of any parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof) receives any compensation from the Company for serving as an officer or Director of the Company. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds pay each Director/Trustee who is not an “interested person” of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) \$45,000 per annum, plus \$6,000 per joint Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Board meeting attended, \$2,000 for separate in-person committee meetings attended which are not held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board meeting and \$1,500 for Board meetings and separate committee meetings attended that are conducted by telephone. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds also reimburse each Director/Trustee who is not an “interested person” of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) for travel and out-of-pocket expenses. With respect to Board meetings, the Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation (with the exception of reimbursable amounts). With respect to compensation committee meetings, the Chair of the compensation committee receives \$900 per meeting and, with respect to audit committee meetings, the Chair of the audit committee receives \$1,350 per meeting. In the event that there is an in-person joint committee meeting or a joint telephone meeting of the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund, the \$2,000 or \$1,500 fee, as applicable, will be allocated between the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

In addition, the Company currently has one Emeritus Board member who is entitled to receive an annual retainer and a per meeting fee of one-half the amount paid to him as a Board member.

The aggregate amount of fees and expenses received by each current Director from the Company for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, and the amount paid to each Director by all Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person was a Board member (the number of portfolios of such Funds is set forth in parentheses next to each Board member’s total compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2007 were as follows:

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Company#</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Company and Fund Complex Paid to Board Member(*)</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	\$33,125	\$819,865 (196)
James M. Fitzgibbons	\$25,000	\$ 96,500 (29)
J. Tomlinson Fort	\$30,550	\$102,800 (29)
Kenneth A. Himmel	\$23,000	\$ 89,500 (29)
Stephen J. Lockwood	\$22,500	\$ 84,000 (29)
Roslyn M. Watson	\$26,500	\$ 97,500 (29)
Benaree P. Wiley	\$26,500	\$139,822 (29)

Amounts required to be paid by the Company directly to the non-interested Directors, that would be applied to offset a portion of the management fee payable to Dreyfus, are in fact paid directly by Dreyfus to the non-interested Directors. Amount does not include the cost of office space, secretarial services and health benefits for the Chairman and expenses reimbursed to Board members for attending Board meetings, which in the aggregate amounted to \$5,305.

* Represents the number of separate portfolios comprising the investment companies in the Fund Complex, including the Funds, for which the Board member served.

Board members and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of each Fund's shares outstanding as of February 2, 2008.

Holders of 5% or More of Fund Shares. The following persons are known by the Company to own of record 5% or more of a Fund's outstanding voting securities as of February 2, 2008. A shareholder who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of a Fund's voting securities may be deemed a "control person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund.

Dreyfus Money Market Reserves:

Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052, 7 th Floor Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	70.2149% (Investor Shares)
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Mellon Retail Banking (CTA) Attn.: AIS Operations 505 Ross Street Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001	18.3799% (Investor Shares)
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Mellon Trust 39.4892% (Class R Shares)
3 Mellon Bank Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4005

Wells Fargo Investments LLC 39.2808% (Class R Shares)
C/O Christopher Robinson
Minneapolis, MN 55479-0001

National Financial Services 15.0426% (Class R Shares)
Attn: Mutual Fund Department 5th Floor
One World Financial Center
200 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10281-1003

Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Reserves:

Pershing LLC 92.2633% (Investor Shares)
P.O. Box 2052, 7th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

Boston & Co. 84.6944% (Class R Shares)
c/o Mellon Bank
3 Mellon Bank Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15259-0001

Wells Fargo Investments LLC 14.9239% (Class R Shares)
C/O Christopher Robinson
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2308

Dreyfus AMT-Free Municipal Reserves:

Pershing Cash Management Services 98.79.66% (Investor Shares)
One Pershing Plaza
Harborside III, 6th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07399-0001

Mellon Trust 76.1429% (Class R Shares)
3 Mellon Bank Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15259-0001

National Financial Services Corp. 10.1234% (Class R Shares)
Attn: Mutual Fund Department 5th Floor
One World Financial Center
200 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10281-1003

Mellon Bank, N.A. Capital Markets Customers One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258-0001	9.6026% (Class R Shares)
MBC Investment Corporation C/O Mellon Financial Corp. Attn: Delaware Finance Department 4001 Kennett Pike Suite 218 2 Greenville Crossing Greenville, DE 19807-2029	99.9490% (Class B Shares)
Rosalyn Borg Saint Louis, MO 63130-3707	12.7018 (BASIC Shares)
Paul Goldstein Trustee Paul Goldstein Trust FBO Paul Goldstein Boynton Beach, FL 33436-6202	11.7417% (BASIC Shares)
Anders O Thisner & Eva I Thisner Comm Prop. Mercer Island, WA 98040-2417	10.2302% (BASIC Shares)

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled “Expenses” and “Management.”

Investment Adviser. Dreyfus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon, a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team.

Management Agreement. Dreyfus serves as the investment adviser for the Funds pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement (the “Management Agreement”) between Dreyfus and the Company, subject to the overall authority of the Board of Directors in accordance with Maryland law. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, Dreyfus provides, or arranges for one or more third parties to provide, investment advisory, administrative, custody, fund accounting and transfer agency services to the Funds. As investment adviser, Dreyfus manages the Funds by making investment decisions based on each Fund’s investment objective, policies and restrictions. The Management Agreement is subject to review and approval at least annually by the Board of Directors.

The Management Agreement will continue from year to year with respect to each Fund provided that a majority of the Directors who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and either a majority of all Directors or a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the shareholders of the Fund approve its continuance. The Company may terminate the Management Agreement with respect to each Fund upon the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or upon the vote of a majority of the respective Fund’s outstanding voting securities on 60 days’ written notice to Dreyfus. Dreyfus may terminate the Management Agreement upon 60 days’ written notice to the Company. The Management Agreement will terminate, as to the relevant Fund, immediately and automatically upon its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of Dreyfus: Jonathan Little, Chair of the Board; Thomas F. Eggers, President, Chief Executive Officer and a director; Jonathan Baum, Vice Chair – Distribution and a director; J. Charles Cardona, Vice Chair and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Vice Chair and a director; Phillip N. Maisano, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director; J. David Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director; Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President - Corporate Communications; Jill Gill, Vice President - Human Resources; Anthony Mayo, Vice President - Information Systems; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President - Tax; John E. Lane, Vice President; Jeanne M. Login, Vice President; Gary Pierce, Controller; Joseph W. Connolly, Chief Compliance Officer; James Bitetto, Secretary; and Mitchell E. Harris, Ronald P. O’Hanley III and Scott E. Wennerholm, directors.

The Company, Dreyfus and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics that permits its personnel, subject to the Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by a Fund. Dreyfus’ Code of Ethics subjects its employees’ personal securities transactions to various restrictions to ensure that such trading does not disadvantage any Fund advised by Dreyfus. In that regard, portfolio managers and other investment personnel of Dreyfus must pre-clear and report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with Dreyfus’ Code of Ethics and are also subject to the oversight of BNY Mellon’s Investment Ethics Committee (the “Committee”). Portfolio managers and other investment personnel who comply with the pre-clearance and disclosure procedures of Dreyfus’ Code of Ethics and the requirements of the Committee, may be permitted to purchase, sell or hold securities which also may be or are held in Fund(s) they manage or for which they otherwise provide investment advice.

Dreyfus provides day-to-day management of each Fund’s portfolio of investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Board. Dreyfus is responsible for the investment decisions, and provides each Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. The portfolio managers of Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves are Patricia A. Larkin, Bernard W. Kiernan, Jr., James O’Connor and Thomas Riordan, and the portfolio managers of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves are Joseph Irace, Colleen Meehan and Bill Vasilou. Each portfolio manager is employed by Dreyfus. Dreyfus also maintains a research department with a professional staff of portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide research services of each Fund and for other funds advised by Dreyfus.

Expenses. Under the Management Agreement, Money Market Reserves, U.S. Treasury Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves have each agreed to pay Dreyfus a monthly fee at

the annual rate of 0.50% of the value of each such Fund's average daily net assets. Dreyfus pays all of the Funds' expenses, except brokerage fees, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the non-interested directors (including counsel fees), Rule 12b-1 fees (which are payments under the Distribution Plan for Investor shares of each Fund and under the Shareholder Services Plan for Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves) and extraordinary expenses. Although Dreyfus does not pay for the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees), Dreyfus is contractually required to reduce its investment management fee by an amount equal to each Fund's allocable share of such fees and expenses. From time to time, Dreyfus may voluntarily waive a portion of the investment management fees payable by a Fund, which would have the effect of lowering the expense ratio of the Fund and increasing return to investors. Expenses attributable to a Fund are charged against the Fund's assets; other expenses of the Company are allocated among its Funds on the basis determined by the Board, including, but not limited to, proportionately in relation to the net assets of each Fund.

For the last three fiscal years, each Fund paid the following management fees:

	<u>For the Fiscal Years Ended October 31,</u>		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Money Market Reserves	\$2,601,886	\$2,279,389	\$2,447,695
U.S. Treasury Reserves	\$ 658,878	\$ 601,513	\$ 771,184
AMT-Free Municipal Reserves	\$ 509,524	\$ 513,958	\$ 601,999

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fees paid by Money Market Reserves, U.S. Treasury Reserves and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves were reduced by \$36,626, \$12,273 and \$7,482, respectively, which amounts represented such Fund's allocable share of the fees and expenses of the non-interested Directors (including counsel fees).

Distributor. The Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus, located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as the Funds' distributor on a best efforts basis pursuant to an agreement which is renewable annually. The Distributor also acts as distributor for the other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, Mellon Funds Trust and Mellon Institutional Funds. Before January 30, 2007, the Distributor was known as "Dreyfus Service Corporation."

Dreyfus may pay the Distributor for shareholder services from Dreyfus' own assets, including past profits but not including the management fee paid by a Fund. The Distributor may use part or all of such payments to pay certain financial institutions (which may include banks), securities brokers or dealers and other industry professionals (collectively, "Service Agents") in connection with their offering of Fund shares to their customers, or for marketing, distribution or other services. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for the third party to offer the Funds instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

The Distributor may pay Service Agents that have entered into agreements with the Distributor a fee based on the amount invested through such Service Agents in Fund shares by

employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans including pension, profit sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities or state and local governments (“Retirement Plans”), or other programs. The term “Retirement Plans” does not include IRAs, IRA “Rollover Accounts” or IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans (“SEP-IRAs”). Generally, the Distributor may pay such Service Agents a fee of up to 1% of the amount invested through the Service Agents. The Distributor, however, may pay Service Agents a higher fee and reserves the right to cease paying these fees at any time. The Distributor will pay such fees from its own Funds, other than amounts received from a Fund, including past profits or any other source available to it. Sponsors of such Retirement Plans or the participants therein should consult their Service Agent for more information regarding any such fee payable to the Service Agent.

Dreyfus or the Distributor may provide cash payments out of its own resources to Service Agents that sell shares of the Funds or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any 12b-1 fees paid by the Funds to those Service Agents. Because those payments are not made by you or the Funds, a Fund’s total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments may be made to Service Agents, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the Service Agent. Cash compensation also may be paid from Dreyfus’ or the Distributor’s own resources to Service Agents for inclusion of a Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as “revenue sharing.” From time to time, Dreyfus or the Distributor also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to Service Agents in the form of: occasional meals, tickets, or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of the Funds. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sales of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Funds.

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent and Custodian. Dreyfus Transfer, Inc., (the “Transfer Agent”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as the Company’s transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Company, the Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of shareholder account records for the Funds, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Funds, and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Funds. For these services, the Transfer Agent receives a monthly fee from Dreyfus pursuant to each Fund’s unitary fee structure, which fee is computed on the basis of the number of shareholder accounts it maintains for the respective Fund during the month, and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

Mellon Bank N.A. (“Mellon Bank”), an affiliate of Dreyfus, located at One Mellon Bank Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258, acts as custodian of each Fund’s investments. Under a custody agreement with the Company, Mellon Bank holds each Fund’s portfolio securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records. For its custody services, Mellon Bank receives a monthly fee based on the market value of each Fund’s respective assets held in custody and

receives certain securities transaction charges. This fee is paid to Mellon Bank by Dreyfus pursuant to each Fund's unitary fee structure. The Transfer Agent and Mellon Bank, as custodian, have no part in determining the investment policies of the Funds or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Funds.

HOW TO BUY SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled "Account Policies," "Services for Fund Investors," "Instructions for Regular Accounts," and "Instructions for IRAs."

All Funds - General. The Company reserves the right to reject any purchase order. No Fund will establish an account for a "foreign financial institution," as that term is defined in Department of the Treasury rules implementing section 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Foreign financial institutions include: foreign banks (including foreign branches of U.S. depository institutions); foreign offices of U.S. securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, and mutual funds; non-U.S. entities that, if they were located in the United States, would be securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants or mutual funds; and non-U.S. entities engaged in the business of a currency dealer or exchanger or a money transmitter.

Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves offer two share classes -- Class R shares and Investor shares -- and AMT-Free Municipal Reserves offers four share classes -- Class R shares, Investor shares, BASIC shares and Class B shares. The share classes are identical, except as to the services offered to and the expenses borne by each class. Investor shares and Class B shares are offered primarily to clients of Service Agents that have entered into Selling Agreements ("Agreements") with the Distributor. BASIC shares are offered to any investor.

Class R shares are offered only to (i) bank trust departments and other financial service providers (including Mellon Bank and its affiliates) acting on behalf of their customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution, or to customers who have received and hold Class R shares of a Fund distributed to them by virtue of such an account or relationship, and (ii) institutional investors acting for themselves or in a fiduciary, advisory agency, custodial or similar capacity for Retirement Plans and SEP-IRAs. Class R shares may be purchased for a Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA only by a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of such Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA. In addition, holders of Class R shares of a Fund who have held their shares since June 5, 2003 may continue to purchase Class R shares of the Fund for their existing accounts whether or not they would otherwise be eligible to do so. It is not recommended that AMT-Free Municipal Reserves be used as a vehicle for Retirement Plans, Keogh plans, Education Savings Accounts or Individual Retirement Accounts.

Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in the relevant Fund Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, and, to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients different fees. As discussed under "Management Arrangement – Distributor," Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from

Dreyfus or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Funds.

If you hold shares of a Fund in an account at a bank or with a Service Agent, such bank or Service Agent may require you to place all purchase, exchange and redemption orders through them. All banks and Service Agents have agreed to transmit transaction requests to the Transfer Agent or to the Distributor. Service Agents effecting transactions in Fund shares for the accounts of their clients may charge their clients direct fees in connection with such transactions. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable. Distribution and shareholder servicing fees paid by Investor shares and Class B will cause such shares to have a higher expense ratio and to pay lower dividends than Class R shares or BASIC shares.

The minimum initial investment for Class R shares or Investor shares of a Fund is \$100,000. The minimum initial investment for investments in Class R shares or Investor shares made through the Dreyfus Managed Assets Program, however, is \$250. There is no minimum for subsequent investments in Class R or Investor shares. Each Fund may waive its minimum initial investment requirement for new Fund accounts opened through a Service Agent whenever Dreyfus Investments Division (“DID”) has determined for the initial account opened through such a Service Agent, which is below the Fund’s minimum initial investment requirement, that the existing accounts holding Class R shares or Investor shares in the Fund opened through that Service Agent have an average account size, or the Service Agent has adequate intent and access to funds to result in maintenance of accounts in the Fund opened through that Service Agent with an average account size, in an amount equal to or in excess of \$100,000. DID is required to periodically review the average size of the accounts opened through each Service Agent and, if necessary, reevaluate the Service Agent’s intent and access to funds. DID will discontinue the waiver as to new accounts to be opened through a Service Agent if DID determines that the average size of accounts opened through that Service Agent in Class R or Investor shares is less than \$100,000 and the Service Agent does not have the requisite intent and access to funds.

The minimum initial investment for BASIC shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves is \$10,000 and for Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a Service Agent which maintains an omnibus account in the Fund and has made an aggregate minimum initial purchase of Class B shares for its customers of \$2,500. Subsequent investments in BASIC shares or Class B shares must be at least \$100. For full-time or part-time employees of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of Dreyfus, Board members of a fund advised by Dreyfus, including members of the Company’s Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing, the minimum initial investment in BASIC shares or Class B shares is \$1,000. For full-time or part-time employees of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment in BASIC shares or Class B shares is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements to Board members of a fund advised by Dreyfus, including members of the Company’s Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation for serving in that capacity automatically invested in the Fund. BASIC shares and Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves are offered

without regard to minimum subsequent investment requirements to shareholders purchasing such shares through the Dreyfus Managed Assets Program or through other wrap account programs.

Each Fund reserves the right to offer its shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Fund. Each Fund reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time. The initial investment must be accompanied by the appropriate Account Application.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), imposes various limitations on the amount that may be contributed annually to certain Retirement Plans or government-sponsored programs. These limitations apply with respect to participants at the plan level and, therefore, do not directly affect the amount that may be invested in a Fund by a Retirement Plan or government-sponsored programs. Participants and plan sponsors should consult their tax advisers for details.

Federal regulations require that you provide a certified taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) upon opening or reopening an account. See the Fund’s Account Application for further information concerning this requirement. Failure to furnish a certified TIN to a Fund could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”).

Fund shares are sold on a continuous basis. NAV per share of each class is determined on each day that the NYSE is open for regular business (a “business day”).

Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves. The NAV per share of Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves is calculated two times each business day, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Orders received in proper form by the Transfer Agent, or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund, before 4:00 p.m. on a business day are effective on, and will receive the price next determined on, that business day. Orders received after 4:00 p.m. on a business day are effective at 12:00 noon on, and receive the first share price determined on, the next business day. If immediately available funds (“Federal Funds” (monies of member banks within the Federal Reserve System which are held on deposit at a Federal Reserve Bank)) are received by the Transfer Agent prior to 12:00 noon on the business day the order is received, you may receive the dividend declared on that day; otherwise, shares begin to accrue dividends on the following business day. All times are Eastern time.

AMT-Free Municipal Reserves. The NAV per share of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves is calculated three times each business day, at 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Orders received in proper form by the Transfer Agent, or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund, before 3:00 p.m., and for which Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., on a business day are effective on, and will receive the price next determined on, that business day, and the shares purchased will receive the dividend declared on that business day. Orders received after 3:00 p.m., but by 8:00 p.m., on a business day, and for which Federal Funds are received by 11:00 a.m. the next business day, are effective on, and will receive the price determined at 8:00 p.m. on, that business day, and the shares purchased will begin to accrue dividends on the next business day. All times are Eastern time.

Using Federal Funds. The Transfer Agent or the Company may attempt to notify the investor upon receipt of checks drawn on banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System as to the possible delay in conversion into Federal Funds and may attempt to arrange for a better means of transmitting the money. If the investor is a customer of a Service Agent and his or her order to purchase Fund shares is paid for other than in Federal Funds, the Service Agent, acting on behalf of its customer, will complete the conversion into, or itself advance, Federal Funds generally on the business day following receipt of the customer order. The order is effective only when so converted and received by the Transfer Agent. An order for the purchase of Fund shares placed by an investor with sufficient Federal Funds or a cash balance in his or her account with a Service Agent will become effective on the day that the order, including Federal Funds, is received by the Transfer Agent.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may purchase Fund shares by telephone or (except for Class B shares) online, if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. The proceeds will be transferred between the bank account designated in one of these documents and your Fund account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) member may be so designated.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase orders may be made at any time. If purchase orders are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the NYSE are open for regular business, Fund shares will be purchased at the share price determined on that day. If purchase orders are made after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the NYSE are open for regular business, or are made on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the NYSE is not open for business), Fund shares will be purchased at the share price determined on the next bank business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, the initial payment for purchase of shares must be drawn on, and redemption proceeds paid to, the same bank and account as are designated on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form on file. If the proceeds of a particular redemption are to be sent to an account at any other bank, the request must be in writing and signature-guaranteed. See “How to Redeem Shares – Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege”. A Fund may modify or terminate this Privilege at any time or charge a service fee upon notice to shareholders. No such fee currently is contemplated.

Share Certificates. Share certificates are issued upon written request only. No certificates are issued for fractional shares.

DISTRIBUTION PLANS AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PLAN

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled “Your Investment.”

The SEC has adopted Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (the “Rule”) regulating the circumstances under which investment companies such as the Company may, directly or indirectly, bear the expenses of distributing their shares. The Rule defines distribution expenses to include expenditures for “any activity which is primarily intended to result in the sale of Fund

shares.” The Rule, among other things, provides that an investment company may bear such expenses only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule.

Distribution Plans. With respect to the Investor shares of each Fund and Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, the Company has adopted separate Distribution Plans (each, a “Distribution Plan”) pursuant to the Rule, under which the Investor shares and Class B shares bear some of the cost of selling those shares under the Plan. With respect to Investor shares, the Distribution Plan allows each Fund to spend annually up to 0.25% (currently limited by the Board of Directors to 0.20%) of the value of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to its Investor shares to compensate the Distributor for shareholder servicing activities and for activities or expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of the Fund’s Investor shares. With respect to Class B shares, the Distribution Plan allows AMT-Free Municipal Reserves to pay the Distributor for distributing Class B shares a fee at an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to its Class B shares. Each Distribution Plan allows the Distributor to make payments from the Rule 12b-1 fees it collects from a Fund to compensate Service Agents that have entered into Agreements with the Distributor. Under the Agreements, the Service Agents are obligated to provide distribution related services with regard to the relevant Fund and/or, with respect to Investor shares, shareholder services to the Service Agent’s clients that own Investor shares of a Fund.

The Company and the Distributor may suspend or reduce payments under the relevant Distribution Plan at any time, and payments are subject to the continuation of a Fund’s Distribution Plan and the Agreements described above. From time to time, the Service Agents, the Distributor and the Company may agree to voluntarily reduce the maximum fees payable under the Distribution Plans.

Potential investors should read this Statement of Additional Information in light of the terms governing Agreements with their Service Agents. A Service Agent entitled to receive compensation for selling and/or servicing a Fund’s shares may receive different compensation with respect to different classes of shares.

Shareholder Services Plan. With respect to Class B shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, the Company has adopted a Shareholder Services Plan (the “Service Plan”) subject to the Rule, pursuant to which the Fund pays the Distributor for the provision of certain services to the holders of its Class B shares a fee at an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding AMT-Free Municipal Reserves and providing reports and other information, and services related to the maintenance of such shareholder accounts. Under the Service Plan, the Distributor may enter into Shareholder Services Agreements with Service Agents and make payments to Service Agents in respect of these services.

The Company and the Distributor may suspend or reduce payments under the Service Plan at any time, and payments are subject to the continuation of the Service Plan and the Agreements described above. From time to time, the Service Agents, the Distributor and the Company may agree to voluntarily reduce the maximum fees payable under the Service Plan.

The Company understands that Service Agents may charge fees to their clients who are owners of Class B shares for various services provided in connection with a client's account. These fees would be in addition to any amounts received by a Service Agent under its Shareholder Services Agreement. The Shareholder Services Agreement requires each Service Agent to disclose to their clients any compensation payable to such Service Agent by the Company and any other compensation payable by the clients for various services provided in connection with their accounts. Potential investors should read this Statement of Additional Information in light of the terms governing their accounts with their Service Agents.

The Distribution Plans and the Service Plan, (each, a "Plan", and collectively, the "Plans") each provide that a report of the amounts expended thereunder, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Directors for their review at least quarterly. In addition, each Plan provides that such Plan may not be amended to increase materially the costs which a Fund may bear pursuant to the relevant Plan without approval of the Fund's shareholders, and that other material amendments of the Plan must be approved by the vote of a majority of the Directors and of the Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company and who do not have any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan or in the related Agreements, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. The Plans are subject to annual approval by all of the Directors and by the Directors who are neither "interested persons" nor have any direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plans or in the related Agreements, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. Each Plan is terminable, as to the relevant Fund or class of shares, at any time by vote of a majority of the Directors who are not "interested persons" and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan or in the related Agreements or by vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of such Fund or class of shares.

The fees payable under the Plans are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, each Fund, with respect to its Investor shares, paid the Distributor the following distribution fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan:

Name of Fund

Money Market Reserves	\$680,527
AMT-Free Municipal Reserves	\$ 47,050
U.S. Treasury Reserves	\$200,430

For the period from July 2, 2007 (commencement of operations of Class B shares) through October 31, 2007, AMT-Free Municipal Reserves paid the Distributor, with respect to Class B shares, \$1 in Distribution fees pursuant to the Class B Distribution Plan, and \$1 in services fees pursuant to the Class B Service Plan.

HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled “Account Policies,” “Services for Fund Investors,” “Instructions for Regular Accounts” and “Instructions for IRAs.”

General. If you hold Fund shares of more than one Class, any request for redemption must specify the Class of shares being redeemed. If you fail to specify the Class of shares to be redeemed or if you own fewer shares of the Class than specified to be redeemed, the redemption request may be delayed until the Transfer Agent receives further instructions from you or your Service Agent.

The Funds impose no charges when shares are redeemed. Service Agents or other institutions may charge their clients a fee for effecting redemptions of Fund shares. Any certificates representing Fund shares being redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. The value of the shares redeemed may be more or less than their original cost, depending upon the Fund’s then-current NAV.

Procedures. You may redeem Fund shares by using the regular redemption procedure through the Transfer Agent, or through the Telephone Redemption Privilege or the Checkwriting Privilege, which are granted automatically unless you specifically refuse them by checking the applicable “No” box on the Account Application. The Telephone Redemption Privilege and the Checkwriting Privilege may be established for an existing account by a separate signed Shareholder Services Form or, with respect to the Telephone Redemption Privilege, by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account by calling 1-800-645-6561. You also may redeem shares through the Wire Redemption Privilege or the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. Other redemption procedures may be in effect for clients of other Service Agents and institutions. The Funds make available to certain large institutions the ability to issue redemption instructions through compatible computer facilities. Each Fund reserves the right to refuse any request made by telephone, including requests made shortly after a change of address, and may limit the amount involved or the number of such requests. Each Fund may modify or terminate any redemption privilege at any time or charge a service fee upon notice to shareholders. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs, or Retirement Plans, and shares for which certificates have been issued, are not eligible for the Checkwriting, Wire Redemption, Telephone Redemption or Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege.

A Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by the rules of the SEC. However, if you have purchased Fund shares by check or by the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege and subsequently submit a written redemption request to the Transfer Agent, the Fund may delay the redemption of such shares for a period of up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will reject requests to redeem shares by wire or telephone or pursuant to the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege or online for a period of up to eight business days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the purchase check or the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* purchase order against which such redemption is requested. The Funds

also will not honor Redemption Checks ("Checks") under the Checkwriting Privilege in such instances. These procedures will not apply if your shares were purchased by wire payment, or you otherwise have a sufficient collected balance in your account to cover the redemption request. Each Fund's shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

The Telephone Redemption Privilege, Wire Redemption Privilege, Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege or Telephone Exchange Privilege authorizes the Transfer Agent to act on telephone instructions (including the Dreyfus Express[®] voice response telephone system) or (except for Class B) online, from any person representing himself or herself to be you, or a representative of your Service Agent, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. The Funds will require the Transfer Agent to employ reasonable procedures, such as requiring a form of personal identification, to confirm that instructions are genuine and, if it does not follow such procedures, a Fund or the Transfer Agent may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Neither the Funds nor the Transfer Agent will be liable for following telephone instructions reasonably believed to be genuine.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, you may experience difficulty in contacting the Transfer Agent by telephone to request a redemption or an exchange of Fund shares. In such cases, you should consider using the other redemption procedures described herein. Use of these other redemption procedures may result in your redemption request being processed at a later time than it would have been if telephone redemption had been used.

Checkwriting Privilege. Investors may write Checks drawn on a Fund account. Each Fund provides Checks automatically upon opening an account, unless the investor specifically refuses the Checkwriting Privilege by checking the applicable "No" box on the Account Application. The Checkwriting Privilege may be established for an existing account by a separate signed Shareholder Services Form. Checks will be sent only to the registered owner(s) of the account and only to the address of record. The Account Application or Shareholder Services Form must be manually signed by the registered owner(s). Checks may be made payable to the order of any person in an amount of \$500 or more. When a Check is presented to the Transfer Agent for payment, the Transfer Agent, as the investor's agent, will cause the Fund to redeem a sufficient number of full or fractional shares in the investor's account to cover the amount of the Check. Dividends are earned until the Check clears. After clearance, a copy of the Check will be returned to the investor. Investors generally will be subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to checking accounts, although the election of this Privilege creates only a shareholder-transfer agent relationship with the Transfer Agent.

If the amount of the Check is greater than the value of the shares in an investor's account, the Check will be returned marked insufficient funds. Checks should not be used to close an account. Checks are free but the Transfer Agent will impose a fee for stopping payment of a Check upon request or if the Transfer Agent cannot honor a Check because of insufficient funds or other valid reason. Investors should date Checks with the current date when writing them. Please do not postdate Checks. If Checks are postdated, the Transfer Agent will honor, upon presentment, even if presented before the date of the Check, all postdated Checks which are dated within six months of presentment for payment, if they are otherwise in good order.

Wire Redemption Privilege. By using this Privilege, the investor authorizes the Transfer Agent to act on telephone or letter or (except for Class B shares) online redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be the investor, or a representative of the investor's Service Agent, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. With respect to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves only, ordinarily, the Fund will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the same business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the redemption request in proper form prior to 3:00 p.m., Eastern time, on such day; otherwise the Fund will initiate payment on the next business day. With respect to Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves, ordinarily, these Funds will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the next business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the redemption request in proper form. Redemption proceeds (\$1,000 minimum), will be transferred by Federal Reserve wire only to the commercial bank account specified by the investor on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form, or a correspondent bank if the investor's bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System. Fees ordinarily are imposed by such bank and borne by the investor. Immediate notification by the correspondent bank to the investor's bank is necessary to avoid a delay in crediting the funds to the investor's bank account.

To change the commercial bank or account designated to receive redemption proceeds, a written request must be sent to the Transfer Agent. This request must be signed by each shareholder, with each signature guaranteed as described below under "Stock Certificates; Signatures."

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may request by telephone or (except for Class B shares) online, that redemption proceeds (minimum \$500 per day) be transferred between your Fund account and your bank account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be designated. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. Investors should be aware that if they have selected the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege, any request for a Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* transaction will be effected through the ACH system unless more prompt transmittal specifically is requested. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* privilege. See "How to Buy Shares—Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege."

Stock Certificates; Signatures. Any certificates representing Fund shares to be redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. A fee may be imposed to replace lost or stolen certificates, or certificates that were never received. Written redemption requests must be signed by each shareholder, including each holder of a joint account, and each signature must be guaranteed. Signatures on endorsed certificates submitted for redemption also must be guaranteed. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards and procedures pursuant to which signature-guarantees in proper form generally will be accepted from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the NYSE Medallion Signature Program, the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program. Guarantees must be signed by an authorized signatory of the guarantor and "Signature-Guaranteed" must appear with the signature. The Transfer Agent may request additional documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or

guardians, and may accept other suitable verification arrangements from foreign investors, such as consular verification. For more information with respect to signature-guarantees, please call one of the telephone numbers listed on the cover.

Redemption Commitment. The Company has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record of a Fund, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of the Fund's net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the SEC. In the case of requests for redemptions in excess of such amount, the Board reserves the right to make payments in whole or in part in securities or other assets in case of an emergency or any time a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Fund to the detriment of the existing shareholders. In such event, the securities would be valued in the same manner as the Fund's portfolio is valued. If the recipient sold such securities, brokerage charges might be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (a) during any period when the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when trading in the markets a Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of a Fund's investments or determination of its NAV is not reasonably practicable, or (c) for such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect a Fund's shareholders.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled "Account Policies" and "Services for Fund Investors."

Fund Exchanges. You may purchase, in exchange for shares of a Fund, shares of certain other Funds managed or administered by Dreyfus or shares of certain Funds advised by Founders Asset Management LLC ("Founders"), an indirect subsidiary of Dreyfus, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence. Shares of such other Funds purchased by exchange will be purchased on the basis of relative NAV per share as follows:

- A. Exchanges for shares of funds that are offered without a sales load will be made without a sales load.
- B. Shares of funds purchased without a sales load may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load may be exchanged without a sales load for shares of other funds sold without a sales load.
- D. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load, shares of funds acquired by a previous exchange from shares purchased with a sales load and additional shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or distributions of any such funds (collectively referred to herein as "Purchased Shares") may be

exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as “Offered Shares”), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load that could have been imposed in connection with the Purchased Shares (at the time the Purchased Shares were acquired), without giving effect to any reduced loads, the difference may be deducted.

To accomplish an exchange under item D above, shareholders must notify the Transfer Agent of their prior ownership of Fund shares and their account number. Any such exchange is subject to confirmation of a shareholder’s holdings through a check of appropriate records.

To request an exchange, an investor or an investor’s Service Agent acting on the investor’s behalf must give exchange instructions to the Transfer Agent in writing or by telephone or (except for Class B shares) online. The ability to issue exchange instructions by telephone or (except for Class B shares) online is given to all such Fund shareholders automatically unless the investor checks the applicable “No” box on the Account Application, indicating that the investor specifically refuses this privilege. This privilege may be established for an existing account by written request signed by all shareholders on the account, by a separate signed Shareholder Services Form, available by calling 1-800-645-6561, or by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account, also by calling 1-800-645-6561. By using the privilege, the investor authorizes the Transfer Agent to act on telephonic instructions (including over the Dreyfus Express[®] voice response telephone system) or (except for Class B shares) online instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be the investor or a representative of the investor’s Service Agent, and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Exchanges may be subject to limitations as to the amount involved or the number of exchanges permitted. Shares issued in certificate form are not eligible for telephone or online exchange. No fees currently are charged shareholders directly in connection with exchanges, although each Fund reserves the right, upon not less than 60 days’ written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the SEC.

Exchanges of Class R shares held by a Retirement Plan may be made only between the investor’s Retirement Plan account in one Fund and such investor’s Retirement Plan account in another Fund.

To establish a personal Retirement Plan by exchange, shares of the Fund being exchanged must have a value of at least the minimum initial investment required for the Fund into which the exchange is being made.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of a Fund, shares of another Fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of certain Funds advised by Founders, of which you are a shareholder. The amount the investor designates, which can be expressed either in terms of a specific dollar or share amount (\$100 minimum), will be exchanged automatically on the first and/or fifteenth day of the month according to the schedule the investor has selected. This Privilege is available only for existing accounts. With respect to Class R shares held by a Retirement Plan, exchanges may be made only between the investor’s

Retirement Plan account in one Fund and such investor's Retirement Plan account in another Fund. Shares will be exchanged on the basis of relative NAV per share as described above under "Fund Exchanges." Enrollment in or modification or cancellation of this Privilege is effective three business days following notification by the investor. An investor will be notified if the investor's account falls below the amount designated to be exchanged under this Privilege. In this case, an investor's account will fall to zero unless additional investments are made in excess of the designated amount prior to the next Dreyfus Auto-Exchange transaction. Shares held under IRAs and other retirement plans are eligible for this Privilege. Exchanges of IRA shares may be made between IRA accounts and from regular accounts to IRA accounts, but not from IRA accounts to regular accounts. With respect to all other retirement accounts, exchanges may be made only among those accounts.

The right to exercise this Privilege may be modified or canceled by a Fund or the Transfer Agent. You may modify or cancel your exercise of this Privilege at any time by mailing written notification to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, P.O. Box 9263, Boston, MA 02205-8501. The Funds may charge a service fee for the use of this Privilege. No such fee currently is contemplated. For more information concerning this Privilege and the Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds eligible to participate in this Privilege, or to obtain a Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Authorization Form, please call toll free 1-800-645-6561.

Fund Exchanges and the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege are available to shareholders resident in any state in which shares of the Fund being acquired may legally be sold. Shares may be exchanged only between accounts having certain identical identifying designations. The exchange of shares of one Fund for shares of another is treated for Federal income tax purposes as a sale of the shares given in exchange and, therefore, an exchanging shareholder (other than a tax-exempt Retirement Plan) may realize a taxable gain or loss.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other Funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-645-6561, or visiting www.dreyfus.com. Each Fund reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. The Fund Exchange service or the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®. Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$150,000 per transaction) at regular intervals selected by you. Fund shares are purchased by transferring funds from the bank account designated by you.

Automatic Withdrawal Plan. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan permits an investor with a \$5,000 minimum account to request withdrawal of a specified dollar amount (minimum of \$50) on either a monthly or quarterly basis. Withdrawal payments are the proceeds from sales of Fund shares, not the yield on the shares. If withdrawal payments exceed reinvested dividends and other distributions, the investor's shares will be reduced and eventually may be depleted. An Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be established by filing an Automatic Withdrawal Plan application with the Transfer Agent or by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account by calling 1-800-645-6561. Automatic Withdrawal may be terminated at any time by the investor, a Fund or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Particular Retirement Plans, including Dreyfus-sponsored Retirement Plans, may permit certain participants to establish an automatic withdrawal plan from such Retirement Plans. Participants should consult their Retirement Plan sponsor and tax adviser for details. Such a withdrawal plan is different from the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Dividend Options. Dreyfus Dividend Sweep allows you to invest automatically your dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from a Fund in shares of another Fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of certain Funds advised by Founders, of which you are a shareholder. Shares of certain other Funds purchased pursuant to this Privilege will be purchased on the basis of relative NAV per share as follows:

- A. Dividends and other distributions paid by a fund may be invested without a sales load in shares of other funds that are offered without a sales load.
- B. Dividends and other distributions paid by a fund which does not charge a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that charges a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as “Offered Shares”), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load charged by the fund from which dividends or distributions are being swept (without giving effect to any reduced loads), the difference may be deducted.
- D. Dividends and other distributions paid by a fund may be invested in shares of other funds that impose a contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”) and the applicable CDSC, if any, will be imposed upon redemption of such shares.

Dreyfus Dividend ACH permits you to transfer electronically dividends and other distributions, if any, from a Fund to a designated bank account. Only an account maintained at a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be so designated. Banks may charge a fee for this service.

For more information concerning these Privileges, or to request a Dividend Options Form, please call toll free 1-800-645-6561. You may cancel these Privileges by mailing written notification to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501. To select a new Fund after cancellation, you must submit a new Dividend Options Form. Enrollment in or cancellation of these Privileges is effective three business days following receipt. These Privileges are available only for existing accounts and may not be used to open new accounts. Minimum subsequent investments do not apply for Dreyfus Dividend Sweep. A Fund may modify or terminate these privileges at any time or charge a service fee. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs or other retirement plans are not eligible for Dreyfus Dividend Sweep.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege. Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege enables you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$50,000 per

transaction) by having Federal salary, Social Security or certain veterans', military or other payments from the Federal government automatically deposited into your Fund account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 per transaction) automatically on a regular basis. Depending upon your employer's direct deposit program, you may have part or all of your paycheck transferred to your existing Dreyfus account electronically through the ACH system at each pay period. To establish a Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan account, you must file an authorization form with your employer's payroll department. Your employer must complete the reverse side of the form and return it to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, P.O. Box 55263, Boston, MA 02205-8501. You may obtain the necessary authorization form by calling 1-800-645-6561. You may change the amount of purchase or cancel the authorization only by written notification to your employer. It is the sole responsibility of your employer, not the Distributor, Dreyfus, the Funds, the Transfer Agent or any other person, to arrange for transactions under the Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. A Fund may modify or terminate this Privilege at any time or charge a service fee. No such fee currently is contemplated. Shares held under Keogh Plans, IRAs or other retirement plans are not eligible for this Privilege.

Retirement Plans. The Funds make available a variety of pension and profit-sharing plans, including Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs and rollover IRAs), Education Savings Accounts, 401(k) Salary Reduction Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans. Plan support services also are available. Shares may be purchased in connection with these plans only by direct remittance to the entity acting as custodian. Purchases for these plans may not be made in advance of receipt of funds. You can obtain details on the various plans by calling the following numbers toll free: for Keogh Plans, please call 1-800-358-5566; for IRAs and IRA "Rollover Accounts," please call 1-800-645-6561; for SEP-IRAs, 401(k) Salary Reduction Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans, please call 1-800-322-7880.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled "Account Policies."

Amortized Cost Pricing. The valuation of each Fund's portfolio securities is based upon their amortized cost which does not take into account unrealized capital gains or losses. This method of valuation involves valuing an instrument at its cost and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium, regardless of the impact of fluctuating interest rates on the market value of the instrument. While this method provides certainty in valuation, it may result in periods during which value, as determined by amortized cost, is higher or lower than the price a Fund would receive if it sold the instrument.

The Company's Board has established, as a particular responsibility within the overall duty of care owed to each Fund's shareholders, procedures reasonably designed to stabilize the Fund's price per share as computed for purposes of purchases and redemptions at \$1.00. Such procedures include a review of the Fund's portfolio holdings by the Board, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, to determine whether the Fund's NAV calculated by using available market

quotations or market equivalents deviates from \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost. In such review, market quotations, to the extent they are readily available, are obtained for investments of comparable maturity, quality and type of the securities to be valued, from one or more of the major market makers for the securities. Other investments and assets, to the extent a Fund is permitted to invest in such instruments, will be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Fund's Board. With respect to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, market quotations and market equivalents used in the Board's review are obtained from an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board. The Service values AMT-Free Municipal Reserves' investments based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of Municipal Obligations of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications of values from dealers; and general market conditions. The Service also may employ electronic data processing techniques and/or a matrix system to determine valuations.

The extent of any deviation between a Fund's NAV based upon available market quotations or market equivalents and \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost will be examined by the Company's Board. If such deviation exceeds ½%, the Board will consider what actions, if any, will be initiated. In the event the Board determines that a deviation exists which may result in material dilution or other unfair results to investors or existing shareholders, it has agreed to take such corrective action as it regards as necessary and appropriate, including: selling portfolio instruments prior to maturity to realize capital gains or losses or to shorten average portfolio maturity; withholding dividends or paying distributions from capital or capital gains; redeeming shares in kind; or establishing a NAV per share by using available market quotations or market equivalents.

NYSE Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the NYSE is currently scheduled to be closed are: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

DIVIDENDS, OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled "Distributions and Taxes."

General. Each Fund ordinarily declares dividends from net investment income on each day that the NYSE is open for business. A Fund's earnings for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are declared as dividends on the preceding business day. Dividends usually are paid on the last calendar day of each month and are automatically reinvested in additional Fund shares at NAV or, at your option, paid in cash. If you redeem all shares in your account at any time during the month, all dividends to which you are entitled will be paid to you along with the proceeds of the redemption. If an omnibus accountholder indicates in a partial redemption request that a portion of any accrued dividends to which such account is entitled belongs to an underlying accountholder who has redeemed all of his or her Fund shares, that portion of the accrued dividends will be paid along with the proceeds of the redemption. Dividends from net realized short-term capital gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, but a Fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Code, in all events in a manner consistent with the provisions of the 1940 Act. A Fund will not make distributions from net realized capital gains unless capital loss carryovers, if any, have

been utilized or have expired. The Funds do not expect to realize any long-term capital gains or losses. You may choose whether to receive dividends in cash or to reinvest them in additional Fund shares at NAV. All expenses are accrued daily and deducted before declaration of dividends to investors.

Dividends paid by a Fund with respect to one class of shares may be greater or less per share than those paid with respect to another class of shares due to the different expenses of the different classes. Except as provided below, shares of each of Money Market Reserves and U.S. Treasury Reserves purchased on a day on which the Fund calculates its NAV will not begin to accrue dividends until the following business day and redemption orders effected on any particular day will receive all dividends declared through the day of redemption. However, if Federal Funds are received by the Transfer Agent prior to 12:00 noon, Eastern time, you may receive the dividend declared on the day of purchase. You will not receive the dividends declared on the day of redemption if a wire redemption order is placed prior to 12:00 noon, Eastern time.

Shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves begin accruing dividends on the business day the purchase order is effected if the instructions to purchase shares (except for purchase orders through Dreyfus *TeleTransfer* Privilege) and Federal Funds are received by the Transfer Agent or the Distributor or its designee prior to 3:00 p.m., Eastern time, provided Federal Funds are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on that day. Dividends begin accruing on shares on the next business day with regard to purchase orders effected after 3:00 p.m., Eastern time, provided Federal Funds are received by 11:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the next business day.

With respect to AMT-Free Municipal Reserves, requests to redeem or exchange Fund shares received in proper form by the Transfer Agent by 3:00 p.m., Eastern time, on a business day are effective on, and will receive the share price next determined on, that day, and the shares will not receive the dividend declared that day. Redemption and exchange requests received after 3:00 p.m., but prior to 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, are effective on, and will receive the share price determined at 8:00 p.m. on, that day, and the shares will receive the dividend declared on that day.

It is expected that each Fund will continue to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under the Code so long as such qualification is in the best interest of its shareholders. Such qualification will relieve a Fund of any liability for federal income tax to the extent its earnings and realized gains are distributed in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code. To qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code, each Fund – which is treated as a separate corporation for federal tax purposes – (1) must distribute to its shareholders each year at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (generally consisting of net taxable investment income and net short-term capital gains) ("Distribution Requirement"), (2) must derive at least 90% of its annual gross income from specified sources ("Income Requirement"), and (3) must meet certain asset diversification and other requirements. The term "regulated investment company" does not imply the supervision of management or investment practices by any government agency. If a Fund failed to qualify for treatment as a RIC for any taxable year, (i) it would be taxed at corporate rates on the full amount of its taxable income for that year without being able to deduct the distributions it makes to its shareholders and (ii) the shareholders would treat all those distributions, including distributions that otherwise would be

“exempt-interest dividends” (described below under “AMT-Free Municipal Reserves”), as dividends (that is, ordinary income) to the extent of the Fund’s earnings and profits. In addition, a Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before requalifying for RIC treatment.

Each Fund may be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax to the extent it fails to distribute by the end of any calendar year substantially all of its ordinary (taxable) income for that year and capital gain net income for the one-year period ending October 31 of that year, plus certain other amounts. Each Fund expects to make the distributions necessary to avoid the imposition of this tax.

If you elect to receive dividends in cash, and your dividend check is returned to a Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest that dividend and all future dividends payable to you in additional Fund shares at NAV. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed dividend or redemption checks.

Dividends from a Fund’s investment company taxable income together with distributions from net realized short-term capital gains, if any (collectively, “dividend distributions”), will be taxable to U.S. shareholders, including certain non-qualified retirement plans, as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund’s earnings and profits, whether received in cash or reinvested in additional Fund shares. Distributions by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves that are designated by it as “exempt-interest dividends” generally may be excluded by you from your gross income. The Funds are not expected to realize long-term capital gains, or, therefore, to make distributions of net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss). Nor will dividends paid by any of the Funds be eligible for the dividends-received deductions allowed to corporations.

Dividends paid by a Fund to qualified retirement plans ordinarily will not be subject to taxation until the proceeds are distributed from the plans. A Fund will not report to the IRS distributions paid to such plans. Generally, distributions from Qualified Retirement Plans, except those representing returns of non-deductible contributions thereto, will be taxable as ordinary income and, if made prior to the time the participant reaches age 59½, generally will be subject to an additional tax equal to 10% of the taxable portion of the distribution. The administrator, trustee or custodian of a qualified retirement plan will be responsible for reporting distributions from the plan to the IRS. Moreover, certain contributions to a qualified retirement plan in excess of the amounts permitted by law may be subject to an excise tax. If a distributee of an “eligible rollover distribution” from a qualified retirement plan does not elect to have the distribution paid directly from the plan to an eligible retirement plan in a “direct rollover,” the distribution is subject to a 20% income tax withholding.

In January of each year, your Fund will send you a Form 1099-DIV notifying you of the status for federal income tax purposes of your dividends from the Fund for the preceding year. AMT-Free Municipal Reserves also will advise shareholders of the percentage, if any, of the dividends paid that are exempt interest dividends and the portion, if any, of those dividends that is a tax preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax.

You must furnish the Funds with your TIN and state whether you are subject to backup withholding for prior under-reporting, certified under penalties of perjury. Unless previously furnished, investments received without such a certification will be returned. Each Fund is required to withhold 28% of all dividends payable to any individuals and certain other non-corporate shareholders who do not provide the Fund with a correct TIN or who otherwise are subject to backup withholding. A TIN is either the Social Security number, IRS individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number of the record owner of an account. Any tax withheld as a result of backup withholding does not constitute an additional tax imposed on the record owner and may be claimed as a credit on the record owner's Federal income tax return.

AMT-Free Municipal Reserves. Dividends paid by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will qualify as "exempt-interest dividends," and thus will be excludable from gross income by its shareholders, if the Fund satisfies the requirement that, at the close of each quarter of its taxable year, at least 50% of the value of its total assets consists of securities the interest on which is excludable from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code ("tax-exempt interest"); the Fund expects to continue to satisfy this requirement. The aggregate amount designated by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves as exempt-interest dividends for any taxable year may not exceed its tax-exempt interest for the year over certain amounts disallowed as deductions. The treatment of dividends from the Fund under local and state income tax laws may differ from the treatment thereof under the Code.

Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves will not be deductible for federal income tax purposes to the extent that Fund's distributions consist of exempt-interest dividends. If AMT-Free Municipal Reserves shares are sold at a loss after being held for six months or less, the loss will be disallowed to the extent of any exempt-interest dividends received on those shares.

Tax-exempt interest attributable to certain private activity bonds ("PABs") (including, in the case of a RIC receiving interest on such bonds, a proportionate part of the exempt-interest dividends paid by that RIC) is an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. The Fund currently does not invest in such securities.

Entities or persons who are "substantial users" (or persons related to "substantial users") of facilities financed by PABs or industrial development bonds ("IDBs") should consult their tax advisers before purchasing shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves because, for users of certain of these facilities, the interest on those bonds is not exempt from federal income tax. For these purposes, the term "substantial user" is defined generally to include a "non-exempt person" who regularly uses in trade or business a part of a facility financed from the proceeds of PABs or IDBs.

Up to 85% of social security and railroad retirement benefits may be included in taxable income for recipients whose adjusted gross income (including income from tax-exempt sources such as AMT-Free Municipal Reserves) plus 50% of their benefits exceeds certain base amounts. Exempt-interest dividends paid by that Fund still are tax-exempt to the extent described above; they are only included in the calculation of whether a recipient's income exceeds the established amounts.

Proposals have been and may be introduced before Congress that would restrict or eliminate the federal income tax exemption for interest on municipal securities. If such a proposal were enacted, the availability of such securities for investment by AMT-Free Municipal Reserves and the value of its portfolio would be affected. In that event, that Fund would reevaluate its investment objective and policies.

If AMT-Free Municipal Reserves invests in any instrument that generates taxable income, under the circumstances described in its Prospectus, distributions of the interest earned thereon will be taxable to its shareholders as ordinary income to the extent of its earnings and profits. Moreover, if AMT-Free Municipal Reserves realizes capital gain as a result of market transactions, any distribution of that gain will be taxable to its shareholders. There also may be collateral federal income tax consequences regarding the receipt of exempt-interest dividends by shareholders such as S corporations, financial institutions and property and casualty insurance companies. A shareholder falling into any such category should consult its tax adviser concerning its investment in shares of AMT-Free Municipal Reserves.

State and Local Taxes. Depending upon the extent of its activities in states and localities in which it is deemed to be conducting business, a Fund may be subject to the tax laws thereof. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisers concerning the application of state and local taxes to them.

Foreign Shareholders - U.S. Federal Income Taxation. U.S. federal income taxation of a shareholder who, as to the United States, is a non-resident alien individual, a foreign trust or estate, a foreign corporation or a foreign partnership (a “foreign shareholder”) depends on whether the income from a Fund is “effectively connected” with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the shareholder, as discussed below. Special U.S. federal income tax rules that differ from those described below may apply to certain foreign persons who invest in a Fund such as a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty. Foreign shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisers with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in a Fund.

Foreign Shareholders - Dividends. Dividends (other than exempt-interest dividends) distributed to a foreign shareholder whose ownership of Fund shares is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the foreign shareholder (“effectively connected”) generally will be subject to a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% (or lower treaty rate). If a foreign shareholder’s ownership of Fund shares is effectively connected, however, then all distributions to that shareholder will not be subject to such withholding and instead will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens and domestic corporations, as the case may be. Foreign shareholders also may be subject to the branch profits tax.

Foreign Shareholders - Estate Tax. Foreign individuals generally are subject to U.S. federal estate tax on their U.S. situs property, such as shares of a Fund, that they own at the time of their death. Certain credits against that tax and relief under applicable tax treaties may be available.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General. Dreyfus assumes general supervision over the placement of securities purchase and sale orders on behalf of the funds it manages. In cases where Dreyfus or a fund employs a sub-adviser, the sub-adviser, under the supervision of Dreyfus, places orders on behalf of the applicable fund(s) for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities.

Certain funds are managed by dual employees of Dreyfus and an affiliated entity in the Mellon organization. Funds managed by dual employees use the research and trading facilities, and are subject to the internal policies and procedures, of the affiliated entity. In this regard, Dreyfus places orders on behalf of those funds for the purchase and sale of securities through the trading desk of the affiliated entity, applying the written trade allocation procedures of such affiliate.

Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) generally has the authority to select brokers (for equity securities) or dealers (for fixed income securities) and the commission rates or spreads to be paid. Allocation of brokerage transactions, including their frequency, is made in the best judgment of Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) and in a manner deemed fair and reasonable to shareholders. The primary consideration in placing portfolio transactions is prompt execution of orders at the most favorable net price. In choosing brokers or dealers, Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) evaluates the ability of the broker or dealer to execute the particular transaction (taking into account the market for the security and the size of the order) at the best combination of price and quality of execution.

In general, brokers or dealers involved in the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of a fund are selected on the basis of their professional capability and the value and quality of their services. Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) attempts to obtain best execution for the funds by choosing brokers or dealers to execute transactions based on a variety of factors, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) price; (ii) liquidity; (iii) the nature and character of the relevant market for the security to be purchased or sold; (iv) the measured quality and efficiency of the broker's or dealer's execution; (v) the broker's or dealer's willingness to commit capital; (vi) the reliability of the broker or dealer in trade settlement and clearance; (vii) the level of counter-party risk (*i.e.*, the broker's or dealer's financial condition); (viii) the commission rate or the spread; (ix) the value of research provided; (x) the availability of electronic trade entry and reporting links; and (xi) the size and type of order (*e.g.*, foreign or domestic security, large block, illiquid security). In selecting brokers or dealers no factor is necessarily determinative; however, at various times and for various reasons, certain factors will be more important than others in determining which broker or dealer to use. Seeking to obtain best execution for all trades takes precedence over all other considerations.

With respect to the receipt of research, the brokers or dealers selected may include those that supplement Dreyfus' (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) research facilities with statistical data, investment information, economic facts and opinions. Such information may be useful to Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) in serving funds or accounts that it advises and, conversely, supplemental information obtained by the placement of business of other clients may be useful to Dreyfus (and where applicable, a

sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) in carrying out its obligations to the funds. Information so received is in addition to, and not in lieu of, services required to be performed by Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate), and Dreyfus' (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) fees are not reduced as a consequence of the receipt of such supplemental information. Although the receipt of such research services does not reduce Dreyfus' (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) normal independent research activities, it enables it to avoid the additional expenses that might otherwise be incurred if it were to attempt to develop comparable information through its own staff.

Under Dreyfus' (and where applicable, a sub-adviser's or Dreyfus affiliate's) procedures, portfolio managers and their corresponding trading desks may seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one fund or account. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by a fund or an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. As noted above, certain brokers or dealers may be selected because of their ability to handle special executions such as those involving large block trades or broad distributions, provided that the primary consideration of best execution is met. Generally, when trades are aggregated, each fund or account within the block will receive the same price and commission. However, random allocations of aggregate transactions may be made to minimize custodial transaction costs. In addition, at the close of the trading day, when reasonable and practicable, the completed securities of partially filled orders will generally be allocated to each participating fund and account in the proportion that each order bears to the total of all orders (subject to rounding to "round lot" amounts).

To the extent that a Fund invests in foreign securities, certain of such Fund's transactions in those securities may not benefit from the negotiated commission rates available to Funds for transactions in securities of domestic issuers. For Funds that permit foreign exchange transactions, such transactions are made with banks or institutions in the interbank market at prices reflecting a mark-up or mark-down and/or commission.

Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may deem it appropriate if permitted by its relevant compliance policies and procedures for one Fund or account it manages to sell a security while another Fund or account it manages is purchasing the same security. Under such circumstances, Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may arrange to have the purchase and sale transactions effected directly between the Funds and/or accounts ("cross transactions"). Any cross transactions will be effected in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

All portfolio transactions of each money market fund are placed on behalf of the Fund by Dreyfus. Debt securities purchased and sold by a Fund generally are traded on a net basis (*i.e.*, without a commission) through dealers acting for their own account and not as brokers, or otherwise involve transactions directly with the issuer of the instrument. This means that a dealer makes a market for securities by offering to buy at one price and sell at a slightly higher price. The difference between the prices is known as a "spread". Other portfolio transactions may be executed through brokers acting as agents. A Fund will pay a spread or commission in connections with such transactions. Dreyfus uses its best efforts to obtain execution of portfolio transactions at prices that are advantageous to a Fund and at spreads and commission rates (if

any) that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. Dreyfus also places transactions for other accounts that it provides with investment advice.

None of the Funds paid a stated brokerage commission during the fiscal years ended October 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

When more than one Fund or account is simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same investment instrument, the prices and amounts are allocated in accordance with a formula considered by Dreyfus (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) to be equitable to each Fund or account. In some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the investment instrument as far as a Fund or account is concerned. In other cases, however, the ability of a Fund or account to participate in volume transactions will produce better executions for the Fund or account.

When transactions are executed in the over-the-counter market (*i.e.*, with dealers), Dreyfus will typically deal with the primary market makers unless a more favorable price or execution otherwise is obtainable.

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings. It is the policy of Dreyfus to protect the confidentiality of fund portfolio holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. Each Fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its holdings in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the SEC. Each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings at month-end, with a one-month lag, at www.dreyfus.com. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter. Each money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of holdings twice a month, on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month, with a 15-day lag. Portfolio holdings will remain available on the website until the date on which the fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

If a Fund's portfolio holdings are released pursuant to an ongoing arrangement with any party, such Fund must have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and neither the fund, nor Dreyfus or its affiliates, may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make available information about the fund's portfolio holdings. Funds may distribute portfolio holdings to mutual fund evaluation services such as Standard & Poor's, Morningstar or Lipper Analytical Services; due diligence departments of broker-dealers and wirehouses that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure; and broker-dealers that may be used by the fund, for the purpose of efficient trading and receipt of relevant research, provided that: (a) the recipient does not distribute the portfolio holdings to persons who are likely to use the information for purposes of purchasing or selling fund shares or fund portfolio holdings before the portfolio holdings become public information; and (b) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement.

Funds may also disclose any and all portfolio information to their service providers and others who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities and are subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract. These service providers include the fund's custodians, auditors, investment adviser, administrator, and each of their respective affiliates and advisers.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings may be authorized only by the funds' Chief Compliance Officer, and any exceptions to this policy are reported quarterly to the Fund's Board.

Regular Broker-Dealers. A Fund may acquire securities issued by one or more of its "regular brokers or dealers," as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act. Rule 10b-1 provides that a "regular broker or dealer" is one of the ten brokers or dealers that, during the Fund's most recent fiscal year (i) received the greatest dollar amount of brokerage commissions from participating, either directly or indirectly, in the Fund's portfolio transactions, (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amount of the Fund's portfolio transactions or (iii) sold the largest dollar amount of the Fund's securities. The following is a list of each Fund that acquired securities of its regular brokers or dealers for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the issuer of the securities and the aggregate value per issuer, as of October 31, 2007, of such securities:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name of Regular Broker Dealer</u>	<u>Aggregate Value Per Issuer</u>
<u>Money Market Reserves</u>	Bank of America Securities LLC	\$19,838,000
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$ 4,980,000
	Goldman Sachs & Co.	\$20,000,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$19,733,000
	RBS Greenwich Capital	\$26,000,000
	Bear Stearns & Co.	\$37,000,000
<u>U.S. Treasury Reserves</u>	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$37,000,000
	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$24,000,000
	J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$37,000,000
	RBS Greenwich Capital	\$37,000,000

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS/COMPANY

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the relevant Fund Prospectus entitled "The Fund."

The Company has an authorized capitalization of 25 billion shares of \$0.001 par value stock.

Each Fund share has one vote and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, is fully paid and non-assessable. Each Fund is one of fourteen portfolios of the

Company. Fund shares have equal rights in liquidation. Fund shares have no preemptive or subscription rights and are freely transferable.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Company to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, Fund shareholders may not consider each year the election of Board members or the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Company to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Board member from office. Shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Board will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Board members if, at any time, less than a majority of the Board members then holding office have been elected by shareholders.

The Company is a "series fund," which is a mutual fund divided into separate portfolios, each of which is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act and for other purposes. A shareholder of one portfolio is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other portfolio. For certain matters shareholders vote together as a group; as to others they vote separately by portfolio or, where matters affect different classes of a portfolio differently, by class.

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted under the provisions of the 1940 Act or applicable state law or otherwise to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company, such as the Company, will not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by such matter. Rule 18f-2 further provides that a series shall be deemed to be affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each series in the matter are identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of such series. The Rule exempts the selection of independent accountants and the election of Board members from the separate voting requirements of the Rule.

The Company sends annual and semi-annual financial statements to all of its shareholders.

COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP, 1601 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-1600, has passed upon the legality of the shares offered by the Prospectuses and this Statement of Additional Information.

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982, serves as counsel to the non-interested Directors of the Company.

KPMG LLP, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, an independent registered public accounting firm, was appointed by the Directors to serve as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending October 31, 2008, providing audit services including (1) examination of the annual financial statements, (2) assistance, review and consultation in

connection with SEC filings and (3) review of the annual federal income tax returns filed on behalf of the Funds.

APPENDIX A

Description of the two highest commercial paper, bond and other short- and long-term rating categories assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), and Thomson BankWatch, Inc. ("BankWatch"):

Commercial Paper and Short-Term Ratings

The designation A-1 by S&P indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is either overwhelming or very strong. Those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are denoted with a plus sign (+) designation. Capacity for timely payment on issues with an A-2 designation is strong. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated A-1.

The rating Prime-1 (P-1) is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Moody's. Issuers of P-1 paper must have a superior capacity for repayment of short-term promissory obligations and ordinarily will be evidenced by leading market positions in well established industries, high rates of return of Funds employed, conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and well established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity. Issues rated Prime-2 (P-2) have a strong capacity for repayment of short-term promissory obligations. This ordinarily will be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, will be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

The rating Fitch-1 (Highest Grade) is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Fitch. Paper rated Fitch-1 is regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment. The rating Fitch-2 (Very Good Grade) is the second highest commercial paper rating assigned by Fitch which reflects an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than the strongest issues.

The rating TBW-1 is the highest short-term obligation rating assigned by BankWatch. Obligations rated TBW-1 are regarded as having the strongest capacity for timely repayment. Obligations rated TBW-2 are supported by a strong capacity for timely repayment, although the degree of safety is not as high as for issues rated TBW-1.

Bond and Long-Term Ratings

Bonds rated AAA are considered by S&P to be the highest grade obligations and possess an extremely strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Bonds rated AA by S&P are judged by S&P to have a very strong capacity to pay principal and interest and, in the majority of instances, differ only in small degrees from issues rated AAA. The rating AA may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the rating category.

Bonds rated Aaa by Moody's are judged to be of the best quality. Bonds rated Aa by Moody's are judged by Moody's to be of high quality by all standards and, together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. Bonds rated Aa are rated lower than Aaa bonds because margins of protection may not be as large or fluctuations of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger. Moody's applies numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 in the Aa rating category. The modifier 1 indicates a ranking for the security in the higher end of this rating category, the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking, and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of the rating category.

Bonds rated AAA by Fitch are judged by Fitch to be strictly high grade, broadly marketable, suitable for investment by trustees and fiduciary institutions and liable to slight market fluctuation other than through changes in the money rate. The prime feature of an AAA bond is a showing of earnings several times or many times interest requirements, with such stability of applicable earnings that safety is beyond reasonable question whatever changes occur in conditions. Bonds rated AA by Fitch are judged by Fitch to be of safety virtually beyond question and are readily salable, whose merits are not unlike those of the AAA class, but whose margin of safety is less strikingly broad. The issue may be the obligation of a small company, strongly secured but influenced as to rating by the lesser financial power of the enterprise and more local type of market.

Fitch also assigns a rating to certain international and U.S. banks. A Fitch bank rating represents Fitch's current assessment of the strength of the bank and whether such bank would receive support should it experience difficulties. In its assessment of a bank, Fitch uses a dual rating system comprised of Legal Ratings and Individual Ratings. In addition, Fitch assigns banks Long- and Short-Term Ratings as used in the corporate ratings discussed above. Legal Ratings, which range in gradation from 1 through 5, address the question of whether the bank would receive support from central banks or shareholders if it experienced difficulties, and such ratings are considered by Fitch to be a prime factor in its assessment of credit risk. Individual Ratings, which range in gradations from A through E, represent Fitch's assessment of a bank's economic merits and address the question of how the bank would be viewed if it were entirely independent and could not rely on support from state authorities or its owners.

In addition to ratings of short-term obligations, BankWatch assigns a rating to each issuer it rates, in gradations of A through E. BankWatch examines all segments of the organization including, where applicable, the holding company, member banks or associations, and other subsidiaries. In those instances where financial disclosure is incomplete or untimely, a qualified rating (QR) is assigned to the institution. BankWatch also assigns, in the case of foreign banks, a country rating which represents an assessment of the overall political and economic stability of the country in which the bank is domiciled.

APPENDIX B

(AMT-FREE MUNICIPAL RESERVES)

Description of certain S&P, Moody's and Fitch ratings:

S&P

Municipal Bond Ratings

An S&P municipal bond rating is a current assessment of the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific obligation.

The ratings are based on current information furnished by the issuer or obtained by S&P from other sources it considers reliable, and will include: (1) likelihood of default-capacity and willingness of the obligor as to the timely payment of interest and repayment of principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation; (2) nature of and provisions of the obligation; and (3) protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

AAA

Debt rated AAA has the highest rating assigned by S&P. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.

AA

Debt rated AA has a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differs from the highest rated issues only in a small degree.

Municipal Note Ratings

SP-1

The issuers of these municipal notes exhibit very strong or strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are given a plus (+) designation.

Commercial Paper Ratings

The rating A is the highest rating and is assigned by S&P to issues that are regarded as having the greatest capacity for timely payment. Issues in this category are delineated with the numbers 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the relative degree of safety. Paper rated A-1 indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is either overwhelming or very strong. Those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are denoted with a plus sign (+) designation.

Moody's

Municipal Bond Ratings

Aaa

Bonds rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edge." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa

Bonds rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what generally are known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than in Aaa securities. Bonds in the Aa category which Moody's believes possess the strongest investment attributes are designated by the symbol Aa1.

Commercial Paper Ratings

The rating Prime-1 (P-1) is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Moody's. Issuers of P-1 paper must have a superior capacity for repayment of short-term promissory obligations, and ordinarily will be evidenced by leading market positions in well established industries, high rates of return on funds employed, conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and well established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity. Issuers rated Prime-2 (P-2) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

Municipal Note Ratings

Moody's ratings for state and municipal notes and other short-term loans are designated Moody's Investment Grade (MIG). Such ratings recognize the difference between short-term credit risk and long-term risk. Factors affecting the liquidity of the borrower and short-term cyclical elements are critical in short-term ratings, while other factors of major importance in bond risk, long-term secular trends for example, may be less important over the short run.

A short-term rating may also be assigned on an issue having a demand feature. Such ratings will be designated as VMIG or, if the demand feature is not rated, as NR. Short-term ratings on issues with demand features are differentiated by the use of the VMIG symbol to reflect such characteristics as payment upon periodic demand rather than fixed maturity dates and payment relying on external liquidity. Additionally, you should be alert to the fact that the

source of payment may be limited to the external liquidity with no or limited legal recourse to the issuer in the event the demand is not met.

Moody's short-term ratings are designated Moody's Investment Grade as MIG 1 or VMIG 1 through MIG 4 or VMIG 4. As the name implies, when Moody's assigns an MIG or VMIG rating, all categories define an investment grade situation.

MIG 1/VMIG 1

This designation denotes best quality. There is present strong protection by established cash flows, superior liquidity support or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

MIG 2/VMIG 2

This designation denotes high quality. Margins of protection are ample although not so large as in the preceding group.

Fitch

Municipal Bond Ratings

The ratings represent Fitch's assessment of the issuer's ability to meet the obligations of a specific debt issue or class of debt. The ratings take into consideration special features of the issue, its relationship to other obligations of the issuer, the current financial condition and operating performance of the issuer and of any guarantor, as well as the political and economic environment that might affect the issuer's future financial strength and credit quality.

AAA

Bonds rated AAA are considered to be investment grade and of the highest credit quality. The obligor has an exceptionally strong ability to pay interest and repay principal, which is unlikely to be affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

AA

Bonds rated AA are considered to be investment grade and of very high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is very strong, although not quite as strong as bonds rated AAA. Because bonds rated in the AAA and AA categories are not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable future developments, short-term debt of these issuers is generally rated F-1+.

Plus (+) and minus (-) signs are used with a rating symbol to indicate the relative position of a credit within the rating category.

Short-Term Ratings

Fitch's short-term ratings apply to debt obligations that are payable on demand or have original maturities of up to three years, including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and municipal and investment notes.

Although the credit analysis is similar to Fitch's bond ratings analysis, the short-term rating places greater emphasis than bond ratings on the existence of liquidity necessary to meet the issuer's obligations in a timely manner.

F-1+

Exceptionally Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment.

F-1

Very Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating reflect an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than issues rated F-1+.

F-2

Good Credit Quality. Issues carrying this rating have a satisfactory degree of assurance for timely payments, but the margin of safety is not as great as the F-1+ and F-1 categories.

THE DREYFUS/LAUREL FUNDS, INC.

DREYFUS PREMIER STRATEGIC INCOME FUND
(Class A, Class C and Class I Shares)

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MARCH 1, 2008

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus of Dreyfus Premier Strategic Income Fund (the “Fund”), dated March 1, 2008, as the Prospectus may be revised from time to time. The Fund is a separate series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc. (the “Company”), an open-end management investment company, known as a mutual fund, that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). To obtain a copy of the Fund’s Prospectus, please call your financial adviser, or write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit www.dreyfus.com, or call 1-800-554-4611.

The financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, including notes to the financial statements and supplementary information, and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm are included in the Annual Report to shareholders. A copy of the Annual Report accompanies this SAI. The financial statements included in the Annual Report and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon, and related notes, are incorporated herein by reference.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY AND FUND

The Company is a Maryland corporation formed on August 6, 1987. The Company is an open-end management investment company comprised of separate portfolios, including the Fund, each of which is treated as a separate fund.

The Dreyfus Corporation (the “Manager” or “Dreyfus”) serves as the Fund’s investment adviser.

MBSC Securities Corporation (the “Distributor”) is the distributor of the Fund’s shares.

Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Prospectus.

Corporate Debt Securities. Corporate debt securities include corporate bonds, debentures, notes and other similar instruments, including certain convertible securities. Debt securities may be acquired with warrants attached. Corporate income-producing securities also may include forms of preferred or preference stock. The rate of interest on a corporate debt security may be fixed, floating or variable, and may vary inversely with respect to a reference rate such as interest rates or other financial indicators. The rate of return or return of principal on some debt obligations may be linked or indexed to the level of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and a foreign currency or currencies.

Fixed-Income Securities. The Fund may invest in fixed-income securities, including fixed-income securities rated at the time of investment below investment grade by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”), Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“S&P”) or Fitch Ratings (“Fitch” and together with Moody’s and S&P, the “Rating Agencies”) or, if unrated, deemed to be of comparable quality by the Manager. Even though interest-bearing securities are investments which promise a stable stream of income, the prices of such securities are inversely affected by changes in interest rates and, therefore, are subject to the risk of market price fluctuations. The values of fixed-income securities also may be affected by changes in the credit rating or financial condition of the issuer. Fixed-income securities rated below investment grade by the Rating Agencies may be subject to such risks with respect to the issuing entity and to greater market fluctuations than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities. Certain securities that may be purchased by the Fund, such as those with interest rates that fluctuate directly or indirectly based on multiples of a stated index, are designed to be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates and can subject the holders thereof to extreme reductions of yield and possibly loss of principal. The values of fixed-income securities also may be affected by changes in the credit rating or financial condition of the issuer. Once the rating of a portfolio security has been changed, the Fund will consider all circumstances deemed relevant in determining whether to continue to hold the security. See “Appendix” for a general description of the Rating Agencies’ ratings.

High Yield-Lower Rated Securities. The Fund may invest in higher yielding (and, therefore, higher risk) debt securities such as those rated Ba by Moody’s or BB by S&P and Fitch, and as low as the lowest rating assigned by the Rating Agencies (commonly known as “junk” bonds). They may be subject to certain risks with respect to the issuing entity and to greater market fluctuations

than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities. The retail secondary market for these securities may be less liquid than that of higher rated securities; adverse conditions could make it difficult at times for the Fund to sell certain securities or could result in lower prices than those used in calculating the Fund's net asset value.

Bond prices are inversely related to interest rate changes; however, bond price volatility also may be inversely related to coupon. Accordingly, below investment grade securities may be relatively less sensitive to interest rate changes than higher quality securities of comparable maturity, because of their higher coupon. This higher coupon is what the investor receives in return for bearing greater credit risk. The higher credit risk associated with below investment grade securities potentially can have a greater effect on the value of such securities than may be the case with higher quality issues of comparable maturity, and will be a substantial factor in the Fund's relative share price volatility. Although ratings may be useful in evaluating the safety of interest and principal payments, they do not evaluate the market value risk of these securities. The Fund will rely on the judgment, analysis and experience of the Manager in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer.

You should be aware that the market values of many of these securities tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than are higher rated securities and will fluctuate over time. These securities generally are considered by the Rating Agencies to be, on balance, predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation and generally will involve more credit risk than securities in the higher rating categories.

Companies that issue certain of these securities often are highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. Therefore, the risk associated with acquiring the securities of such issuers generally is greater than is the case with higher rated securities. For example, during an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of these securities may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. The issuer's ability to service its debt obligations also may be affected adversely by specific corporate developments, or the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. The risk of loss because of default by the issuer is significantly greater for the holders of these securities because such securities generally are unsecured and often are subordinated to other creditors of the issuer.

Because there is no established retail secondary market for many of these securities, the Fund anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of dealers or institutional investors. To the extent a secondary trading market for these securities does exist, it generally is not as liquid as the secondary market for higher rated securities. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price and yield and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular issues when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. The lack of a liquid security market for certain securities also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing its portfolio and calculating its net asset value. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of these securities. In such cases, the Manager's judgment may play a greater role in valuation because less reliable, objective data may be available.

These securities may be particularly susceptible to economic downturns. An economic recession could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of lower rated bonds to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default for such securities. It is likely that any economic recession also could disrupt severely the market for such securities and have an adverse impact on their value.

The Fund may acquire these securities during an initial offering. Such securities may involve special risks because they are new issues. The Fund has no arrangement with any persons concerning the acquisition of such securities, and the Manager will review carefully the credit and other characteristics pertinent to such new issues.

The credit risk factors pertaining to lower rated securities also apply to lower rated zero coupon, pay-in-kind and step-up securities. In addition to the risks associated with the credit rating of the issuers, the market prices of these securities may be very volatile during the period no interest is paid.

The ratings of the Ratings Agencies represent their opinions as to the quality of the obligations which they undertake to rate. Ratings are relative and subjective and, although ratings may be useful in evaluating the safety of interest and principal payments, they do not evaluate the market value risk of such obligations. Although these ratings may be an initial criterion for selection of portfolio investments, the Manager also will evaluate these securities and the ability of the issuers of such securities to pay interest and principal.

Portfolio Securities Ratings. The average distribution of Fund investments in corporate bonds (excluding preferred stock, convertible preferred stock and convertible bonds) by ratings for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, calculated monthly on a dollar-weighted basis, was as follows:

<u>Moody's</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>S&P or Fitch</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Aaa		AAA	69.9%
Aa		AA	6.0%
A		A	18.7%
Baa		BBB	35.1%
Ba		BB	6.1%
B		B	2.8%
NR		NR	0.8% [*]
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Convertible Securities. Convertible securities may be converted at either a stated price or stated rate into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities have characteristics similar to both fixed-income and equity securities. Convertible securities generally are subordinated

* These unrated securities have been determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to securities rated as follows: Aaa/AAA (0.7%) and Ccc/CCC (0.1%).

** The Fund also held convertible bonds rated Ba/BB (0.1%) and convertible preferred bond rated Baa/BBB (0.2%), B/B (0.3%) and Caa/CCC (0.1%).

to other similar but non-convertible securities of the same issuer, although convertible bonds, as corporate debt obligations, enjoy seniority in right of payment to all equity securities, and convertible preferred stock is senior to common stock, of the same issuer. Because of the subordination feature, however, convertible securities typically have lower ratings than similar non-convertible securities.

Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. A unique feature of convertible securities is that as the market price of the underlying common stock declines, convertible securities tend to trade increasingly on a yield basis, and so may not experience market value declines to the same extent as the underlying common stock. When the market price of the underlying common stock increases, the prices of the convertible securities tend to rise as a reflection of the value of the underlying common stock. While no securities investments are without risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than investments in common stock of the same issuer.

Convertible securities provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks, but there can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. A convertible security, in addition to providing fixed income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. There can be no assurance of capital appreciation, however, because securities prices fluctuate. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality because of the potential for capital appreciation.

The Fund may invest in so-called “synthetic convertible securities,” which are comprised of two or more different securities, each with its own market value, whose investment characteristics, taken together, resemble those of convertible securities. For example, the Fund may purchase a non-convertible debt security and a warrant or option. The “market value” of a synthetic convertible is the sum of the values of its fixed income component and its convertible component. For this reason, the values of a synthetic convertible and a true convertible security may respond differently to market fluctuations.

Variable and Floating Rate Securities. Variable and floating rate securities provide for a periodic adjustment in the interest rate paid on the obligations. The terms of such obligations must provide that interest rates are adjusted periodically based upon an interest rate adjustment index as provided in the respective obligations. The adjustment intervals may be regular and range from daily up to annually, or may be event based, such as based on a change in the prime rate.

The Fund may invest in floating rate debt instruments (“floaters”). The interest rate on a floater is a variable rate which is tied to another interest rate, such as a money-market index or Treasury bill rate. The interest rate on a floater resets periodically, typically every six months. Because of the interest rate reset feature, floaters provide the Fund with a certain degree of protection against rises in interest rates, although the Fund will participate in any declines in interest rates as well.

The Fund also may invest in inverse floating rate debt instruments (“inverse floaters”). The interest rate on an inverse floater resets in the opposite direction from the market rate of interest to which the inverse floater is indexed or inversely to a multiple of the applicable index. An inverse floating rate security may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation of similar credit quality.

Foreign Securities. The Fund may invest in foreign securities. “Foreign securities” include equity and debt securities of companies organized under the laws of countries other than the United States and debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments other than the U.S. Government and any of their political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, including supranational entities. They also include securities of companies (including those that are located in the United States or organized under U.S. law) that derive a significant portion of their revenue or profits from foreign businesses, investments or sales, or that have a significant portion of their assets abroad. They may be traded on foreign securities exchanges or in the foreign over-the-counter markets. Supranational entities include international organizations designated or supported by governmental entities to promote economic reconstruction or development and international banking institutions and related government agencies. Examples include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the European Coal and Steel Community, the Asian Development Bank and the InterAmerican Development Bank.

The Fund may invest in the securities of established issuers based in developed foreign countries and in the securities of issuers in emerging markets, including issuers in Asia (including Russia), eastern Europe, Latin and South America, the Mediterranean and Africa. In emerging markets, the Fund may purchase debt securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governments, including participation in loans between foreign governments and financial institutions, and interests in entities organized and operated for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of instruments issued or guaranteed by foreign governments (“Sovereign Debt Obligations”). These include Brady Bonds, Structured Securities, and Participation Interests and Assignments (as defined below). The Fund also may invest in the currencies of such countries and may engage in strategic transactions in the markets of such countries. See “Investment Techniques.”

Securities of foreign issuers that are represented by American Depositary Receipts or that are listed on a U.S. securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter markets are not considered “foreign securities” for the purpose of the Fund’s investment allocations, because they are not subject to many of the special considerations and risks, discussed in the Fund’s Prospectus and this SAI, that apply to foreign securities traded and held abroad.

Brady Bonds. The Fund may invest in Brady Bonds. Brady Bonds are securities created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to public and private entities in certain emerging markets for new bonds in connection with debt restructurings. In light of the history of defaults of countries issuing Brady Bonds on their commercial bank loans, investments in Brady Bonds may be viewed as speculative. Brady Bonds may be fully or partially collateralized or uncollateralized, are issued in various currencies (but primarily in U.S. dollars) and are actively traded in over-the-counter secondary markets. Brady Bonds with no or limited collateralization of interest or principal payment obligations have increased credit risk, and the holders of such bonds rely on the willingness and ability of the foreign government to make payment in accordance with the terms of such Brady Bonds. U.S. dollar-denominated collateralized Brady Bonds, which may be

fixed-rate bonds or floating-rate bonds, generally are collateralized by U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds having the same maturity as the Brady Bonds. The Fund also may invest in one or more classes of securities (“Structured Securities”) backed by, or representing interests in, Brady Bonds. The cash flow on the underlying instruments may be apportioned among the newly-issued Structured Securities to create securities with different investment characteristics such as varying maturities, payment priorities and interest rate provisions, and the extent of the payments made with respect to Structured Securities is dependent on the extent of the cash flow on the underlying instruments.

Participation Interests and Assignments. The Fund may invest in short-term corporate obligations denominated in U.S. and foreign currencies that are originated, negotiated and structured by a syndicate of lenders (“Co-Lenders”), consisting of commercial banks, thrift institutions, insurance companies, financial companies or other financial institutions one or more of which administers the security on behalf of the syndicate (the “Agent Bank”). Co-Lenders may sell such securities to third parties called “Participants.” The Fund may invest in such securities either by participating as a Co-Lender at origination or by acquiring an interest in the security from a Co-Lender or a Participant (collectively, “participation interests”). Co-Lenders and Participants interposed between the Fund and the corporate borrower (the “Borrower”), together with Agent Banks, are referred to herein as “Intermediate Participants.”

The Fund also may purchase a participation interest in a portion of the rights of an Intermediate Participant, which would not establish any direct relationship between the Fund and the Borrower. A participation interest gives the Fund an undivided interest in the security in the proportion that the Fund’s participation interest bears to the total principal amount of the security. These instruments may have fixed, floating or variable rates of interest. The Fund would be required to rely on the Intermediate Participant that sold the participation interest not only for the enforcement of the Fund’s rights against the Borrower but also for the receipt and processing of payments due to the Fund under the security. Because it may be necessary to assert through an Intermediate Participant such rights as may exist against the Borrower, in the event the Borrower fails to pay principal and interest when due, the Fund may be subject to delays, expenses and risks that are greater than those that would be involved if the Fund would enforce its rights directly against the Borrower. Moreover, under the terms of a participation interest, the Fund may be regarded as a creditor of the Intermediate Participant (rather than of the Borrower), so that the Fund may also be subject to the risk that the Intermediate Participant may become insolvent. Similar risks may arise with respect to the Agent Bank if, for example, assets held by the Agent Bank for the benefit of the Fund were determined by the appropriate regulatory authority or court to be subject to the claims of the Agent Bank’s creditors. In such case, the Fund might incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment in connection with the participation interest or suffer a loss of principal and/or interest. Further, in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Borrower, the obligation of the Borrower to repay the loan may be subject to certain defenses that can be asserted by such Borrower as a result of improper conduct by the Agent Bank or Intermediate Participant.

The Fund also may invest in the underlying loan to the Borrower through an assignment of all or a portion of such loan (“Assignments”) from a third party. When the Fund purchases Assignments from Co-Lenders it will acquire direct rights against the Borrower on the loan. Because Assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, however, the rights and obligations acquired by the Fund as the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Co-Lender. The

Fund may have difficulty disposing of Assignments because to do so it will have to assign such securities to a third party. Because there is no established secondary market for such securities, the Fund anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of institutional investors. The lack of an established secondary market may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular Assignments when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the Borrower. The lack of an established secondary market for Assignments also may make it more difficult for the Fund to assign a value to these securities for purposes of valuing the Fund's portfolio and calculating its net asset value.

Preferred Stock. The Fund may invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock is a form of equity ownership in a corporation. Generally, preferred stock has a specified dividend and ranks after bonds and before common stocks in its claim on income for dividend payments and on assets should the company be liquidated. The dividend on a preferred stock is a fixed payment which the corporation is not legally bound to pay. Certain classes of preferred stock are convertible, meaning the preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock of the issuer. By holding convertible preferred stock, the Fund can receive a steady stream of dividends and still have the option to convert the preferred stock to common stock. While most preferred stocks pay a dividend, the Fund may purchase preferred stock where the issuer has omitted, or is in danger of omitting, payment of its dividend. Such investments would be made primarily for their capital appreciation potential. The Fund may purchase trust preferred securities which are preferred stocks issued by a special purpose trust subsidiary backed by subordinated debt of the corporate parent. These securities typically bear a market rate coupon comparable to interest rates available on debt of a similarly rated company. Holders of the trust preferred securities have limited voting rights to control the activities of the trust and no voting rights with respect to the parent company.

The Fund may invest in convertible preferred stocks that offer enhanced yield features, such as PERCS (Preferred Equity Redemption Cumulative Stock). PERCS are preferred stock that generally feature a mandatory conversion date, as well as a capital appreciation limit that is usually expressed in terms of a stated price. The Fund also may invest in other classes of enhanced convertible securities, such as ACES (Automatically Convertible Equity Securities), PEPS (Participating Equity Preferred Stock), PRIDES (Preferred Redeemable Increased Dividend Equity Securities), SAILS (Stock Appreciation Income Linked Securities), TECONS (Term Convertible Notes), QICS (Quarterly Income Cumulative Securities) and DECS (Dividend Enhanced Convertible Securities). These securities are company-issued convertible preferred stock. Unlike PERCS, they do not have a capital appreciation limit. They are designed to provide the investor with high current income with some prospect of future capital appreciation, issued with three- or four-year maturities, and typically have some built-in call protection. Investors have the right to convert them into shares of common stock at a preset conversion ratio or hold them until maturity. Upon maturity they will convert mandatorily into either cash or a specified number of shares of common stock.

Depositary Receipts. The Fund may invest in the securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares (collectively, "ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Shares (collectively, "GDRs") and other forms of depositary receipts. These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a United States bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a

foreign corporation. GDRs are receipts issued outside the United States typically by non-United States banks and trust companies that evidence ownership of either foreign or domestic securities. Generally, ADRs in registered form are designed for use in the United States securities markets and GDRs in bearer form are designed for use outside the United States.

These securities may be purchased through “sponsored” or “unsponsored” facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depositary. A depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the deposited security. Holders of unsponsored depositary receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities, and the depositary of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts in respect of the deposited securities. Purchases or sales of certain ADRs may result indirectly in fees being paid to the Depositary Receipts Division of The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the Manager, by brokers executing the purchases or sales.

Investment Companies. The Fund may invest in securities issued by registered and unregistered investment companies, including exchange-traded funds described below. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Fund’s investment in such securities, subject to certain exceptions, currently is limited to (i) 3% of the total voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of the Fund’s total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Fund’s total assets in the aggregate. As a shareholder of another investment company, the Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its pro rata portion of the other investment company’s expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses would be in addition to the advisory fees and other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations. The Fund also may invest its uninvested cash reserves or cash it receives as collateral from borrowers of its portfolio securities in connection with the Fund’s securities lending program in shares of one or more money market funds advised by the Manager. Such investments will not be subject to the limitations described above. See “Lending Portfolio Securities.”

Exchange-Traded Funds. The Fund may invest in shares of exchange-traded funds (collectively, “ETFs”), which are designed to provide investment results corresponding to a securities index. These may include Standard & Poor’s Depositary Receipts (“SPDRs”), DIAMONDS, Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock (also referred to as “Nasdaq 100 Shares”), World Equity Benchmark Series (“WEBS”) and iShares exchange-traded funds (“iShares”), such as iShares Russell 2000 Growth Index Fund. ETFs usually are units of beneficial interest in an investment trust or represent undivided ownership interests in a portfolio of securities, in each case with respect to a portfolio of all or substantially all of the component securities of, and in substantially the same weighting as, the relevant benchmark index. The benchmark indices of SPDRs, DIAMONDS and Nasdaq-100 Shares are the Standard & Poor’s 500 Stock Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq-100 Index, respectively. The benchmark index for iShares varies, generally corresponding to the name of the particular iShares fund. WEBS are designed to replicate the composition and performance of publicly traded issuers in particular countries. ETFs are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the component securities of the benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis.

The values of ETFs are subject to change as the values of their respective component securities fluctuate according to market volatility. Investments in ETFs that are designed to correspond to an equity index, for example, involve certain inherent risks generally associated with investments in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks, including the risk that the general level of stock prices may decline, thereby adversely affecting the value of ETFs invested in by the Fund. Moreover, the Fund's investments in ETFs may not exactly match the performance of a direct investment in the respective indices to which they are intended to correspond due to the temporary unavailability of certain index securities in the secondary market or other extraordinary circumstances, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of securities.

Common Stock and Other Equity Securities. From time to time, the Fund may hold common stock sold in units with, or attached to, debt securities purchased by the Fund. The Fund also may hold common stock received upon the conversion of convertible securities. In connection with its investments in corporate debt securities, or restructuring of investments it owned, the Fund may receive warrants or other non-income producing equity securities. The Fund may retain such securities until the Manager determines it is appropriate in light of current market conditions for the Fund to dispose of such securities.

Mortgage-Related Securities. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities, which are a form of derivative collateralized by pools of commercial or residential mortgages. Pools of mortgage loans are assembled as securities for sale to investors by various governmental, government-related and private organizations. These securities may include complex instruments such as collateralized mortgage obligations and stripped mortgage-backed securities, mortgage pass-through securities, interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMICs"), adjustable rate mortgages, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), or other kinds of mortgage-backed securities, including those with fixed, floating and variable interest rates, those with interest rates based on multiples of changes in a specified index of interest rates and those with interest rates that change inversely to changes in interest rates, as well as those that do not bear interest.

Residential Mortgage-Related Securities—The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities representing participation interests in pools of one- to four-family residential mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by governmental agencies or instrumentalities, such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), or issued by private entities. Residential mortgage-related securities have been issued using a variety of structures, including multi-class structures featuring senior and subordinated classes.

Mortgage-related securities issued by GNMA include GNMA Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (also known as "Ginnie Maes") which are guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by GNMA and such guarantee is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. GNMA certificates also are supported by the authority of GNMA to borrow funds from the U.S. Treasury to make payments under its guarantee. Mortgage-related securities issued by FNMA include FNMA Guaranteed Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (also known as "Fannie Maes") which are solely the obligations of FNMA and are not backed by or entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States. Fannie Maes are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. Mortgage-related securities issued by FHLMC include FHLMC Mortgage Participation Certificates (also known as "Freddie Macs" or "PCs"). Freddie Macs are not guaranteed by the United States or by any Federal Home Loan Bank and do not constitute a debt or

obligation of the United States or of any Federal Home Loan Bank. Freddie Macs entitle the holder to timely payment of interest, which is guaranteed by FHLMC. FHLMC guarantees either ultimate collection or timely payment of all principal payments on the underlying mortgage loans. When FHLMC does not guarantee timely payment of principal, FHLMC may remit the amount due on account of its guarantee of ultimate payment of principal at any time after default on an underlying mortgage, but in no event later than one year after it becomes payable.

Commercial Mortgage-Related Securities—The Fund may invest in commercial mortgage-related securities which generally are multi-class debt or pass-through certificates secured by mortgage loans on commercial properties. These mortgage-related securities generally are structured to provide protection to holders of the senior classes against potential losses on the underlying mortgage loans. This protection generally is provided by having the holders of subordinated classes of securities (“Subordinated Securities”) take the first loss if there are defaults on the underlying commercial mortgage loans. Other protection, which may benefit all of the classes or particular classes, may include issuer guarantees, reserve funds, additional Subordinated Securities, cross-collateralization and over-collateralization.

Subordinated Securities—The Fund may invest in Subordinated Securities issued or sponsored by commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, private mortgage insurance companies and other non-governmental issuers. Subordinated Securities have no governmental guarantee, and are subordinated in some manner as to the payment of principal and/or interest to the holders of more senior mortgage-related securities arising out of the same pool of mortgages. The holders of Subordinated Securities typically are compensated with a higher stated yield than are the holders of more senior mortgage-related securities. On the other hand, Subordinated Securities typically subject the holder to greater risk than senior mortgage-related securities and tend to be rated in a lower rating category, and frequently a substantially lower rating category, than the senior mortgage-related securities issued in respect of the same pool of mortgage. Subordinated Securities generally are likely to be more sensitive to changes in prepayment and interest rates and the market for such securities may be less liquid than is the case for traditional fixed-income securities and senior mortgage-related securities.

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (“CMOs”) and Multi-Class Pass-Through-Securities—The Fund may invest in CMOs which are multiclass bonds backed by pools of mortgage pass-through certificates or mortgage loans. CMOs may be collateralized by (a) Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac pass-through certificates, (b) unsecuritized mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, (c) unsecuritized conventional mortgages, (d) other mortgage-related securities, or (e) any combination thereof.

Each class of CMOs, often referred to as a “tranche,” is issued at a specific coupon rate and has a stated maturity or final distribution date. Principal prepayments on collateral underlying a CMO may cause it to be retired substantially earlier than the stated maturities or final distribution dates. The principal and interest on the underlying mortgages may be allocated among the several classes of a series of a CMO in many ways. One or more tranches of a CMO may have coupon rates which reset periodically at a specified increment over an index, such as the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) (or sometimes more than one index). These floating rate CMOs typically are issued with lifetime caps on the coupon rate thereon. The Fund also may invest in inverse floating rate CMOs. Inverse floating rate CMOs constitute a tranche of a CMO with a coupon rate that moves in the reverse direction to an applicable index such as LIBOR. Accordingly, the coupon

rate thereon will increase as interest rates decrease. Inverse floating rate CMOs are typically more volatile than fixed or floating rate tranches of CMOs.

Many inverse floating rate CMOs have coupons that move inversely to a multiple of the applicable indices. The effect of the coupon varying inversely to a multiple of an applicable index creates a leverage factor. Inverse floaters based on multiples of a stated index are designed to be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates and can subject the holders thereof to extreme reductions of yield and loss of principal. The markets for inverse floating rate CMOs with highly leveraged characteristics at times may be very thin. The Fund's ability to dispose of its positions in such securities will depend on the degree of liquidity in the markets for such securities. It is impossible to predict the amount of trading interest that may exist in such securities, and therefore the future degree of liquidity.

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities—The Fund also may invest in stripped mortgage-backed securities which are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities, each with a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments. Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each investor class receives some interest and some principal. When securities are completely stripped, however, all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security, known as an interest-only security, or IO, and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security known as a principal-only security, or PO. Strips can be created in a pass-through structure or as tranches of a CMO. The yields to maturity on IOs and POs are very sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the related underlying mortgage assets. If the underlying mortgage assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may not fully recoup its initial investment in IOs. Conversely, if the underlying mortgage assets experience less than anticipated prepayments of principal, the yield on POs could be materially and adversely affected.

Adjustable-Rate Mortgage Loans ("ARMs")—The Fund may invest in ARMs. ARMs eligible for inclusion in a mortgage pool will generally provide for a fixed initial mortgage interest rate for a specified period of time, generally for either the first three, six, twelve, thirteen, thirty-six, or sixty scheduled monthly payments. Thereafter, the interest rates are subject to periodic adjustment based on changes in an index. ARMs typically have minimum and maximum rates beyond which the mortgage interest rate may not vary over the lifetime of the loans. Certain ARMs provide for additional limitations on the maximum amount by which the mortgage interest rate may adjust for any single adjustment period. Negatively amortizing ARMs may provide limitations on changes in the required monthly payment. Limitations on monthly payments can result in monthly payments that are greater or less than the amount necessary to amortize a negatively amortizing ARM by its maturity at the interest rate in effect during any particular month.

Private Entity Securities—The Fund may invest in mortgage-related securities issued by commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, private mortgage insurance companies and other non-governmental issuers. Timely payment of principal and interest on mortgage-related securities backed by pools created by non-governmental issuers often is supported partially by various forms of insurance or guarantees, including individual loan, title, pool and hazard insurance. The insurance and guarantees are issued by government entities, private insurers and the mortgage poolers. There can be no assurance that the private insurers or mortgage poolers can meet their obligations under the policies, so that if the issuers default on their obligations the

holders of the security could sustain a loss. No insurance or guarantee covers the Fund or the price of the Fund's shares. Mortgage-related securities issued by non-governmental issuers generally offer a higher rate of interest than government-agency and government-related securities because there are no direct or indirect government guarantees of payment.

Other Mortgage-Related Securities—Other mortgage-related securities in which the Fund may invest include securities other than those described above that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property, including CMO residuals. Other mortgage-related securities may be equity or debt securities issued by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government or by private originators of, or investors in, mortgage loans, including savings and loan associations, homebuilders, mortgage banks, commercial banks, investment banks, partnerships, trusts and special purpose entities of the foregoing.

Real Estate Investment Trusts. The Fund may invest in REITs. A REIT is a corporation, or a business trust that would otherwise be taxed as a corporation, which meets the definitional requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Code permits a qualifying REIT to deduct dividends paid, thereby effectively eliminating corporate level Federal income tax and making the REIT a pass-through vehicle for Federal income tax purposes. To meet the definitional requirements of the Code, a REIT must, among other things, invest substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate (including mortgages and other REITs) or cash and government securities, derive most of its income from rents from real property or interest on loans secured by mortgages on real property, and distribute to shareholders annually a substantial portion of its otherwise taxable income.

REITs are characterized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs and hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which may include operating or finance companies, own real estate directly and the value of, and income earned by, the REITs depends upon the income of the underlying properties and the rental income they earn. Equity REITs also can realize capital gains (or losses) by selling properties that have appreciated (or depreciated) in value. Mortgage REITs can make construction, development or long-term mortgage loans and are sensitive to the credit quality of the borrower. Mortgage REITs derive their income from interest payments on such loans. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both equity and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate. The value of securities issued by REITs are affected by tax and regulatory requirements and by perceptions of management skill. They also are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or tenants, self-liquidation and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free status under the Code or to maintain exemption from the 1940 Act.

Asset-Backed Securities. Asset-backed securities are a form of derivative. The securitization techniques used for asset-backed securities are similar to those used for mortgage-related securities. These securities include debt securities and securities with debt-like characteristics. The collateral for these securities has included home equity loans, automobile and credit card receivables, boat loans, computer leases, airplane leases, mobile home loans, recreational vehicle loans and hospital account receivables. The Fund may invest in these and other types of asset-backed securities that may be developed in the future.

Asset-backed securities present certain risks that are not presented by mortgage-backed securities. Primarily, these securities may provide the Fund with a less effective security interest in the related collateral than do mortgage-backed securities. Therefore, there is the possibility that recoveries on the underlying collateral may not, in some cases, be available to support payments on these securities.

Collateralized Debt Obligations. The Fund may invest in collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”), which are securitized interests in pools of—generally non-mortgage—assets. Assets called collateral usually comprise loans or debt instruments. A CDO may be called a collateralized loan obligation (CLO) or collateralized bond obligation (CBO) if it holds only loans or bonds, respectively. Investors bear the credit risk of the collateral. Multiple tranches of securities are issued by the CDO, offering investors various maturity and credit risk characteristics. Tranches are categorized as senior, mezzanine, and subordinated/equity, according to their degree of credit risk. If there are defaults or the CDO’s collateral otherwise underperforms, scheduled payments to senior tranches take precedence over those of mezzanine tranches, and scheduled payments to mezzanine tranches take precedence over those to subordinated/equity tranches. Senior and mezzanine tranches are typically rated, with the former receiving ratings of A to AAA/Aaa and the latter receiving ratings of B to BBB/Baa. The ratings reflect both the credit quality of underlying collateral as well as how much protection a given tranche is afforded by tranches that are subordinate to it.

Municipal Obligations. Municipal obligations are debt obligations issued by states, territories and possessions of the United States and the District of Columbia and their political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, or multistate agencies or authorities, generally to obtain funds for various public purposes and include certain industrial development bonds issued by or on behalf of public authorities. Municipal obligations are classified as general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and notes. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer’s pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue bonds are payable from the revenue derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, but not from the general taxing power. Industrial development bonds, in most cases, are revenue bonds that do not carry the pledge of the credit of the issuing municipality, but generally are guaranteed by the corporate entity on whose behalf they are issued. Notes are short-term instruments which are obligations of the issuing municipalities or agencies and are sold in anticipation of a bond sale, collection of taxes or receipt of other revenues. Municipal obligations include municipal lease/purchase agreements which are similar to installment purchase contracts for property or equipment issued by municipalities. Municipal obligations bear fixed, floating or variable rates of interest, which are determined in some instances by formulas under which the municipal obligation’s interest rate will change directly or inversely to changes in interest rates or an index, or multiples thereof, in many cases subject to a maximum and minimum. Certain municipal obligations are subject to redemption at a date earlier than their stated maturity pursuant to call options, which may be separated from the related municipal obligation and purchased and sold separately. The Fund also may acquire call options on specific municipal obligations. The Fund generally would purchase these call options to protect the Fund from the issuer of the related municipal obligation redeeming, or other holder of the call option from calling away, the municipal obligation before maturity.

While, in general, municipal obligations are tax exempt securities having relatively low yields as compared to taxable, non-municipal obligations of similar quality, certain municipal

obligations are taxable obligations, offering yields comparable to, and in some cases greater than, the yields available on other permissible Fund investments. Dividends received by shareholders on Fund shares which are attributable to interest income received by the Fund from municipal obligations generally will be subject to Federal income tax. The Fund may invest in municipal obligations, the ratings of which correspond with the ratings of other permissible Fund investments. The Fund currently intends to invest no more than 25% of its assets in municipal obligations. However, this percentage may be varied from time to time without shareholder approval.

Warrants. A warrant is a form of derivative that gives the holder the right to subscribe to a specified amount of the issuing corporation's equity or fixed-income securities at a set price for a specified period of time. Bonds with warrants attached to purchase equity securities have many characteristics of convertible bonds and their prices may, to some degree, reflect the performance of the underlying stock. Bonds also may be issued with warrants attached to purchase additional fixed-income securities at the same coupon rate. A decline in interest rates would permit the Fund to buy additional bonds at the favorable rate or to sell the warrants at a profit. If interest rates rise, the warrants would generally expire with no value.

Eurodollar and Yankee Dollar Investments. The Fund may invest in Eurodollar and Yankee Dollar instruments. Eurodollar instruments are bonds of foreign corporate and government issuers that pay interest and principal in U.S. dollars generally held in banks outside the United States, primarily in Europe. Yankee Dollar instruments are U.S. dollar-denominated bonds typically issued in the U.S. by foreign governments and their agencies and foreign banks and corporations. The Fund may invest in Eurodollar Certificates of Deposit ("ECDs"), Eurodollar Time Deposits ("ETDs") and Yankee Certificates of Deposit ("Yankee CDs"). ECDs are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by foreign branches of domestic banks; ETDs are U.S. dollar-denominated deposits in a foreign branch of a U.S. bank or in a foreign bank; and Yankee CDs are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by a U.S. branch of a foreign bank and held in the United States. These investments involve risks that are different from investments in securities issued by U.S. issuers, including potential unfavorable political and economic developments, foreign withholding or other taxes, seizure of foreign deposits, currency controls, interest limitations or other governmental restrictions which might affect payment of principal or interest.

Currency. The Fund may invest directly in foreign currencies or hold financial instruments that provide exposure to foreign currencies, in particular "hard currencies," or may invest in securities that trade in, or receive revenues in, foreign currencies. "Hard currencies" are currencies in which investors have confidence and are typically currencies of economically and politically stable industrialized nations. To the extent the Fund invests in such currencies, the Fund will be subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. Fund assets that are denominated in foreign currencies may be devalued against the U.S. dollar, resulting in a loss. A U.S. dollar investment in Depositary Receipts or shares of foreign issuers traded on U.S. exchanges may be impacted differently by currency fluctuations than would an investment made in a foreign currency on a foreign exchange in shares of the same issuer. Foreign currencies are also subject to risks caused by inflation, interest rates, budget deficits and low savings rates, political factors and government control. See also "Investment Techniques -- Foreign Currency Transactions" and "Investment Techniques -- Derivatives" below.

Zero Coupon, Pay-in-Kind and Step-up Securities. The Fund may invest in zero coupon U.S. Treasury securities, which are Treasury Notes and Bonds that have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons, the coupons themselves and receipts or certificates representing interests in such stripped debt obligations and coupons. Zero coupon securities also are issued by corporations and financial institutions which constitute a proportionate ownership of the issuer's pool of underlying U.S. Treasury securities. A zero coupon security pays no interest to its holders during its life and is sold at a discount to its face value at maturity. The Fund may invest in pay-in-kind bonds, which are bonds that generally pay interest through the issuance of additional bonds. The Fund also may purchase step-up coupon bonds, which are debt securities that typically do not pay interest for a specified period of time and then pay interest at a series of different rates. The market prices of these securities generally are more volatile and are likely to respond to a greater degree to changes in interest rates than the market prices of securities that pay cash interest periodically having similar maturities and credit qualities. In addition, unlike bonds that pay cash interest throughout the period to maturity, the Fund will realize no cash until the cash payment date unless a portion of such securities are sold and, if the issuer defaults, the Fund may obtain no return at all on its investment. Federal income tax law requires the holder of a zero coupon security or of certain pay-in-kind or step-up bonds to accrue income with respect to these securities prior to the receipt of cash payments. To maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and avoid liability for Federal income taxes, the Fund may be required to distribute such income accrued with respect to these securities and may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances in order to generate cash to satisfy these distribution requirements. See "Dividends, Distributions and Taxes."

Inflation-Indexed Bonds. The Fund may invest in inflation-indexed bonds, which are fixed-income securities whose value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. Two structures are common. The U.S. Treasury and some other issuers utilize a structure that accrues inflation into the principal value of the bond. Most other issuers pay out the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") accruals as part of a semiannual coupon.

Inflation-indexed securities issued by the U.S. Treasury have varying maturities and pay interest on a semi-annual basis equal to a fixed percentage of the inflation-adjusted principal amount. If the periodic adjustment rate measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-index bonds will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds, even during a period of deflation. However, the current market value of the bonds is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. The Fund also may invest in other inflation-related bonds which may or may not provide a similar guarantee. If a guarantee of principal is not provided, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal amount.

The value of inflation-indexed bonds is expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates in turn are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. Therefore, if the rate of inflation rises at a faster rate than nominal interest rates, real interest rates might decline, leading to an increase in value of inflation-indexed bonds. In contrast, if nominal interest rates increase at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates might rise, leading to a decrease in value of inflation-index bonds. Any increase in the principal amount

of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity.

While these securities are expected to be protected from long-term inflationary trends, short-term increases in inflation may lead to a decline in value. If interest rates rise due to reasons other than inflation (for example, due to changes in currency exchange rates), investors in these securities may not be protected to the extent that the increase is not reflected in the bond's inflation measure.

The periodic adjustment of U.S. inflation-indexed bonds is tied to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers ("CPI-U"), which is calculated monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI-U is a measurement of changes in the cost of living, made up of components such as housing, food, transportation and energy. Inflation-indexed bonds issued by a foreign government are generally adjusted to reflect a comparable inflation index calculated by that government. There can be no assurance that the CPI-U or any foreign inflation index will accurately measure the real rate of inflation in the prices of goods and services. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the rate of inflation in a foreign country will be correlated to the rate of inflation in the United States.

U.S. Government Securities. The Fund may invest in U.S. Government securities, which include Treasury Bills, Treasury Notes and Treasury Bonds that differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance. Treasury Bills have initial maturities of one year or less; Treasury Notes have initial maturities of one to ten years; and Treasury Bonds generally have initial maturities of greater than ten years. In addition to U.S. Treasury securities, the Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Some obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury; others by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury; others by discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the agency or instrumentality; and others only by the credit of the agency or instrumentality. These securities bear fixed, floating or variable rates of interest. While the U.S. Government currently provides financial support to such U.S. Government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it will always do so, since it is not so obligated by law.

Money Market Instruments. When the Manager determines that adverse market conditions exist, the Fund may adopt a temporary defensive position and invest up to 100% of its assets in money market instruments, including U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements, bank obligations and commercial paper. The Fund also may purchase money market instruments when it has cash reserves or in anticipation of taking a market position.

Bank Obligations. Bank obligations in which the Fund may invest include certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, and fixed time deposits. Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates issued against funds deposited in a commercial bank for a definite period of time and earning a specified return. Bankers' acceptances are negotiable drafts or bills of exchange, normally drawn by an importer or exporter to pay for specific merchandise, which are "accepted" by a bank, meaning, in effect, that the bank unconditionally agrees to pay the face value of the instrument on maturity. Fixed time deposits are bank obligations payable at a stated maturity date and bearing interest at a fixed rate. Fixed time deposits may be withdrawn on demand by the

investor, but may be subject to early withdrawal penalties that vary depending upon market conditions and the remaining maturity of the obligation. There are no contractual restrictions on the right to transfer a beneficial interest in a fixed time deposit to a third party, although there is no market for such deposits.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with domestic commercial banks or registered broker-dealers. A repurchase agreement is a contract under which the Fund would acquire a security for a relatively short period (usually not more than one week) subject to the obligation of the seller to repurchase and the Fund to resell such security at a fixed time and price (representing the Fund's cost plus interest). In the case of repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, the value of the underlying securities (or collateral) will be at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligation, including the interest factor. The Fund bears a risk of loss if the other party to a repurchase agreement defaults on its obligations and the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights to dispose of the collateral securities. This risk includes the risk of procedural costs or delays in addition to a loss on the securities if their value should fall below their repurchase price.

Commercial Paper. The Fund may invest in commercial paper. Commercial paper represents short-term unsecured promissory notes issued in bearer form by banks or bank holding companies, corporations and finance companies. The commercial paper purchased by the Fund may consist of U.S. dollar-denominated obligations of domestic issuers and foreign currency-denominated obligations of domestic or foreign issuers.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest up to 15% of the value of its net assets in securities as to which a liquid trading market does not exist, provided such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objective. These securities may include securities that are not readily marketable, such as securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice and certain privately negotiated, non-exchange traded options and securities used to cover such options. As to these securities, the Fund is subject to a risk that should the Fund desire to sell them when a ready buyer is not available at a price the Fund deems representative of their value, the value of the Fund's net assets could be adversely affected.

Investment Techniques

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's Prospectus.

Duration. As a measure of a fixed income security's cash flow, duration is an alternative to the concept of "term to maturity" in assessing the price volatility associated with changes in interest rates. Generally, the longer the duration, the more volatility an investor should expect. For example, the market price of a bond with a duration of three years would be expected to decline 3% if interest rates rose 1%. Conversely, the market price of the same bond would be expected to increase 3% if interest rates fell 1%. The market price of a bond with a duration of six years would be expected to increase or decline twice as much as the market price of a bond with a three-year duration. Duration is a way of measuring a security's maturity in terms of the average time required to receive the present value of all interest and principal payments as opposed to its term to maturity. The maturity of a security measures only the time until final payment is due; it does not take

account of the pattern of a security's cash flows over time, which would include how cash flow is affected by prepayments and by changes in interest rates. Incorporating a security's yield, coupon interest payments, final maturity and option features into one measure, duration is computed by determining the weighted average maturity of a bond's cash flows, where the present values of the cash flows serve as weights. In computing the duration of the Fund, the Manager will estimate the duration of obligations that are subject to features such as prepayment or redemption by the issuer, put options retained by the investor or other imbedded options, taking into account the influence of interest rates on prepayments and coupon flows.

Borrowing Money. The Fund is permitted to borrow to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, which permits an investment company to borrow in an amount up to 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets.

Leverage. Leveraging (that is, buying securities using borrowed money) exaggerates the effect on net asset value of any increase or decrease in the market value of the Fund's portfolio. These borrowings will be subject to interest costs which may or may not be recovered by appreciation of the securities purchased; in certain cases, interest costs may exceed the return received on the securities purchased. For borrowings for investment purposes, the 1940 Act requires the Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage (total assets including borrowings, less liabilities exclusive of borrowings) of 300% of the amount borrowed. If the required coverage should decline as a result of market fluctuations or other reasons, the Fund may be required to sell some of its portfolio holdings within three days to reduce the amount of its borrowings and restore the 300% asset coverage, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to sell securities at that time. The Fund also may be required to maintain minimum average balances in connection with such borrowing or pay a commitment or other fee to maintain a line of credit; either of these requirements would increase the cost of borrowing over the stated interest rate.

The Fund also may borrow for investment purposes on a secured basis through entering into reverse repurchase agreements. The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks, broker/dealers or other financial institutions. This form of borrowing involves the transfer by the Fund of an underlying debt instrument in return for cash proceeds based on a percentage of the value of the security. The Fund retains the right to receive interest and principal payments on the security. At an agreed upon future date, the Fund repurchases the security at principal plus accrued interest. As a result of these transactions, the Fund is exposed to greater potential fluctuations in the value of its assets and its net asset value per share. To the extent the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the aggregate amount of its reverse repurchase obligations, plus accrued interest, in certain cases, in accordance with releases promulgated by the SEC. The SEC views reverse repurchase transactions as collateralized borrowings by the Fund. Except for these transactions, the Fund's borrowings generally will be unsecured.

Lending Portfolio Securities. The Fund may lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions needing to borrow securities to complete certain transactions. In connection with such loans, the Fund remains the owner of the loaned securities and continues to be entitled to payments in amounts equal to the interest, dividends or other distributions payable on the loaned securities. The Fund also has the right to terminate a loan at any time. The Fund may call the loan to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Fund's investment is to be voted upon. Loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 33-1/3% of the value of the

Fund's total assets (including the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan). The Fund will receive collateral consisting of cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. If the collateral consists of a letter of credit or securities, the borrower will pay the Fund a loan premium fee. If the collateral consists of cash, the Fund will reinvest the cash and pay the borrower a pre-negotiated fee or "rebate" from any return earned on the investment. The Fund may participate in a securities lending program operated by Mellon Bank, N.A., as lending agent (the "Lending Agent"). The Lending Agent will receive a percentage of the total earnings of the Fund derived from lending its portfolio securities. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Fund may experience delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the Manager to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, the Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The Fund will minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to money market funds advised by the Manager, repurchase agreements or other high quality instruments with short maturities.

Short-Selling. In these transactions, the Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. The Fund may make short-sales to hedge positions, for duration and risk management, to maintain portfolio flexibility or to enhance returns. To complete a short-sale transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing it subsequently at the market price at the time of replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Fund, which would result in a loss or gain, respectively. The Fund also may make short sales "against the box," in which the Fund enters into a short sale of a security it owns or has the immediate and unconditional right to acquire at no additional cost at the time of the sale. The Fund may not make a short sale that results in the Fund having sold short in the aggregate more than 5% of the outstanding securities of any class of an issuer.

Until the Fund closes its short position or replaces the borrowed security, it will: (a) segregate permissible liquid assets in an amount that, together with the amount provided as collateral, always equals the current value of the security sold short; or (b) otherwise cover its short position.

Derivatives. The Fund may invest in, or enter into, derivatives for a variety of reasons, including to hedge certain market or interest rate risks, to provide a substitute for purchasing or selling particular securities or to increase potential returns. Generally, derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, and related indexes. Examples of derivative instruments which the Fund may use (in addition to forward currency contracts, mortgage-related securities, and CDOs and other asset-backed securities) include options contracts, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, structured notes, swap agreements and credit derivatives. Derivatives may provide a cheaper, quicker or more specifically focused way for the Fund to invest than "traditional" securities would. The Fund's portfolio managers, however, may decide not to employ some or all of these strategies and there is no assurance that any derivatives strategy used by the Fund will succeed.

Derivatives can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risk, depending upon the characteristics of the particular derivative and the portfolio as a whole. Derivatives permit the

Fund to increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, to which its portfolio is exposed in much the same way as the Fund can increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, of its portfolio by making investments in specific securities. However, derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in derivatives could have a large potential impact on the Fund's performance.

If the Fund invests in derivatives at inopportune times or judges market conditions incorrectly, such investments may lower the Fund's return or result in a loss. The Fund also could experience losses if its derivatives were poorly correlated with the underlying instruments or the Fund's other investments, or if the Fund were unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market. The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives.

Derivatives may be purchased on established exchanges or through privately negotiated transactions referred to as over-the-counter derivatives. Exchange-traded derivatives generally are guaranteed by the clearing agency that is the issuer or counterparty to such derivatives. This guarantee usually is supported by a daily variation margin system operated by the clearing agency in order to reduce overall credit risk. As a result, unless the clearing agency defaults, there is relatively little counterparty credit risk associated with derivatives purchased on an exchange. In contrast, no clearing agency guarantees over-the-counter derivatives. Therefore, each party to an over-the-counter derivative bears the risk that the counterparty will default. Accordingly, the Manager will consider the creditworthiness of counterparties to over-the-counter derivatives in the same manner as it would review the credit quality of a security to be purchased by the Fund. Over-the-counter derivatives are less liquid than exchange-traded derivatives since the other party to the transaction may be the only investor with sufficient understanding of the derivative to be interested in bidding for it.

Some derivatives the Fund may use involve leverage (e.g., an instrument linked to the value of a securities index may return income calculated as a multiple of the price movement of the underlying index). This economic leverage could increase the volatility of these instruments as they may increase or decrease in value more quickly than the underlying security, index, futures contract, currency or other economic variable. Pursuant to regulations and/or published positions of the SEC, the Fund may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets, or engage in other measures approved by the SEC or its staff, to "cover" the Fund's obligations relating to its transactions in derivatives. For example, in the case of futures contracts or forward contracts that are not contractually required to cash settle, the Fund must set aside liquid assets equal to such contracts' full notional value (generally, the total numerical value of the asset underlying a future or forward contract at the time of valuation) while the positions are open. With respect to futures contracts or forward contracts that are contractually required to cash settle, however, the Fund is permitted to set aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Fund's daily marked-to-market net obligation (i.e., the Fund's daily net liability) under the contracts, if any, rather than such contracts' full notional value. By setting aside assets equal to only its net obligations under cash-settled futures and forward contracts, the Fund may employ leverage to a greater extent than if the Fund were required to segregate assets equal to the full notional value of such contracts.

Neither the Company nor the Fund will be a commodity pool. The Company has filed notice with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and National Futures Association of its

eligibility as a registered investment company for an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator and that neither the Company nor the Fund is subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

Futures Transactions—In General. A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security for a set price on a future date. These contracts are traded on exchanges, so that, in most cases, either party can close out its position on the exchange for cash, without delivering the security. An option on a futures contract gives the holder of the option the right to buy from or sell to the writer of the option a position in a futures contract at a specified price on or before a specified expiration date.

Although some futures contracts call for making or taking delivery of the underlying securities, generally these obligations are closed out before delivery by offsetting purchases or sales of matching futures contracts (same exchange, underlying security or index, and delivery month). Closing out a futures contract sale is effected by purchasing a futures contract for the same aggregate amount of the specific type of financial instrument with the same delivery date. If an offsetting purchase price is less than the original sale price, the Fund realizes a capital gain, or if it is more, the Fund realizes a capital loss. Conversely, if an offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, the Fund realizes a capital gain, or if it is less, the Fund realizes a capital loss. Transaction costs also are included in these calculations.

The Fund may enter into futures contracts in U.S. domestic markets or on exchanges located outside the United States. Foreign markets may offer advantages such as trading opportunities or arbitrage possibilities not available in the United States. Foreign markets, however, may have greater risk potential than domestic markets. For example, some foreign exchanges are principal markets so that no common clearing facility exists and an investor may look only to the broker for performance of the contract. In addition, any profits that the Fund might realize in trading could be eliminated by adverse changes in the currency exchange rate, or the Fund could incur losses as a result of those changes.

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss to the Fund which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's net assets. Although the Fund intends to purchase or sell futures contracts only if there is an active market for such contracts, no assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular contract at any particular time. Many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and potentially subjecting the Fund to substantial losses.

Successful use of futures by the Fund also is subject to the Manager's ability to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant market and, to the extent the transaction is entered into for hedging purposes, to ascertain the appropriate correlation between the securities being hedged and the price movements of the futures contract. For example, if the Fund uses futures to hedge against the possibility of a decline in the market value of securities held in its portfolio and the prices of such securities instead increase, the Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of securities which it has hedged because it will have offsetting losses

in its futures positions. Furthermore, if in such circumstances the Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell securities to meet daily variation margin requirements. The Fund may have to sell such securities at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so.

Specific Futures Transactions. The Fund may invest in futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including those with respect to securities indexes, interest rates and currencies.

The Fund may purchase and sell index futures contracts and options thereon. An index future obligates the Fund to pay or receive an amount of cash equal to a fixed dollar amount specified in the futures contract multiplied by the difference between the settlement price of the contract on the contract's last trading day and the value of the index based on the prices of the securities that comprise the index at the opening of trading in such securities on the next business day.

The Fund may purchase and sell interest rate futures contracts and options thereon. An interest rate future obligates the Fund to purchase or sell an amount of a specific debt security at a future date at a specific price.

The Fund may purchase and sell currency futures and options thereon. A foreign currency future obligates the Fund to purchase or sell an amount of a specific currency at a future date at a specific price.

Options—In General. The Fund may purchase call and put options and write (i.e., sell) covered call and put option contracts. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and obligates the writer to sell, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date. Conversely, a put option gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and obligates the writer to buy, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date.

A covered call option written by the Fund is a call option with respect to which the Fund owns the underlying security or otherwise covers the transaction such as by segregating permissible liquid assets. A put option written by the Fund is covered when, among other things, the Fund segregates permissible liquid assets having a value equal to or greater than the exercise price of the option to fulfill the obligation undertaken or otherwise covers the transaction. The principal reason for writing covered call and put options is to realize, through the receipt of premiums, a greater return than would be realized on the underlying securities alone. The Fund receives a premium from writing covered call or put options which it retains whether or not the option is exercised.

There is no assurance that sufficient trading interest to create a liquid secondary market on a securities exchange will exist for any particular option or at any particular time, and for some options no such secondary market may exist. A liquid secondary market in an option may cease to exist for a variety of reasons. In the past, for example, higher than anticipated trading activity or order flow, or other unforeseen events, at times have rendered certain of the clearing facilities inadequate and resulted in the institution of special procedures, such as trading rotations, restrictions on certain types of orders or trading halts or suspensions in one or more options. There can be no assurance that similar events, or events that may otherwise interfere with the timely execution of customers' orders, will not recur. In such event, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options. If, as a covered call option writer, the Fund is unable to

effect a closing purchase transaction in a secondary market, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or it delivers the underlying security upon exercise or it otherwise covers its position.

Specific Options Transactions. The Fund may purchase and sell call and put options in respect of specific securities (or groups or “baskets” of specific securities), including U.S. Government securities, corporate debt securities, foreign sovereign debt, mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities, equity securities (including convertible securities), and Eurodollar instruments that are traded on U.S. or foreign securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market, or securities indices, currencies or futures.

An option on an index is similar to an option in respect of specific securities, except that settlement does not occur by delivery of the securities comprising the index. Instead, the option holder receives an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the option is based is greater than in the case of a call, or less than in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option. Thus, the effectiveness of purchasing or writing index options will depend upon price movements in the level of the index rather than the price of a particular security.

The Fund may purchase and sell call and put options on foreign currency. These options convey the right to buy or sell the underlying currency at a price which is expected to be lower or higher than the spot price of the currency at the time the option is exercised or expires.

Successful use by the Fund of options and options on futures will be subject to the Manager’s ability to predict correctly movements in the prices of individual securities, the relevant securities market generally, foreign currencies or interest rates, as applicable. To the extent the Manager’s predictions are incorrect, the Fund may incur losses.

Swap Transactions and Other Credit Derivatives. The Fund may engage in swap transactions, including interest rate swaps, interest rate locks, caps, collars and floors, credit default swaps, and index swap agreements and other credit derivative products, to seek to mitigate risk, manage maturity and duration, reduce portfolio turnover, or obtain a particular desired return at a lower cost to the Fund than if the Fund had invested directly in an instrument that yielded the desired return. The Fund also may enter into options on swap agreements, sometimes called “swaptions.”

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. In a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a “notional amount,” i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, or in a “basket” of credit default swaps or securities representing a particular index. The “notional amount” of the swap agreement is only used as a basis upon which to calculate the obligations that the parties to a swap agreement have agreed to exchange.

Most swap agreements entered into by the Fund are cash settled and calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a “net basis.” Thus, the Fund’s current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement generally will be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the

agreement (the “net amount”). The Fund’s current obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owed to the Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterparty will be covered by the segregation of permissible liquid assets of the Fund.

A swap option is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) in return for payment of a premium, to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement, at some designated future time on specified terms. A cash-settled option on a swap gives the purchaser the right in return for the premium paid, to receive an amount of cash equal to the value of the underlying swap as of the exercise date. These options typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions, including securities brokerage firms. Depending on the terms of the particular option agreement, the Fund generally will incur a greater degree of risk when it writes a swap option than it will incur when it purchases a swap option. When the Fund purchases a swap option, it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid should it decide to let the option expire unexercised. However, when the Fund writes a swap option, upon exercise of the option the Fund will become obligated according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

Interest rate swaps are over-the-counter contracts in which each party agrees to make a periodic interest payment based on an index or the value of an asset in return for a periodic payment from the other party based on a different index or asset. The purchase of an interest rate floor entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest rate floor. The purchase of an interest rate cap entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index rises above a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling such interest rate cap. Interest rate collars involve selling a cap and purchasing a floor or vice versa to protect the Fund against interest rate movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels.

The Fund may enter into credit default swap agreements and similar agreements, which may have as reference obligations securities that are or are not currently held by the Fund. The protection “buyer” in a credit default contract may be obligated to pay the protection “seller” an up front payment or a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided generally that no credit event on a reference obligation has occurred. If a credit event occurs, the seller generally must pay the buyer the “par value” (full notional value) of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity described in the swap, or the seller may be required to deliver the related net cash amount, if the swap is cash settled. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund recovers nothing if the swap is held through its termination date. However, if a credit event occurs, the Fund may elect to receive the full notional value of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity that may have little or no value. As a seller, the Fund generally receives an up front payment or a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the swap, which typically is between six months and three years, provided that there is no credit event. If a credit event occurs, generally the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value of the swap in exchange for an equal face amount of deliverable obligations of the reference entity that may have little or no value. Credit default swaps and similar instruments involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly, since, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

The Fund may invest in credit linked securities issued by a limited purpose trust or other vehicle that, in turn, invests in a derivative instrument or basket of derivative instruments, such as credit default swaps or interest rate swaps, to obtain exposure to certain fixed income markets or to remain fully invested when more traditional income producing securities are not available. Like an investment in a bond, an investment in these credit linked securities represents the right to receive periodic income payments (in the form of distributions) and payment of principal at the end of the term of the security. However, these payments are conditioned on the issuer's receipt of payments from, and the issuer's potential obligations to, the counterparties to certain derivative instruments entered into by the issuer of the credit linked security. For example, the issuer may sell one or more credit default swaps entitling the issuer to receive a stream of payments over the term of the swap agreements provided that no event of default has occurred with respect to the referenced debt obligation upon which the swap is based. If a default occurs, the stream of payments may stop and the issuer would be obligated to pay the counterparty the par (or other agreed upon value) of the referenced debt obligation.

The use of credit derivatives is a highly specialized activity which involves strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. If the Manager is incorrect in its forecasts of default risks, market spreads or other applicable factors, or a counterparty defaults, the investment performance of the Fund would diminish compared with what it would have been if these techniques were not used. In addition, it is possible that developments in the credit derivatives market, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap or other credit derivative agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements.

The Fund will enter into swap and other credit derivatives transactions only when the Manager believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. In addition, the Fund will enter into swap and other credit derivative agreements only with counterparties that meet certain standards of creditworthiness (generally, such counterparties would have to be eligible counterparties under the terms of the Fund's repurchase agreement guidelines).

Structured Notes. Structured notes are privately negotiated debt obligations where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an "embedded index"), such as selected securities, an index of securities or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. The terms of such structured instruments normally provide that their principal and/or interest payments are to be adjusted upwards or downwards (but not ordinarily below zero) to reflect changes in the embedded index while the structured instruments are outstanding. As a result, the interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending upon a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments. The rate of return on structured notes may be determined by applying a multiplier to the performance or differential performance of the referenced index or indexes or other assets. Application of a multiplier involves leverage that will serve to magnify the potential for gain and the risk of loss.

Indexed and Inverse Floating Rate Securities. The Fund may invest in securities that pay interest or whose principal amount payable upon maturity is based on the value of an index of interest rates. Interest and principal payable on certain securities also may be based on relative changes among particular indices. The Fund also may invest in so-called "inverse floating

obligations” or “residual interest bonds” on which the interest rates vary inversely with a floating rate (which may be reset periodically by a dutch auction, a remarketing agent, or by reference to a short-term tax-exempt interest rate index). The Fund may purchase synthetically-created inverse floating rate bonds evidenced by custodial or trust receipts. Such securities have the effect of providing a degree of investment leverage, since they may increase or decrease in value in response to changes in market interest rates at a rate that is a multiple of the rate at which fixed-rate securities increase or decrease in response to such changes. As a result, the market values of such securities generally will be more volatile than the market values of fixed-rate securities. Investments in such obligations may be illiquid.

Other Hybrid Instruments. A hybrid instrument can combine the characteristics of securities, futures, and options. For example, the principal amount or interest rate of a hybrid instrument could be tied (positively or negatively) to the price of some currency or securities index or another interest rate (each a “benchmark”). The interest rate or the principal amount payable at maturity of a hybrid security may be increased or decreased, depending on changes in the value of the benchmark.

Hybrids can be used as an efficient means of pursuing a variety of investment strategies, including currency hedging, duration management, and increased total return. Hybrids may not bear interest or pay dividends. The value of a hybrid or its interest rate may be a multiple of a benchmark and, as a result, may be leveraged and move (up or down) more steeply and rapidly than the benchmark. These benchmarks may be sensitive to economic and political events, such as commodity shortages and currency devaluations, which cannot be readily foreseen by the purchaser of a hybrid. Under certain conditions, the redemption value of a hybrid could be zero. Thus, an investment in a hybrid may entail significant market risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a traditional, U.S. dollar-denominated bond that has a fixed principal amount and pays a fixed rate or floating rate of interest. The purchase of hybrids also exposes the Fund to the credit risk of the issuer of the hybrids. These risks may cause significant fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund.

Combined Transactions. The Fund may enter into multiple transactions, including multiple options transactions, multiple futures transactions, multiple currency transactions including forward currency contracts and multiple interest rate transactions, structured notes and any combination of futures, options, currency and interest rate transactions (“component transactions”), instead of a single transaction, as part of a single or combined strategy when, in the opinion of the Manager, it is in the best interests of the Fund to do so. A combined transaction will usually contain elements of risk that are present in each of its component transactions. Although combined transactions are normally entered into based on the Manager’s judgment that the combined strategies will reduce risk or otherwise more effectively achieve the desired portfolio management goal, it is possible that the combination will instead increase such risks or hinder achievement of the portfolio management objective.

Future Developments. The Fund may take advantage of opportunities in options and futures contracts and options on futures contracts and any other derivatives which are not presently contemplated for use by the Fund or which are not currently available but which may be developed, to the extent such opportunities are both consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and legally permissible for the Fund. Before the Fund enters into such transactions or makes any such investment, the Fund will provide appropriate disclosure in its Prospectus or this SAI.

Foreign Currency Transactions. The Fund may enter into foreign currency transactions for a variety of purposes, including: to fix in U.S. dollars, between trade and settlement date, the value of a security the Fund has agreed to buy or sell; to hedge the U.S. dollar value of securities the Fund already owns, particularly if it expects a decrease in the value of the currency in which the foreign security is denominated; or to gain exposure to the foreign currency in an attempt to realize gains.

Foreign currency transactions may involve, for example, the Fund's purchase of foreign currencies for U.S. dollars or the maintenance of short positions in foreign currencies. A short position would involve the Fund agreeing to exchange an amount of a currency it did not currently own for another currency at a future date in anticipation of a decline in the value of the currency sold relative to the currency the Fund contracted to receive. The Fund's success in these transactions may depend on the ability of the Manager to predict accurately the future exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

A Fund also may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("forward contracts") for the purchase or sale of a specified currency at a specified future date. The cost to the Fund of engaging in forward contracts varies with factors such as the currency involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Because forward contracts are usually entered into on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved. Generally, secondary markets do not exist for forward contracts, with the result that closing transactions can be made for forward contracts only by negotiating directly with the counterparty to the contract.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention, or failure to intervene, by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad.

Forward Commitments. The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment (including "TBA" (to be announced)), when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, which means delivery and payment take place in the future after the date of the commitment to purchase or sell the securities at a predetermined price and/or yield. Typically, no interest accrues to the purchaser until the security is delivered. When purchasing a security on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, the Fund assumes the rights and risks of ownership of the security, including the risk of price and yield fluctuations, and takes such fluctuations into account when determining its net asset value. Because the Fund is not required to pay for these securities until the delivery date, these risks are in addition to the risks associated with the Fund's other investments. If the Fund is fully or almost fully invested when forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery purchases are outstanding, such purchases may result in a form of leverage. The Fund would engage in forward commitments to increase its portfolio's financial exposure to the types of securities in which it invests. Leveraging the portfolio in this manner will increase the Fund's exposure to changes in interest rates and will increase the volatility of its returns. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Fund's purchase commitments.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are subject to changes in value (generally changing in the same way, i.e., appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Securities purchased on a forward commitment or when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may expose the Fund to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery. Purchasing securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis can involve the additional risk that the yield available in the market when the delivery takes place actually may be higher than that obtained in the transaction itself. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis when the Fund is fully or almost fully invested may result in greater potential fluctuation in the value of the Fund's net assets and its net asset value per share.

Forward Roll Transactions. To enhance current income, the Fund may enter into forward roll transactions with respect to mortgage-related securities. In a forward roll transaction, the Fund sells a mortgage-related security to a financial institution, such as a bank or broker-dealer, and simultaneously agrees to purchase a similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed upon price. The securities that are purchased will bear the same interest rate as those sold, but generally will be collateralized by different pools of mortgages with different pre-payment histories than those sold. During the period between the sale and purchase, the Fund will not be entitled to receive interest and principal payments on the securities sold. Proceeds of the sale typically will be invested in short-term instruments, particularly repurchase agreements, and the income from these investments, together with any additional fee income received on the sale will be expected to generate income for the Fund exceeding the yield on the securities sold. Forward roll transactions involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by the Fund may decline below the purchase price of those securities. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the amount of the repurchase price (including accrued interest).

Certain Investment Considerations and Risks

Mortgage-Related Securities. Mortgage-related securities are complex derivative instruments, subject to both credit and prepayment risk, and may be more volatile and less liquid, and more difficult to price accurately, than more traditional debt securities. Although certain mortgage-related securities are guaranteed by a third party (such as a U.S. Government agency or instrumentality with respect to government-related mortgage-backed securities) or otherwise similarly secured, the market value of the security, which may fluctuate, is not secured.

Mortgage-related securities generally are subject to credit risks associated with the performance of the underlying mortgage properties and to prepayment risk. In certain instances, the credit risk associated with mortgage-related securities can be reduced by third party guarantees or other forms of credit support. Improved credit risk does not reduce prepayment risk which is unrelated to the rating assigned to the mortgage-related security. Prepayment risk can lead to fluctuations in value of the mortgage-related security which may be pronounced. If a mortgage-related security is purchased at a premium, all or part of the premium may be lost if there is a decline in the market value of the security, whether resulting from changes in interest rates or prepayments on the underlying mortgage collateral. Certain mortgage-related securities that may be purchased by the Fund, such as inverse floating rate collateralized mortgage obligations, have coupons that move inversely to a multiple of a specific index which may result in a form of leverage. As with other interest-bearing securities, the prices of certain mortgage-related securities

are inversely affected by changes in interest rates. However, although the value of a mortgage-related security may decline when interest rates rise, the converse is not necessarily true, since in periods of declining interest rates the mortgages underlying the security are more likely to be prepaid. For this and other reasons, a mortgage-related security's stated maturity may be shortened by unscheduled prepayments on the underlying mortgages, and, therefore, it is not possible to predict accurately the security's return to the Fund. Moreover, with respect to certain stripped mortgage-backed securities, if the underlying mortgage securities experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to fully recoup its initial investment even if the securities are rated in the highest rating category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. During periods of rapidly rising interest rates, prepayments of mortgage-related securities may occur at slower than expected rates. Slower prepayments effectively may lengthen a mortgage-related security's expected maturity which generally would cause the value of such security to fluctuate more widely in response to changes in interest rates. Were the prepayments on the Fund's mortgage-related securities to decrease broadly, the Fund's effective duration, and thus sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations, would increase. Commercial real property loans, however, often contain provisions that reduce the likelihood that such securities will be prepaid. The provisions generally impose significant prepayment penalties on loans and in some cases there may be prohibitions on principal prepayments for several years following origination.

Foreign Securities. Investing in the securities of foreign issuers involves risks that are not typically associated with investing in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of domestic issuers. Investments in foreign issuers may be affected by changes in currency rates, changes in foreign or U.S. laws or restrictions applicable to such investments and in exchange control regulations (e.g., currency blockage). A decline in the exchange rate of the currency (i.e., weakening of the currency against the U.S. dollar) in which a portfolio security is quoted or denominated relative to the U.S. dollar would reduce the value of the portfolio security. A change in the value of such foreign currency against the U.S. dollar also will result in a change in the amount of income the Fund has available for distribution. Because a portion of the Fund's investment income may be received in foreign currencies, the Fund will be required to compute its income in U.S. dollars for distribution to shareholders, and therefore the Fund will absorb the cost of currency fluctuations. After the Fund has distributed income, subsequent foreign currency losses may result in the Fund having distributed more income in a particular fiscal period than was available from investment income, which could result in a return of capital to shareholders. In addition, if the exchange rate for the currency in which the Fund receives interest payments declines against the U.S. dollar before such income is distributed as dividends to shareholders, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities to obtain sufficient cash to enable the Fund to pay such dividends. Commissions on transactions in foreign securities may be higher than those for similar transactions on domestic stock markets and foreign custodial costs are higher than domestic custodial costs. In addition, clearance and settlement procedures may be different in foreign countries and, in certain markets, such procedures have on occasion been unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, thus making it difficult to conduct such transactions.

Foreign securities markets generally are not as developed or efficient as those in the United States. Securities of some foreign issuers are less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign securities markets are less than in the United States and, at times, volatility of price can be greater than in the United States.

Because evidences of ownership of foreign securities usually are held outside the United States, by investing in such securities the Fund will be subject to additional risks, which include possible adverse political and economic developments, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits and adoption of governmental restrictions, that might adversely affect or restrict the payment of principal and interest on the foreign securities to investors located outside the country of the issuer, whether from currency blockage or otherwise. Foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on days when the Fund does not calculate its net asset value and thus may affect the Fund's net asset value on days when investors have no access to the Fund.

The risks associated with investing in foreign securities are often heightened for investments in emerging markets countries. These heightened risks include (i) greater risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, and less social, political and economic stability; (ii) the small size of the markets for securities of emerging markets issuers and the currently low or nonexistent volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; and (iv) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property. The Fund's purchase and sale of portfolio securities in certain emerging markets countries may be constrained by limitations as to daily changes in the prices of listed securities, periodic trading or settlement volume and/or limitations on aggregate holdings of foreign investors. In certain cases, such limitations may be computed based upon the aggregate trading by or holdings of the Fund, the Manager and its affiliates and their respective clients and other service providers. The Fund may not be able to sell securities in circumstances where price, trading or settlement volume limitations have been reached. These limitations may have a negative impact on the Fund's performance and may adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's investment to the extent that it invests in certain emerging market countries. In addition, some emerging markets countries may have fixed or managed currencies which are not free-floating against the U.S. dollar. Further, certain emerging markets countries' currencies may not be internationally traded. Certain of these currencies have experienced a steady devaluation relative to the U.S. dollar. If the Fund does not hedge the U.S. dollar value of securities it owns denominated in currencies that are devalued, the Fund's net asset value will be adversely affected. Many emerging markets countries have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had and may continue to have adverse effects on the economies and securities markets of certain of these countries.

Discount Obligations. A significant portion of the Fund's investments may be in (i) securities (including most Brady Bonds) which were initially issued at a discount from their face value (collectively, "Discount Obligations") and (ii) securities purchased by the Fund at a price less than their stated face amount or, in the case of Discount Obligations, at a price less than their issue price plus the portion of "original issue discount" previously accrued thereon, i.e., purchased at a "market discount." The amount of original issue discount and/or market discount on obligations purchased by the Fund may be significant, and accretion of market discount together with original issue discount, will cause the Fund to realize income prior to the receipt of cash payments with respect to these securities. To maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and avoid liability for Federal income taxes, the Fund may be required to distribute such income accrued with respect to these securities and may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances in order to generate cash to satisfy these distribution requirements.

Equity Securities. Equity securities, including common stocks, and certain preferred stocks, convertible securities and warrants, fluctuate in value, often based on factors unrelated to the value of the issuer of the securities, and such fluctuations can be pronounced. Changes in the value of the Fund's investments will result in changes in the value of its shares and thus the Fund's total return to investors.

Simultaneous Investments. Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other investment companies advised by the Manager. If, however, such other investment companies desire to invest in, or dispose of, the same securities as the Fund, the Manager will ordinarily seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one investment company or account and available investments or opportunities for sales will be allocated equitably to each investment company. In some cases, this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtained for or disposed of by the Fund or the price paid or received by the Fund. The Fund, together with other investment companies advised by the Manager and their affiliates, may own significant positions in portfolio companies that, depending on market conditions, may affect adversely the Fund's ability to dispose of some or all of its positions should it desire to do so.

Certain Investments. From time to time, to the extent consistent with its investment objective, policies and restrictions, the Fund may invest in securities of companies with which an affiliate of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon") has a lending relationship.

Investment Restrictions

Fundamental. The Fund has adopted the following restrictions as fundamental policies, which cannot be changed without approval by the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. The Fund may not:

1. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry, provided that there shall be no limitation on the purchase of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.
2. Invest in physical commodities or commodities contracts, except that the Fund may purchase and sell options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those related to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices and enter into swap agreements and other derivative instruments.
3. Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, or oil, gas or other mineral leases or exploration or development programs, but the Fund may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate or issued by companies that invest or deal in real estate or real estate investment trusts and may acquire and hold real estate or interests therein through exercising rights or remedies with regard to such securities.
4. Borrow money, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (which currently limits borrowing to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets).
5. Lend any securities or make loans to others, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (which currently limits such loans to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets) or as otherwise permitted by the SEC. For purposes of this Investment Restriction, the

purchase of debt obligations (including acquisitions of loans, loan participations or other forms of debt instruments) and the entry into repurchase agreements shall not constitute loans by the Fund. Any loans of portfolio securities will be made according to guidelines established by the SEC and the Company's Board.

6. Act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by virtue of disposing of portfolio securities.

7. Issue any senior security (as such term is defined in Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act), except insofar as the Fund may be deemed to have issued a senior security by reason of borrowing money in accordance with the Fund's borrowing policies. For purposes of this Investment Restriction, collateral, escrow, or margin or other deposits with respect to the making of short sales, the purchase or sale of futures contracts or options, purchase or sale of forward foreign currency contracts, and the writing of options on securities are not deemed to be an issuance of senior security.

Non-fundamental. The Fund has adopted the following non-fundamental investment restrictions. These non-fundamental restrictions, and the Fund's investment objectives, may be changed by vote of a majority of the Company's Board members without shareholder approval, in compliance with applicable law and regulatory policy.

1. Purchase securities on margin, except for use of short-term credit necessary for clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities, but the Fund may make margin deposits in connection with transactions in options, forward contracts, futures contracts, and options on futures contracts, and except that effecting short sales will be deemed not to constitute a margin purchase for purposes of this Investment Restriction.

2. Invest in the securities of a company for the purpose of exercising management or control, but the Fund will vote the securities it owns in its portfolio as a shareholder in accordance with its views.

3. Enter into repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice or purchase securities that are illiquid, if, in the aggregate, more than 15% of the value of the Fund's net assets would be so invested.

4. Purchase securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act.

5. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and to the extent related to the purchase of securities on a when-issued, forward commitment or delayed-delivery basis and the deposit of assets in escrow in connection with writing covered put and call options and collateral and initial or variation margin arrangements with respect to permitted transactions.

If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later change in percentage resulting from a change in values or assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction. With respect to fundamental Investment Restriction No. 4, however, if borrowings

exceed 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets as a result of changes in values or assets, the Fund must take steps to reduce such borrowings at least to the extent of such excess.

If the Fund's investment objective, policies, restrictions, practices or procedures change, shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of the shareholder's then-current position and needs.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY AND FUND

The Company's Board is responsible for the management and supervision of the Fund, and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Fund. These companies are as follows:

The Dreyfus Corporation	Investment Adviser
MBSC Securities Corporation	Distributor
Dreyfus Transfer, Inc.	Transfer Agent
Mellon Bank, N.A.	Custodian

Board Members of the Company[†]

Directors of the Company, together with information as to their positions with the Company, principal occupations and other board memberships and affiliations, are shown below. Each of the Company's Directors also serves as a Trustee of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Trust and The Dreyfus/Laurel Tax-Free Municipal Funds (collectively, with the Company, the "Dreyfus/Laurel Funds") and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

Name (Age) Position with Company (Since)	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Other Board Memberships and Affiliations
Joseph S. DiMartino (64) Chairman of the Board (1999)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, <i>Director</i> The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, <i>Director</i> Sunair Services Corporation, a provider of certain outdoor-related services to homes and businesses, <i>Director</i>
James M. Fitzgibbons (73) (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Davidson Cotton Company (1998-2002)	Bill Barrett Company, an oil and gas exploration company, <i>Director</i>

[†] None of the Board members are "interested persons" of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act.

Name (Age) Position with Company (Since)	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Other Board Memberships and Affiliations
J. Tomlinson Fort (79) Board Member (1987)	Retired (2005-present); Of Counsel, Reed Smith LLP (1998-2005)	Allegheny College, <i>Emeritus Trustee</i> Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, <i>Trustee</i> American College of Trial Lawyers, <i>Fellow</i>
Kenneth A. Himmel (61) Board Member (1994)	President and CEO, Related Urban Development, a real estate development company (1996-present) President and CEO, Himmel & Company, a real estate development company (1980- present) CEO, American Food Management, a restaurant company (1983-present)	None
Stephen J. Lockwood (60) Board Member (1994)	Chairman of the Board, Stephen J. Lockwood and Company LLC, an investment company (2000-present)	None
Roslyn Watson (58) Board Member (1994)	Principal, Watson Ventures, Inc., a real estate investment company (1993-present)	American Express Centurion Bank, <i>Director</i> The Hyams Foundation Inc., a Massachusetts Charitable Foundation, <i>Trustee</i> National Osteoporosis Foundation, <i>Trustee</i>
Benaree Pratt Wiley (61) Board Member (1998)	Principal, The Wiley Group, a firm specializing in strategy and business development (2005-present) President and CEO, The Partnership, an organization dedicated to increasing the representation of African Americans in positions of leadership, influence and decision-making in Boston, MA (1991-2005)	Boston College, <i>Trustee</i> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, <i>Director</i> Commonwealth Institute, <i>Director</i> Efficacy Institute, <i>Director</i> PepsiCo African - American, <i>Advisory Board</i> The Boston Foundation, <i>Director</i> Harvard Business School Alumni Board, <i>Director</i>

Board members are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Company has standing audit and nominating committees, each comprised of its Board members who are not “interested

persons” of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is (i) to oversee the Company’s accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Fund’s financial statements and (ii) to assist in the Board’s oversight of the integrity of the Fund’s financial statements, the Fund’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications, independence and performance. The Company’s nominating committee, among other things, is responsible for selecting and nominating persons as members of the Board for election or appointment by the Board and for election by shareholders. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the committee takes into consideration various factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders. The nominating committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Company, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor East, New York, New York 10166, which includes information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the nominating committee charter. The Company also has a standing compensation committee comprised of Ms. Watson (Chair), Messrs. Fitzgibbons and Fort and Ms. Wiley. The function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The Company also has a standing pricing committee comprised of any one Board member. The function of the pricing committee is to assist in valuing the Fund’s investments. The audit committee met three times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007. The nominating, pricing and compensation committees did not meet during the last fiscal year.

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Board member’s ownership of Fund shares and shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which he or she is a Board member, in each case as of December 31, 2007.

	<u>Joseph S. DiMartino</u>	<u>James M. Fitzgibbons</u>	<u>J. Tomlinson Fort</u>	<u>Kenneth A. Himmel</u>	<u>Stephen J. Lockwood</u>	<u>Roslyn M. Watson</u>	<u>Benaree Pratt Wiley</u>
Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Aggregate Holdings of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	None	None	None	None

As of December 31, 2007, none of the Board members or their immediate family members owned securities of the Manager, the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Manager or the Distributor.

Officers of the Company

J. DAVID OFFICER, President since December 2006. Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163

portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 59 years old, and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1998.

PHILLIP N. MAISANO, Executive Vice President since July 2007. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 163 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Maisano also is an officer and/or Board member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of BNY Mellon, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 2006. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr. Maisano served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EACM Advisors, an affiliate of the Manager, since August 2004, and served as Chief Executive Officer of Evaluation Associates, a leading institutional investment consulting firm, from 1988 until 2004.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel and Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1996.

JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 2000.

JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1984.

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 42 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005. Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 39 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1991.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2008. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since 1982.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of Dreyfus, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of Dreyfus since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 79 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since July 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 75 investment companies (comprised of 176 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 37 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004. Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (79 investment companies, comprised of 180 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. He is 50

years old and has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

The address of each Board member and officer of the Company is 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

No officer or employee of the Manager or the Distributor (or of any parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof) receives any compensation from the Company for serving as an Officer or Director of the Company. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds pay each Director who is not an "interested person" of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) \$45,000 per annum, plus \$6,000 per joint Dreyfus/Laurel Funds Board meeting attended, \$2,000 for separate in-person committee meetings attended which are not held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board meeting and \$1,500 for Board meetings and separate committee meetings attended that are conducted by telephone. The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds also reimburse each Director who is not an "interested person" of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) for travel and out-of-pocket expenses. With respect to Board meetings, the Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation (with the exception of reimbursable amounts). With respect to compensation committee meetings, the Chair of the compensation committee receives \$900 per meeting and, with respect to audit committee meetings, the Chair of the Audit Committee receives \$1,350 per meeting. In the event that there is an in-person joint committee meeting or a joint telephone meeting of the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund, the \$2,000 or \$1,500 fee, as applicable, will be allocated between the Dreyfus/Laurel Funds and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund.

In addition, the Company currently has one Emeritus Board member who is entitled to receive an annual retainer and a per meeting fee of one-half the amount paid to him as a Board member.

The aggregate amount of fees and expenses received by each Director from the Company for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, and the amount paid to each Director by all funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person was a Board member (the number of portfolios of such funds is set forth in parenthesis next to each Board member's total compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2007, were as follows:

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Company*</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Company and Fund Complex Paid To Board Member^(**)</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	\$33,125	\$819,865 (196)
James Fitzgibbons	\$25,000	\$ 96,500 (29)
J. Tomlinson Fort	\$30,550	\$102,800 (29)
Kenneth A. Himmel	\$23,000	\$ 89,500 (29)
Stephen J. Lockwood	\$22,500	\$ 84,000 (29)
Roslyn M. Watson	\$26,500	\$ 97,500 (29)
Benaree Pratt Wiley	\$26,500	\$139,822 (39)

* Amounts required to be paid by the Company directly to the non-interested Directors, that would be applied to offset a portion of the management fee payable by certain other series of the Company to the Manager, are paid directly by the Manager to the non-interested Directors. Amount does not include the cost of office space, secretarial services and health benefits for the Chairman and expenses reimbursed to Directors for attending Board meetings, which in the aggregate amounted to \$5,305.

** Represents the number of separate portfolios comprising the investment companies in the Fund Complex, including the Fund, for which the Directors served.

The officers and Directors of the Company as a group owned beneficially less than 1% of the total shares of the Fund outstanding as of February 4, 2008.

Principal Shareholders. As of February 4, 2008, the following shareholders were known by the Fund to own of record 5% or more of Class A shares of the Fund:

MBC Investments Corporation c/o Mellon Financial Corporation Attn.: Delaware Finance Department 4001 Kennett Pike, Suite 218 2 Greenville Crossing Greenville, DE 19807-2029	52.9273%
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Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Reinvestment Account Attn.: Mutual Funds 101 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	25.9867%
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As of February 4, 2008, the following shareholders were known by the Fund to own of record 5% or more of Class C shares of the Fund:

MLPF & S For The Sole Benefit Of Its Customers Attn.: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Drive East, 3 rd Floor Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	21.3926%
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MBC Investments Corporation 58.0280%
c/o Mellon Financial Corporation
Attn.: Delaware Finance Department
4001 Kennett Pike, Suite 218
2 Greenville Crossing
Greenville, DE 19807-2029

As of February 4, 2008, the following shareholders were known by the Fund to own of record 5% or more of Class I shares of the Fund:

MBC Investments Corporation 95.0010%
c/o Mellon Financial Corporation
Attn.: Delaware Finance Department
4001 Kennett Pike, Suite 218
2 Greenville Crossing
Greenville, DE 19807-2029

A shareholder who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of the Fund's voting securities may be deemed a "control person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund.

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the Fund's Prospectus entitled "Expenses" and "Management."

Investment Adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon, a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team.

Management Agreement. The Manager serves as the investment adviser for the Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") between the Manager and the Company, subject to the overall authority of the Board of Directors in accordance with Maryland law. As investment adviser, the Manager manages the Fund by making investment decisions based on the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions.

The Management Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Company's Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Company's Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or the Manager, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Management Agreement is terminable without penalty, on not more than 60 days' notice, by the Company's Board or by vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting shares, or, upon not less than 90 days' notice, by the Manager. The Management Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of the Manager: Jonathan Little, Chair of the Board; Thomas F. Eggers, President, Chief Executive Officer and a director; Jonathan Baum, Vice Chair-Distribution and a director; J. Charles Cardona, Vice Chair and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Vice Chair and a director; Phillip N. Maisano, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director; J. David Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director; Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President-Corporate Communications; Jill Gill, Vice President-Human Resources; Anthony Mayo, Vice President-Information Systems; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President-Tax; John E. Lane, Vice President; Jeanne M. Login, Vice President; Gary Pierce, Controller; Joseph W. Connolly, Chief Compliance Officer; James Bitetto, Secretary; and Mitchell E. Harris, Ronald P. O'Hanley III and Scott E. Wennerholm, directors.

The Manager maintains office facilities on behalf of the Fund, and furnishes statistical and research data, clerical help, accounting, data processing, bookkeeping and internal auditing and certain other required services to the Fund. The Manager may pay the Distributor for shareholder services from the Manager's own assets, including past profits but not including the management fee paid by the Fund. The Distributor may use part or all of such payments to pay certain financial institutions (which may include banks), securities dealers ("Selected Dealers") and other industry professionals (collectively, "Service Agents") in respect of these services. The Manager also may make such advertising and promotional expenditures, using its own resources, as it from time to time deems appropriate.

The Company, the Manager and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such respective Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Manager's Code of Ethics subjects its employees' personal securities transactions to various restrictions to ensure that such trading does not disadvantage any fund advised by the Manager. In that regard, portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager must preclear and report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with the Code of Ethics and are also subject to the oversight of BNY Mellon's Investment Ethics Committee (the "Committee"). Portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager who comply with the preclearance and disclosure procedures of the Code of Ethics and the requirements of the Committee may be permitted to purchase, sell or hold securities which also may be or are held in fund(s) they manage or for which they otherwise provide investment advice.

BNY Mellon and its affiliates may have deposit, loan and commercial banking or other relationships with the issuers of securities purchased by the Fund. The Manager has informed the Company that in making its investment decisions it does not obtain or use material inside information that BNY Mellon or its affiliates may possess with respect to such issuers.

Portfolio Managers. The Manager provides day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio of investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Company's Board. The Manager is responsible for investment decisions, and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Company's Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. The Fund's portfolio managers are Kent J. Wosepka and Catherine Powers, each of whom is employed by Dreyfus and Standish Mellon Asset Management Company LLC ("SMAM"), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus. The Manager and/or its affiliates also maintain a research department with a professional staff of portfolio managers and

securities analysts who provide research services for the Fund and for other funds advised by the Manager.

Portfolio Manager Compensation. The portfolio manager's cash compensation is comprised primarily of a market-based salary and an incentive compensation plan (annual and long term incentive). The Fund's portfolio managers are compensated by SMAM and not by Dreyfus or the Fund. Funding for the SMAM Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of overall company profitability. Therefore, all bonus awards are based initially on performance. The investment professionals are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the incentive compensation plan. Annual awards are granted in March, for the prior calendar year. Individual awards for investment professionals are discretionary, based on product performance relative to both benchmarks and peer comparisons and goals established at the beginning of each calendar year. Goals are to a substantial degree based on investment performance, including performance for one and three year periods. Also considered in determining individual awards are team participation and general contributions to SMAM.

All portfolio managers are also eligible to participate in the SMAM Long Term Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in deferred cash that cliff vests after 3 years, with an interest rate equal to the average year over year earnings growth of SMAM (capped at 20% per year). Management has discretion with respect to actual participation.

Portfolio managers whose compensation exceeds certain levels may elect to defer portions of their base salaries and/or incentive compensation pursuant to BNY Mellon's elective deferred compensation plan.

Additional Information About the Portfolio Managers. The following table lists the number and types of other accounts advised by the Fund's primary portfolio manager and assets under management in those accounts as of the Fund's fiscal year:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Registered Investment Company Accounts</u>	<u>Assets Managed</u>	<u>Pooled Accounts</u>	<u>Assets Managed</u>	<u>Other Accounts</u>	<u>Assets Managed</u>
Kent J. Wosepka	4	\$1.27 Billion	1	\$87.19 Million	32	\$3.49 Billion

None of the funds or accounts are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.

The dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by the primary portfolio manager is as follows as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned</u>
Kent J. Wosepka	None

The portfolio managers may manage multiple accounts for a diverse client base, including mutual funds, separate accounts (assets managed on behalf of institutions such as pension funds,

insurance companies and foundations), bank common trust accounts and wrap fee programs (“Other Accounts”).

Potential conflicts of interest may arise because of Dreyfus’ management of the Fund and Other Accounts, as applicable. For example, conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities, as Dreyfus may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase Dreyfus’ overall allocation of securities in that offering, or to increase Dreyfus’ ability to participate in future offerings by the same underwriter or issuer. Allocations of bunched trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as Dreyfus may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to preferred accounts. Initial public offerings (“IPOs”), in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. Additionally, the portfolio managers may be perceived to have a conflict of interest if there are a large number of Other Accounts, in addition to the Fund, that they are managing on behalf of Dreyfus. Dreyfus periodically reviews each portfolio manager’s overall responsibilities to ensure that he or she is able to allocate the necessary time and resources to effectively manage the Fund. In addition, Dreyfus could be viewed as having a conflict of interest to the extent that Dreyfus or its affiliates and/or the portfolio managers have a materially larger investment in Other Accounts than their investment in the Fund.

Other Accounts may have investment objectives, strategies and risks that differ from those of the Fund. For these or other reasons, the portfolio managers may purchase different securities for the Fund and the Other Accounts, and the performance of securities purchased for the Fund may vary from the performance of securities purchased for Other Accounts. The portfolio managers may place transactions on behalf of Other Accounts that are directly or indirectly contrary to investment decisions made for the Fund, which could have the potential to adversely impact the Fund, depending on market conditions.

A potential conflict of interest may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in another account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by the other account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account.

Conflicts of interest similar to those described above arise when a portfolio manager is employed by a sub-investment adviser or are dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity and the portfolio manager also manages Other Accounts.

Dreyfus’ goal is to provide high quality investment services to all clients, while meeting its fiduciary obligation to treat all clients fairly. Dreyfus has adopted and implemented policies and procedures, including brokerage and trade allocation policies and procedures, that it believes address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients. In addition, Dreyfus monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with Fund guidelines, the allocation of IPOs, and compliance with Dreyfus’ Code of Ethics. Furthermore, senior investment and business personnel at Dreyfus periodically review the performance of the portfolio managers for Dreyfus-managed funds.

Expenses. All expenses incurred in the operation of the Company are borne by the Company, except to the extent specifically assumed by the Manager. The expenses borne by the Company include, without limitation: taxes, interest, loan commitment fees, interest and distributions paid on securities sold short, brokerage fees and commissions, if any, fees of Board members who are not officers, directors, employees or holders of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Manager or its affiliates, SEC fees, state Blue Sky qualification fees, advisory fees, charges of custodians, transfer and dividend disbursing agents' fees, certain insurance premiums, industry association fees, outside auditing and legal expenses, costs of independent pricing services, costs of maintaining the Company's existence, costs attributable to investor services (including, without limitation, telephone and personnel expenses), costs of preparing and printing prospectuses and statements of additional information for regulatory purposes and for distribution to existing shareholders, costs of shareholders' reports and meetings, and any extraordinary expenses. Expenses attributable to the Fund are charged against the assets of the Fund; other expenses of the Company are allocated among the Fund and the Company's other series on the basis determined by the Company's Board, including, but not limited to, proportionately in relation to the net assets of each. In addition, each class of shares bears any class specific expenses allocated to such class, such as expenses related to the distribution and/or shareholder servicing of such class. Class A and Class C shares are subject to an annual shareholder services fee, and Class C shares are subject to an annual distribution fee. See "Distribution Plan and Shareholder Services Plan."

As compensation for the Manager's services, the Company has agreed to pay the Manager a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.60% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the period from July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2006, the management fee payable by the Fund to the Manager amounted to \$28,983 which was reduced by \$28,983 pursuant to an undertaking by the Manager, resulting in a net management fee of \$0. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the management fee payable by the Fund to the Manager amounted to \$121,942 which was reduced by \$121,942 pursuant to an undertaking by the Manager, resulting in a net management fee of \$0.

The aggregate of the fees payable to the Manager is not subject to reduction as the value of a Fund's net assets increases.

Distributor. The Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as the Fund's distributor on a best efforts basis pursuant to an agreement with the Company, which is renewable annually. The Distributor also acts as the distributor for the other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, Mellon Funds Trust and Mellon Institutional Funds. Before June 30, 2007, the Distributor was known as "Dreyfus Service Corporation."

The Distributor compensates Service Agents for selling Class A shares subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") and Class C shares at the time of purchase from its own assets. The proceeds of the CDSC and fees pursuant to the Company's Distribution Plan (described below), in part, are used to defray the expenses incurred by the Distributor in connection with the sale of the applicable Class of Fund shares. The Distributor also may act as a Service Agent and retain sales loads and CDSCs and Distribution Plan fees. For purchases of Class A shares subject to a CDSC and Class C shares, the Distributor generally will pay Service Agents on new investments

made through such Service Agents a commission of up to 1% of the net asset value of such shares purchased by their clients.

There were no amounts retained by the Distributor from sales loads and from CDSCs for the period from July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2006, and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007.

The Distributor may pay Service Agents that have entered into agreements with the Distributor a fee based on the amount invested through such Service Agents in Fund shares by employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities or state and local governments ("Retirement Plans"), or other programs. The term "Retirement Plans" does not include IRAs, IRA "Rollover Accounts" or IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans ("SEP-IRAs"). Generally, the Distributor may pay such Service Agents a fee of up to 1% of the amount invested through the Service Agents. The Distributor, however, may pay Service Agents a higher fee and reserves the right to cease paying these fees at any time. The Distributor will pay such fees from its own funds, other than amounts received from the Fund, including past profits or any other source available to it. Sponsors of such Retirement Plans or the participants therein should consult their Service Agent for more information regarding any such fee payable to the Service Agent.

The Manager or the Distributor may provide additional cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell shares of the Fund or provide other services. Such payments are separate from any sales charges, 12b-1 fees and/or shareholder services fees and other expenses paid by the Fund to those intermediaries. Because those payments are not made by you or a fund, the Fund's total expense ratio will not be affected by any such payments. These additional payments or compensation may be made to Service Agents, including affiliates, that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the Service Agent. Cash compensation also may be paid from the Manager's or the Distributor's own resources to Service Agents for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs. These payments sometimes are referred to as "revenue sharing." From time to time, the Manager or the Distributor also may provide cash or non-cash compensation to Service Agents in the form of: occasional gifts; occasional meals, tickets or other entertainment; support for due diligence trips; educational conference sponsorship; support for recognition programs; and other forms of cash or non-cash compensation permissible under broker-dealer regulations. In some cases, these payments or compensation may create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of the Fund to you. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Fund.

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent and Custodian. Dreyfus Transfer, Inc. (the "Transfer Agent"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, is the Company's transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under the transfer agency agreement with the Company, the Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of the relevant shareholder account records for the Fund, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Fund and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund. For these services, the Transfer Agent receives a monthly fee computed on the basis of the number

of shareholder accounts it maintains for the Fund during the month, and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

Mellon Bank, N.A. (the “Custodian”), an affiliate of the Manager, One Mellon Bank Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258, acts as the custodian of the Fund’s investments. The Custodian has no part in determining the investment policies of the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Fund. Under a custody agreement with the Company, the Custodian holds the Fund’s securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records. For its custody services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee based on the market value of the Fund’s assets held in custody and receives certain securities transaction charges.

HOW TO BUY SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the Fund’s Prospectus entitled “Shareholder Guide,” “Services for Fund Investors,” “Instructions for Regular Accounts,” and “Instructions for IRAs.”

General. The Fund offers Class A, Class C and Class R (renamed Class I), effective June 1, 2007) shares. Class A shares and Class C shares of the Fund may be purchased only by clients of certain Service Agents, including the Distributor. Subsequent purchases may be sent directly to the Transfer Agent or your Service Agent. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable. Share certificates are issued only upon your written request. No certificates are issued for fractional shares.

The Company reserves the right to reject any purchase order. The Fund will not establish an account for a “foreign financial institution,” as that term is defined in Department of the Treasury rules implementing section 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Foreign financial institutions include: foreign banks (including foreign branches of U.S. depository institutions); foreign offices of U.S. securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, and mutual funds; non-U.S. entities that, if they were located in the United States, would be securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants or mutual funds; and non-U.S. entities engaged in the business of a currency dealer or exchanger or a money transmitter.

Class I shares are offered only to (i) bank trust departments and other financial service providers (including Mellon Bank, N.A. and its affiliates) acting on behalf of their customers having a qualified trust or investment account or relationship at such institution, or to customers who have received and hold Class I shares of the Fund distributed to them by virtue of such an account or relationship, and (ii) institutional investors acting for themselves or in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for Retirement Plans and SEP-IRAs. Class I shares may be purchased for a Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA only by a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of such Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA. Institutions effecting transactions in Class I shares for the accounts of their clients may charge their clients direct fees in connection with such transactions.

When purchasing shares of the Fund, you must specify which Class is being purchased. Your Service Agent can help you choose the share Class that is appropriate for your investment. The decision as to which Class of shares is most beneficial to you depends on a number of factors,

including the amount and the intended length of your investment in the Fund. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for a further discussion of those factors.

In many cases, neither the Distributor nor the Transfer Agent will have the information necessary to determine whether a quantity discount or reduced sales charge is applicable to a purchase. You or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor whenever a quantity discount or reduced sales charge is applicable to a purchase and must provide the Distributor with sufficient information at the time of purchase to verify that each purchase qualifies for the privilege or discount.

Service Agents may receive different levels of compensation for selling different Classes of shares. Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in the Fund's Prospectus and this SAI, and, to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients direct fees. As discussed under "Management Arrangements—Distributor," Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from the Manager or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of the Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Fund.

For each Class of shares, the minimum initial investment is \$1,000. Subsequent investments in the Fund must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, and rollover IRAs) and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant and \$500 for Dreyfus-sponsored Education Savings Accounts, with no minimum for subsequent purchases. The initial investment must be accompanied by the Account Application. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements to Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Company's Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation for serving in that capacity automatically invested in the Fund. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

The Fund may, in its discretion, accept securities in payment for Fund shares. Securities may be accepted in payment for shares only if they are, in the judgment of the Manager, appropriate investments for the Fund. These securities are valued by the same method used to value the Fund's existing portfolio holdings. The contribution of securities to the Fund may be a taxable transaction to the shareholder.

The Code imposes various limitations on the amount that may be contributed to certain Retirement Plans or government-sponsored programs. These limitations apply with respect to participants at the plan level and, therefore, do not directly affect the amount that may be invested

in the Fund by a Retirement Plan or government-sponsored program. Participants and plan sponsors should consult their tax advisers for details.

Fund shares also may be purchased through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®], Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan and Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege as described under “Shareholder Services.” These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Fund shares are sold on a continuous basis. Net asset value per share of each Class is determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. For purposes of determining net asset value, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Net asset value per share of each Class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund’s net assets represented by such Class (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of shares of such Class outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Fund’s investments, see “Determination of Net Asset Value.”

If an order is received in proper form by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on a regular business day, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on the next regular business day, except where shares are purchased through a dealer as provided below.

Orders for the purchase of Fund shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee by the close of such business day (usually 5:15 p.m., Eastern time) will be based on the public offering price per share determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, the orders will be based on the next determined public offering price. It is the dealer’s responsibility to transmit orders so that they will be received by the Distributor or its designee before the close of its business day. For certain institutions that have entered into agreements with the Distributor, payment for the purchase of Fund shares may be transmitted, and must be received by the Transfer Agent, within three business days after the order is placed. If such payment is not received within three business days after the order is placed, the order may be canceled and the institution could be held liable for resulting fees and/or losses.

Class A Shares. The public offering price for Class A shares of the Fund is the net asset value per share of that Class plus a sales load as shown below:

Amount of Transaction	Total Sales Load* -- Class A Shares		Dealers' reallocation as a % of offering price
	As a % of offering price per share	As a % of net asset value per share	
Less than \$50,000	4.50	4.70	4.25
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.00	4.20	3.75
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.00	3.10	2.75
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.50	2.60	2.25
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

Class A shares purchased without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1,000,000 or more will be assessed at the time of redemption a 1% CDSC if redeemed within one year of purchase. The Distributor may pay Service Agents an up-front commission of up to 1% of the net asset value of Class A shares purchased by their clients as part of a \$1,000,000 or more investment in Class A shares that are subject to a CDSC. See "Management Arrangements--Distributor."

The scale of sales loads applies to purchases of Class A shares made by any "purchaser," which term includes an individual and/or spouse purchasing securities for his, her or their own account or for the account of any minor children, or a trustee or other fiduciary purchasing securities for a single trust estate or a single fiduciary account (including a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit trust created pursuant to a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Code) although more than one beneficiary is involved; or a group of accounts established by or on behalf of the employees of an employer or affiliated employers pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (including accounts established pursuant to Sections 403(b), 408(k), and 457 of the Code); or an organized group that has been in existence for more than six months, provided that it is not organized for the purpose of buying redeemable securities of a registered investment company and provided that the purchases are made through a central administration or a single dealer, or by other means that result in economy of sales effort or expense.

Set forth below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of Class A shares of the Fund. The example assumes a purchase of Class A shares of the Fund aggregating less than \$50,000, subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth above at a price which is based upon the net asset value of the Fund's Class A shares as of October 31, 2007:

Class A

Net Asset Value Per Share..... \$12.62

Per Share Sales Charge

Class A – 4.50% of offering price

(4.70% of net asset value per share) 0.59

Per Share Offering Price to the Public \$13.21

Dealers' Reallowance—Class A Shares. The dealer reallowance provided with respect to Class A shares may be changed from time to time but will remain the same for all dealers.

Class A Shares Offered at Net Asset Value. Full-time employees of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") member firms and full-time employees of other financial institutions that have entered into an agreement with the Distributor pertaining to the sale of Fund shares (or which otherwise have a brokerage related or clearing arrangement with a FINRA member firm or financial institution with respect to the sale of such shares) may purchase Class A shares for themselves directly or pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (if Fund shares are offered to such plans or programs), or for their spouses or minor children, at net asset value without a sales load, provided they have furnished the Distributor such information as it may request from time to time in order to verify eligibility for this privilege. This privilege also applies to full-time employees of financial institutions affiliated with FINRA member firms whose full-time employees are eligible to purchase Class A shares at net asset value. In addition, Class A shares are offered at net asset value to full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager or its affiliates, including members of the Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value, without a sales load, through certain broker-dealers and other financial institutions that have entered into an agreement with the Distributor, which includes a requirement that such shares be sold for the benefit of clients participating in a "wrap account" or a similar program under which such clients pay a fee to such broker-dealer or other financial institution.

Class A shares also may be purchased at net asset value, without a sales load, subject to appropriate documentation, by (i) qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company pursuant to the laws of any State or territory of the United States, (ii) a State, county or city or instrumentality thereof, (iii) a charitable organization (as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code) investing \$50,000 or more in Fund shares, and (iv) a charitable remainder trust (as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code).

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value, without a sales load, by qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the Distributor in a Dreyfus-managed fund or Founders-managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value, without a sales load, with the cash proceeds from an investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the Fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with

the Distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the Fund or Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the Fund at net asset value, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value, without a sales load, by members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the Distributor.

Class A shares are offered at net asset value, without a sales load, to employees participating in Retirement Plans. Class A shares also may be purchased (including by exchange) at net asset value without a sales load for Dreyfus-sponsored IRA "Rollover Accounts" with the distribution proceeds from a Retirement Plan or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a Retirement Plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Rollover Account in the Fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A shares of the Fund at net asset value in such account.

Right of Accumulation--Class A Shares. Reduced sales loads apply to any purchase of Class A shares by you and any related "purchaser" as defined above, where the aggregate investment, including such purchase, is \$50,000 or more. If, for example, you previously purchased and still hold shares of the Fund or shares of certain other funds advised by the Manager or Founders Asset Management LLC ("Founders"), an indirect subsidiary of the Manager, that are subject to a front-end sales load or a CDSC or shares acquired by a previous exchange of such shares (hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Funds"), or combination thereof, with an aggregate current market value of \$40,000 and subsequently purchase Class A shares of the Fund having a current value of \$20,000, the sales load applicable to the subsequent purchase would be reduced to 4.00% of the offering price of Class A shares. All present holdings of Eligible Funds may be combined to determine the current offering price of the aggregate investment in ascertaining the sales load applicable to each subsequent purchase.

To qualify for reduced sales loads, at the time of purchase you or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor if orders are made by wire, or the Transfer Agent if orders are made by mail. The reduced sales load is subject to confirmation of your holdings through a check of appropriate records.

Class C Shares. The public offering price for Class C shares is the net asset value per share of that Class. No initial sales charge is imposed at the time of purchase. A CDSC is imposed, however, on redemptions of Class C shares made within the first year of purchase. See "How to Redeem Shares—Contingent Deferred Sales Charge—Class C Shares."

Class I Shares. The public offering price for Class I shares is the net asset value per share of that Class.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may purchase shares by telephone or online if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. The proceeds will be transferred between the bank account designated in one of these documents and your Fund

account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) member may be so designated.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase orders may be made at any time. If purchase orders are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on that day. If purchase orders are made after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, or on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the New York Stock Exchange is not open for business), Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on the next bank business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, the initial payment for purchase of Fund shares must be drawn on, and redemption proceeds paid to, the same bank and account as are designated on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form on file. If the proceeds of a particular redemption are to be sent to an account at any other bank, the request must be in writing and signature-guaranteed. See “How to Redeem Shares—Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege.”

Reopening an Account. You may reopen an account with a minimum investment of \$100 without filing a new Account Application during the calendar year the account is closed or during the following calendar year, provided the information on the old Account Application is still applicable.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PLAN

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the Fund’s Prospectus entitled “Your Investment.”

Class C shares are subject to a Distribution Plan and Class A and Class C shares are subject to a Shareholder Services Plan.

Distribution Plan. Rule 12b-1 (the “Rule”) adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act provides, among other things, that an investment company may bear expenses of distributing its shares only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule. The Company’s Board has adopted such a plan (the “Distribution Plan”) with respect to the Fund’s Class C shares pursuant to which the Fund pays the Distributor for distributing Class C shares at an annual rate of 0.75% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class C shares. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of advertising, marketing and other distribution services, and determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents and the basis on which such payments are made. The Company’s Board believes that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Distribution Plan will benefit the Fund and the holders of its Class C shares.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Distribution Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Board for its review. In addition, the Distribution Plan provides that it may not be amended to increase materially the costs that holders of the Fund’s Class C shares may bear pursuant to the Distribution Plan without the approval of the holders of Class C shares and that other material amendments of the Distribution Plan must be approved by the Company’s Board, and by the Board members who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and have no direct or indirect

financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. The Distribution Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Distribution Plan. The Distribution Plan may be terminated at any time by vote of a majority of the Board members who are not “interested persons” and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution Plan or by vote of the holders of a majority of Class C shares.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Fund paid the Distributor, with respect to Class C shares, \$6,881 in distribution fees pursuant to the Class C Plan.

Shareholder Services Plan. The Company has adopted a Shareholder Services Plan with respect to the Fund’s Class A and Class C shares, pursuant to which the Fund pays the Distributor for the provision of certain services to the holders of the Fund’s Class A and Class C shares at an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of such shares. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund and providing reports and other information, and services related to the maintenance of such shareholder accounts. Under the Shareholder Services Plan, the Distributor may make payments to certain Service Agents in respect of these services.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Shareholder Services Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Board for its review. In addition, the Shareholder Services Plan provides that material amendments must be approved by the Company’s Board, and by the Board members who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Shareholder Services Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Shareholder Services Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. As to the relevant class of shares, the Shareholder Services Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote of the Board members cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Shareholder Services Plan. As to the relevant class of shares, the Shareholder Services Plan is terminable at any time by vote of a majority of the Board members who are not “interested persons” and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Shareholder Services Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Shareholder Services Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Fund paid the Distributor, with respect to Class A and Class C shares, \$46,477 and \$2,294, respectively, in service fees pursuant to the shareholder Services Plan.

HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the Fund’s Prospectus entitled “Shareholder Guide,” “Services for Fund Investors,” “Instructions for Regular Accounts” and “Instructions for IRAs.”

General. The Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by

the rules of the SEC. However, if you have purchased Fund shares by check, by Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege or through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder® and subsequently submit a written redemption request to the Transfer Agent, the Fund may delay sending the redemption proceeds for up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will reject requests to redeem shares by wire or telephone, online or pursuant to the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege for a period of up to eight business days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the purchase check, the Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase or the Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder order against which such redemption is requested. These procedures will not apply if your shares were purchased by wire payment, or if you otherwise have a sufficient collected balance in your account to cover the redemption request. Fund shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

If you hold shares of more than one Class of the Fund, any request for redemption must specify the Class of shares being redeemed. If you fail to specify the Class of shares redeemed or if you own fewer shares of the Class than specified to be redeemed, the redemption request may be delayed until the Transfer Agent receives further instructions from you or your Service Agent.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class C Shares. A CDSC of 1% payable to the Distributor is imposed on any redemption of Class C shares made within one year of the date of purchase. No CDSC will be imposed to the extent that the net asset value of the Class C shares redeemed does not exceed (i) the current net asset value of Class C shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions, plus (ii) increases in the net asset value of your Class C shares above the dollar amount of all your payments for the purchase of Class C shares held by you at the time of redemption.

If the aggregate value of Class C shares redeemed has declined below their original cost as a result of the Fund's performance, a CDSC may be applied to the then-current net asset value rather than the purchase price.

In determining whether a CDSC is applicable to a redemption, the calculation will be made in a manner that results in the lowest possible rate. It will be assumed that the redemption is made first of amounts representing shares acquired pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends and distributions; then, of amounts representing the increase in net asset value of Class C shares above the total amount of payments for the purchase of Class C shares made during the preceding year; and finally, of amounts representing the cost of shares held for the longest period.

For example, assume an investor purchased 100 shares of a Fund at \$10 per share for a cost of \$1,000. Subsequently, the shareholder acquired five additional Fund shares through the reinvestment of Fund dividends. Within a year after the purchase the investor decided to redeem \$500 of the investment. Assuming at the time of the redemption the net asset value had appreciated to \$12 per share, the value of the investor's shares would be \$1,260 (105 shares at \$12 per share). The CDSC would not be applied to the value of the reinvested dividend shares and the amount that represents appreciation (\$260). Therefore, \$240 of the \$500 redemption proceeds (\$500 minus \$260) would be charged at a rate of 1% for a total CDSC of \$2.40.

Waiver of CDSC. The CDSC may be waived in connection with (a) redemptions made within one year after the death or disability, as defined in Section 72(m)(7) of the Code, of the shareholder, (b) redemptions by employees participating in Retirement Plans, (c) redemptions as a

result of a combination of any investment company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets or otherwise, (d) a distribution following retirement under a tax-deferred retirement plan or upon attaining age 70½ in the case of an IRA or Keogh plan or custodial account pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Code, and (e) redemptions pursuant to the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, as described below. If the Company's Board determines to discontinue the waiver of the CDSC, the disclosure herein will be revised appropriately. Any Fund shares subject to a CDSC, which were purchased prior to the termination of such waiver, will have the CDSC waived, as provided in the Fund's Prospectus or this SAI at the time of the purchase of such shares.

To qualify for a waiver of the CDSC, at the time of redemption you or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor. Any such qualification is subject to confirmation of your entitlement.

Reinvestment Privilege. Upon written request, you may reinvest up to the number of Class A shares you have redeemed, within 45 days of redemption, at the then-prevailing net asset value without a sales load, or reinstate your account for the purpose of exercising Fund Exchanges. Upon reinstatement, if such shares were subject to a CDSC, your account will be credited with an amount equal to the CDSC previously paid upon redemption of the shares reinvested. The Reinvestment Privilege may be exercised only once.

Wire Redemption Privilege. By using this Privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephone, letter or online redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you or a representative of your Service Agent and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Ordinarily, the Company will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the next business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the redemption request in proper form. Redemption proceeds (\$1,000 minimum) will be transferred by Federal Reserve wire only to the commercial bank account specified by you on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form, or to a correspondent bank if your bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System. Fees ordinarily are imposed by such bank and borne by the investor. Immediate notification by the correspondent bank to your bank is necessary to avoid a delay in crediting the funds to your bank account.

To change the commercial bank or account designated to receive redemption proceeds, a written request must be sent to the Transfer Agent. This request must be signed by each shareholder, with each signature guaranteed as described below under "Share Certificates; Signatures."

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. You may request by telephone or online that redemption proceeds be transferred between your Fund account and your bank account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be designated. You should be aware that if you have selected the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, any request for a Dreyfus TeleTransfer transaction will be effected through the ACH system unless more prompt transmittal specifically is requested. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. See "How to Buy Shares—Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege."

Redemption Through a Selected Dealer. If you are a customer of a Selected Dealer, you may make redemption requests to your Selected Dealer. If the Selected Dealer transmits the

redemption request so that it is received by the Transfer Agent prior to the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), the redemption request will be effective on that day. If the Transfer Agent receives a redemption request after the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, the redemption request will be effective on the next business day. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit a request so that it is received in a timely manner. The proceeds of the redemption are credited to your account with the Selected Dealer. See “How to Buy Shares” for a discussion of additional conditions or fees that may be imposed upon redemption.

In addition, the Distributor or its designee will accept orders from Selected Dealers with which the Distributor has sales agreements for the repurchase of shares held by shareholders. Repurchase orders received by dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee prior to the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m., Eastern time), are effected at the price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, the shares will be redeemed at the next determined net asset value. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit orders on a timely basis. The Selected Dealer may charge the shareholder a fee for executing the order. This repurchase arrangement is discretionary and may be withdrawn at any time.

Share Certificates; Signatures. Any certificates representing Fund shares to be redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. A fee may be charged to replace lost or stolen certificates, or certificates that were never received. Written redemption requests must be signed by each shareholder, including each holder of a joint account, and each signature must be guaranteed. Signatures on endorsed certificates submitted for redemption also must be guaranteed. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards and procedures pursuant to which signature-guarantees in proper form generally will be accepted from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program, the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (“STAMP”) and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program. Guarantees must be signed by an authorized signatory of the guarantor and “Signature-Guaranteed” must appear with the signature. The Transfer Agent may request additional documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, and may accept other suitable verification arrangements from foreign investors, such as consular verification. For more information with respect to signature-guarantees, please call 1-800-554-4611.

Redemption Commitment. The Company has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record of the Fund, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of the Fund’s net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the SEC. In the case of requests for redemption in excess of such amount, the Board reserves the right to make payments in whole or in part in securities or other assets in case of an emergency or any time a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Fund to the detriment of the existing shareholders. In such event, the securities would be valued in the same manner as the Fund’s portfolio is valued. If the recipient sells such securities, brokerage charges would be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (a) during any period when the New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than

customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when the SEC determines that trading in the markets the Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of the Fund's investments or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable, or (c) for such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect the Fund's shareholders.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the sections in the Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide" and "Services for Fund Investors."

Fund Exchanges. You may purchase, in exchange for shares of the Fund, shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, shares of the same Class of certain funds advised by Founders, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence. Shares of the same Class of such funds purchased by exchange will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Exchanges for shares of funds offered without a sales load will be made without a sales load.
- B. Shares of funds purchased without a sales load may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load may be exchanged without a sales load for shares of other funds sold without a sales load.
- D. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load, shares of funds acquired by a previous exchange from shares purchased with a sales load and additional shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or distributions of any such funds (collectively referred to herein as "Purchased Shares") may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load that could have been imposed in connection with the Purchased Shares (at the time the Purchased Shares were acquired), without giving effect to any reduced loads, the difference may be deducted.
- E. Shares of funds subject to a CDSC that are exchanged for shares of another fund will be subject to the higher applicable CDSC of the two funds, and, for purposes of calculating CDSC rates and conversion periods, if any, will be deemed to have been held since the date the shares being exchanged were initially purchased.

To accomplish an exchange under item D above, you, or your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must notify the Transfer Agent of your prior ownership of Fund shares and your account number.

You also may exchange your Fund shares that are subject to a CDSC for shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. The shares so purchased will be held in a special account created solely for this purpose ("Exchange Account"). Exchanges of shares for an

Exchange Account only can be made into certain other funds managed or administered by the Manager. No CDSC is charged when an investor exchanges into an Exchange Account; however, the applicable CDSC will be imposed when shares are redeemed from an Exchange Account or other applicable Fund account. Upon redemption, the applicable CDSC will be calculated without regard to the time such shares were held in an Exchange Account. See “How to Redeem Shares.” Redemption proceeds for Exchange Account shares are paid by Federal wire or check only. Exchange Account shares also are eligible for the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege, Dreyfus Dividend Sweep and the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

To request an exchange, you, or your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must give exchange instructions to the Transfer Agent in writing, by telephone or online. The ability to issue exchange instructions by telephone or online is given to all Fund shareholders automatically, unless you check the applicable “No” box on the Account Application, indicating that you specifically refuse this privilege. By using this privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephonic and online instructions (including over the Dreyfus Express® voice response telephone system) from any person representing himself or herself to be you or a representative of your Service Agent and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Exchanges may be subject to limitations as to the amount involved or the number of exchanges permitted. Shares issued in certificate form are not eligible for telephone or online exchange. No fees currently are charged shareholders directly in connection with exchanges, although the Company reserves the right, upon not less than 60 days’ written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal administrative fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the SEC.

Exchanges of Class I shares held by a Retirement Plan may be made only between the investor’s Retirement Plan account in one fund and such investor’s Retirement Plan account in another fund.

To establish a personal retirement plan by exchange, shares of the fund being exchanged must have a value of at least the minimum initial investment being required for shares of the same Class of the fund into which the exchange is being made.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, the Company may suspend Fund Exchanges temporarily without notice and treat exchange requests based on their separate components -- redemption orders with a simultaneous request to purchase the other fund’s shares. In such a case, the redemption request would be processed at the Fund’s next determined net asset value but the purchase order would be effective only at the net asset value next determined after the fund being purchased receives the proceeds of the redemption, which may result in the purchase being delayed.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of the Fund, shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, shares of the same Class of certain funds advised by Founders, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds of which you are a shareholder. This Privilege is available only for existing accounts. Shares will be exchanged on the basis of relative net asset value as described above under “Fund Exchanges.” Enrollment in or modification or cancellation of this Privilege is effective three business days following notification by you. You will be notified if your account falls below the amount designated to be exchanged under this Privilege. In this case, your account will fall to

zero unless additional investments are made in excess of the designated amount prior to the next Auto-Exchange transaction. Shares held under IRA and other retirement plans are eligible for this Privilege. Exchanges of IRA shares may be made between IRA accounts and from regular accounts to IRA accounts, but not from IRA accounts to regular accounts. With respect to all other retirement accounts, exchanges may be made only among those accounts.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-554-4611, or visiting www.dreyfus.com. The Company reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. Shares may be exchanged only between accounts having certain identical identifying designations. The Fund Exchanges service or the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder[®]. Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$150,000 per transaction) at regular intervals selected by you. Fund shares are purchased by transferring funds from the bank account designated by you.

Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege. Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege enables you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$50,000 per transaction) by having Federal salary, Social Security, or certain veterans', military or other payments from the U.S. Government automatically deposited into your Fund account.

Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan permits you to purchase Fund shares (minimum of \$100 per transaction) automatically on a regular basis. Depending upon your employer's direct deposit program, you may have part or all of your paycheck transferred to your existing Dreyfus account electronically through the ACH system at each pay period. To establish a Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan account, you must file an authorization form with your employer's payroll department. It is the sole responsibility of your employer to arrange for transactions under the Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan.

Dreyfus Dividend Options. Dreyfus Dividend Sweep allows you to invest automatically your dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from the Fund in shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Premier Family of Funds, shares of the same Class of certain funds advised by Founders, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, of which you are a shareholder. Shares of the same Class of other funds purchased pursuant to this privilege will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested without a sales load in shares of other funds offered without a sales load.
- B. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that does not charge a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that charges a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load charged by

the fund from which dividends or distributions are being swept (without giving effect to any reduced loads), the difference may be deducted.

- D. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested in shares of other funds that impose a CDSC and the applicable CDSC, if any, will be imposed upon redemption of such shares.

Dreyfus Dividend ACH permits you to transfer electronically dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from the Fund to a designated bank account. Only an account maintained at a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be so designated. Banks may charge a fee for this service.

Automatic Withdrawal Plan. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan permits you to request withdrawal of a specified dollar amount (minimum of \$50) on either a monthly or quarterly basis if you have a \$5,000 minimum account. Withdrawal payments are the proceeds from sales of Fund shares, not the yield on the shares. If withdrawal payments exceed reinvested dividends and distributions, your shares will be reduced and eventually may be depleted. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be established by filing an Automatic Withdrawal Plan application with the Transfer Agent or by oral request from any of the authorized signatories on the account by calling 1-800-554-4611. Automatic Withdrawal may be terminated at any time by you, the Fund or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which share certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

No CDSC with respect to Class C shares will be imposed on withdrawals made under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, provided that any amount withdrawn under the plan does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of (1) the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, or (2) the account value at the time of the subsequent withdrawal. Withdrawals with respect to Class C shares under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan that exceed such amounts will be subject to a CDSC. Withdrawals of Class A shares subject to a CDSC under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan will be subject to any applicable CDSC. Purchases of additional Class A shares where the sales load is imposed concurrently with withdrawals of Class A shares generally are undesirable.

Certain Retirement Plans, including Dreyfus-sponsored retirement plans, may permit certain participants to establish an automatic withdrawal plan from such Retirement Plans. Participants should consult their Retirement Plan sponsor and tax adviser for details. Such a withdrawal plan is different than the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Letter of Intent--Class A Shares. By signing a Letter of Intent form, you become eligible for the reduced sales load on purchases of Class A shares based on the total number of shares of Eligible Funds (as defined under "Right of Accumulation" above) purchased by you and any related "purchaser" (as defined above) in a 13-month period pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Intent. Shares of any Eligible Fund purchased within 90 days prior to the submission of the Letter of Intent may be used to equal or exceed the amount specified in the Letter of Intent. A minimum initial purchase of \$5,000 is required. You can obtain a Letter of Intent form by calling 1-800-554-4611.

Each purchase you make during the 13-month period (which begins on the date you submit the Letter of Intent) will be at the public offering price applicable to a single transaction of the aggregate dollar amount you select in the Letter of Intent. The Transfer Agent will hold in escrow 5% of the amount indicated in the Letter of Intent, which may be used for payment of a higher sales load if you do not purchase the full amount indicated in the Letter of Intent. When you fulfill the terms of the Letter of Intent by purchasing the specified amount the escrowed amount will be released and additional shares representing such amount credited to your account. If your purchases meet the total minimum investment amount specified in the Letter of Intent within the 13-month period, an adjustment will be made at the conclusion of the 13-month period to reflect any reduced sales load applicable to shares purchased during the 90-day period prior to submission of the Letter of Intent. If your purchases qualify for a further sales load reduction, the sales load will be adjusted to reflect your total purchase at the end of 13 months. If total purchases are less than the amount specified, the offering price of the shares you purchased (including shares representing the escrowed amount) during the 13-month period will be adjusted to reflect the sales load applicable to the aggregate purchases you actually made (which will reduce the number of shares in your account), unless you have redeemed the shares in your account, in which case the Transfer Agent, as attorney-in-fact pursuant to the terms of the Letter of Intent, will redeem an appropriate number of Class A shares of the Fund held in escrow to realize the difference between the sales load actually paid and the sales load applicable to the aggregate purchases actually made and any remaining shares will be credited to your account. Signing a Letter of Intent does not bind you to purchase, or the Fund to sell, the full amount indicated at the sales load in effect at the time of signing, but you must complete the intended purchase to obtain the reduced sales load. At the time you purchase Class A shares, you must indicate your intention to do so under a Letter of Intent. Purchases pursuant to a Letter of Intent will be made at the then-current net asset value plus the applicable sales load in effect at the time such Letter of Intent was submitted.

Corporate Pension/Profit-Sharing and Retirement Plans. The Company makes available to corporations a variety of prototype pension and profit-sharing plans, including a 401(k) Salary Reduction Plan. In addition, the Company makes available Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, and rollover IRAs), Education Savings Accounts, 401(k) Salary Reduction Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans. Plan support services also are available.

If you wish to purchase Fund shares in conjunction with a Keogh Plan, a 403(b)(7) Plan or an IRA, including a SEP-IRA, you may request from the Distributor forms for adoption of such plans.

The entity acting as custodian for Keogh Plans, 403(b)(7) Plans or IRAs may charge a fee, payment of which could require the liquidation of shares. All fees charged are described in the appropriate form.

Shares may be purchased in connection with these plans only by direct remittance to the entity acting as custodian. Purchases for these plans may not be made in advance of receipt of funds.

You should read the prototype retirement plan and the appropriate form of custodial agreement for further details on eligibility, service fees and tax implications, and should consult a tax adviser.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the Fund's Prospectus entitled "Shareholder Guide."

Valuation of Portfolio Securities. The Fund's investments are valued each business day using available market quotations or at fair value. Substantially all of the Fund's fixed-income investments (excluding short-term investments) are valued by one or more independent pricing services (the "Service") approved by the Board. Securities valued by the Service for which quoted bid prices in the judgment of the Service are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). The value of other investments is determined by the Service based on methods that include consideration of: yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Short-term investments are not valued by the Service and are valued at the mean price or yield equivalent for such securities or for securities of comparable maturity, quality and type as obtained from market makers. Other investments that are not valued by the Service are valued at the last sales price for securities traded primarily on an exchange or the national securities market or otherwise at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. Bid-price is used when no asked price is available. Any assets or liabilities initially expressed in terms of foreign currency will be translated into U.S. dollars at the midpoint of the New York interbank market spot exchange rate as quoted on the day of such translation by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or, if no such rate is quoted on such date, at the exchange rate previously quoted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or at such other quoted market exchange rate as may be determined to be appropriate by the Manager. Forward currency contracts will be valued at the current cost of offsetting the contract. Because of the need to obtain prices as of the close of trading on various exchanges throughout the world, the calculation of net asset value does not take place contemporaneously with the determination of prices of a majority of the Fund's portfolio securities. Short-term investments may be carried at amortized cost, which approximates value. Expenses and fees, including the management fee and fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan and Shareholder Services Plan, as applicable, are accrued daily and taken into account for the purpose of determining the net asset value of the Fund's shares. Because of the differences in operating expenses incurred by each Class of shares of the Fund, the per share net asset value of each Class of shares of the Fund will differ.

Restricted securities, as well as securities or other assets for which recent market quotations are not readily available, are not valued by the Service, or are determined by the Company not to reflect accurately fair value (such as when the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market) but before the Fund calculated its net asset value), are valued at fair value as determined in good faith based on procedures approved by the Company's Board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the Company's Board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. The factors that may be considered when fair valuing a security include fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased or sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. The valuation of a security based on fair value procedures may differ from the security's most recent closing price, and from the prices used

by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on days that the Fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Fund's assets on days when Fund investors have no access to the Fund. Restricted securities which are, or are convertible into, securities of the same class of securities for which a public market exists usually will be valued at market value less the same percentage discount at which purchased. This discount will be revised periodically by the Board if it believes that the discount no longer reflects the value of the restricted securities. Restricted securities not of the same class as securities for which a public market exists usually will be valued initially at cost. Any subsequent adjustment from cost will be based upon considerations deemed relevant by the Board.

New York Stock Exchange Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed currently are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the Fund's Prospectus entitled "Distributions and Taxes."

Management expects that the Fund will qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under the Code. The Fund intends to continue to so qualify if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders. As a RIC, the Fund will pay no Federal income tax on net investment income and net realized securities gains to the extent that such income and gains are distributed to shareholders in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code. To qualify as a RIC, the Fund must, among other things: (a) derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of stocks, securities or foreign currencies or other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stocks, securities or currencies, and (ii) net income from interests in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined in the Code) (all such income items, "qualifying income"); (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's assets is represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. Government securities, the securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities of any one issuer limited for the purposes of this calculation to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not greater than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities or the securities of other RICs) of a single issuer, two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses or one or more "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined in the Code); and (c) distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code, but without regard to the deduction for dividends paid) to its shareholders each taxable year. If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC, it will be treated for tax purposes as an ordinary corporation subject to Federal income tax. The term "regulated investment company" does not imply the supervision of management or investment practices or policies by any government agency.

The Fund ordinarily declares and pays dividends from its net investment income once a month and distributes net realized capital gains, if any, once a year. The Fund, however, may make

distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Code, in all events in a manner consistent with the provisions of the 1940 Act.

If you elect to receive dividends and distributions in cash, and your dividend or distribution check is returned to the Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest such dividends or distributions and all future dividends and distributions payable to you in additional Fund shares at net asset value. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks.

Any dividend or distribution paid shortly after an investor's purchase of Fund shares may have the effect of reducing the aggregate net asset value of the shares below the cost of the investment. Such a dividend or distribution would be a return of capital, taxable as stated in the Fund's Prospectus. In addition, the Code provides that if a shareholder holds shares of the Fund for six months or less and has received a capital gain distribution with respect to such shares, any loss incurred on the sale of such shares will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain distribution received.

Investment income that may be received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If the Fund qualifies as a RIC, the Fund satisfies the 90% distribution requirement and more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stocks or securities of foreign corporations, then the Fund may elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by the Fund. If the Fund so elects, each of its shareholders would be required to include in gross income, even though not actually received, his or her pro rata share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund, but would be treated as having paid his or her pro rata share of such foreign taxes and therefore would be allowed to either deduct such amount in computing taxable income or use such amount (subject to various Code limitations) as a foreign tax credit against Federal income tax (but not both). For purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation rules of the Code, each shareholder would treat as foreign source income his or her pro rata share of such foreign taxes plus the portion of dividends received from the Fund representing income derived from foreign sources. No deduction for foreign taxes could be claimed by an individual shareholder who does not itemize deductions. In certain circumstances, a shareholder that (i) has held Fund shares for less than a specified minimum period during which it is not protected from risk of loss, (ii) is obligated to make payments related to the dividends or (iii) holds Fund shares in arrangements in which the shareholder's expected economic profits after non-U.S. taxes are insubstantial, will not be allowed a foreign tax credit for foreign taxes deemed imposed on dividends paid on such shares. Additionally, the Fund also must meet this holding period requirement with respect to its foreign stock and securities in order for "creditable" taxes to flow-through. Each shareholder should consult his or her own tax adviser regarding the potential application of foreign tax credits.

Ordinarily, gains and losses realized from portfolio transactions will be treated as capital gains and losses. However, a portion of the gain or loss realized from the disposition of foreign currencies (including foreign currency denominated bank deposits) and non U.S. dollar denominated securities (including debt instruments and certain futures or forward contracts and options) may be treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates that occur between the time the Fund accrues interest or other receivables or accrues expenses or other liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and the time

the Fund actually collects such receivables or pays such liabilities may be treated as ordinary income or loss. In addition, all or a portion of any gains realized from the sale or other disposition of certain market discount bonds will be treated as ordinary income. Finally, all or a portion of the gain realized from engaging in “conversion transactions” (generally including certain transactions designed to convert ordinary income into capital gain) may be treated as ordinary income.

Gain or loss, if any, realized by the Fund from certain financial futures or forward contracts and options transactions (“Section 1256 contracts”) will be treated as 60% long-term capital gain or loss and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Gain or loss will arise upon exercise or lapse of Section 1256 contracts as well as from closing transactions. In addition, any Section 1256 contracts remaining unexercised at the end of the Fund’s taxable year will be treated as sold for their then fair market value, resulting in additional gain or loss to the Fund characterized in the manner described above.

Offsetting positions held by the Fund involving certain financial futures or forward contracts or options transactions with respect to actively traded personal property may be considered, for tax purposes, to constitute “straddles.” To the extent the straddle rules apply to positions established by the Fund, losses realized by the Fund may be deferred to the extent of unrealized gain in the offsetting position. In addition, short-term capital loss on straddle positions may be recharacterized as long-term capital loss, and long-term capital gains on straddle positions may be treated as short-term capital gains or ordinary income. Certain of the straddle positions held by the Fund may constitute “mixed straddles.” The Fund may make one or more elections with respect to the treatment of “mixed straddles,” resulting in different tax consequences. In certain circumstances, the provisions governing the tax treatment of straddles override or modify certain of the provisions discussed above.

If the Fund either (1) holds an appreciated financial position with respect to stock, certain debt obligations, or partnership interests (“appreciated financial position”) and then enters into a short sale, futures, forward, or offsetting notional principal contract (collectively, a “Contract”) with respect to the same or substantially identical property or (2) holds an appreciated financial position that is a Contract and then acquires property that is the same as, or substantially identical to, the underlying property, the Fund generally will be taxed as if the appreciated financial position were sold at its fair market value on the date the Fund enters into the financial position or acquires the property, respectively. The foregoing will not apply, however, to any transaction during any taxable year that otherwise would be treated as a constructive sale if the transaction is closed within 30 days after the end of that year and the Fund holds the appreciated financial position unhedged for 60 days after that closing (i.e., at no time during that 60-day period is the Fund’s risk of loss regarding that position reduced by reason of certain specified transactions with respect to substantially identical or related property, such as having an option to sell, being contractually obligated to sell, making a short sale, or granting an option to buy substantially identical stock or securities).

If the Fund enters into certain derivatives (including forward contracts, long positions under notional principal contracts, and related puts and calls) with respect to equity interests in certain pass-thru entities (including other regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, partnerships, real estate mortgage investment conduits and certain trusts and foreign corporations), long-term capital gain with respect to the derivative may be recharacterized as ordinary income to the extent it exceeds the long-term capital gain that would have been realized had the interest in the

pass-thru entity been held directly by the Fund during the term of the derivative contract. Any gain recharacterized as ordinary income will be treated as accruing at a constant rate over the term of the derivative contract and may be subject to an interest charge. The Treasury has authority to issue regulations expanding the application of these rules to derivatives with respect to debt instruments and/or stock in corporations that are not pass-thru entities.

If the Fund invests in an entity that is classified as a “passive foreign investment company” (“PFIC”) for Federal income tax purposes, the operation of certain provisions of the Code applying to PFICs could result in the imposition of certain Federal income taxes on the Fund. In addition, gain realized from the sale or other disposition of PFIC securities may be treated as ordinary income.

Investment by the Fund in securities issued or acquired at a discount, or providing for deferred interest or for payment of interest in the form of additional obligations could under special tax rules affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders by causing the Fund to recognize income prior to the receipt of cash payments. For example, the Fund could be required each year to accrue a portion of the discount (or deemed discount) at which the securities were issued and to distribute such income in order to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company. In such case, the Fund may have to dispose of securities which it might otherwise have continued to hold in order to generate cash to satisfy the distribution requirements.

Federal regulations require that you provide a certified taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) upon opening or reopening an account. See the Account Application for further information concerning this requirement. Failure to furnish a certified TIN to the Company could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General. The Manager assumes general supervision over the placement of securities purchase and sale orders on behalf of the funds it manages. Funds managed by dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity, and funds that employ a sub-investment adviser, execute portfolio transactions through the trading desk of the affiliated entity (the “Trading Desk”). Those funds use the research facilities, and are subject to the internal policies and procedures, of applicable affiliated entity.

The Trading Desk generally has the authority to select brokers (for equity securities) or dealers (for fixed income securities) and the commission rates or spreads to be paid. Allocation of brokerage transactions is made in the best judgment of the Trading Desk and in a manner deemed fair and reasonable. In choosing brokers or dealers, the Trading Desk evaluates the ability of the broker or dealer to execute the transaction at the best combination of price and quality of execution.

In general, brokers or dealers involved in the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of a fund are selected on the basis of their professional capability and the value and quality of their services. The Trading Desk attempts to obtain best execution for the funds by choosing brokers or dealers to execute transactions based on a variety of factors, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) price; (ii) liquidity; (iii) the nature and character of the relevant market for the security to be purchased or sold; (iv) the quality and efficiency of the broker’s or dealer’s

execution; (v) the broker's or dealer's willingness to commit capital; (vi) the reliability of the broker or dealer in trade settlement and clearance; (vii) the level of counter-party risk (*i.e.*, the broker's or dealer's financial condition); (viii) the commission rate or the spread; (ix) the value of research provided; (x) the availability of electronic trade entry and reporting links; and (xi) the size and type of order (e.g., foreign or domestic security, large block, illiquid security). In selecting brokers or dealers no factor is necessarily determinative; however, at various times and for various reasons, certain factors will be more important than others in determining which broker or dealer to use. Seeking to obtain best execution for all trades takes precedence over all other considerations.

Investment decisions for one fund or account are made independently from those for other funds or accounts managed by the portfolio managers. Under the Trading Desk's procedures, portfolio managers and their corresponding Trading Desks may seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one fund or account. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by a fund or an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. As noted above, certain brokers or dealers may be selected because of their ability to handle special executions such as those involving large block trades or broad distributions, provided that the primary consideration of best execution is met. Generally, when trades are aggregated, each fund or account within the block will receive the same price and commission. However, random allocations of aggregate transactions may be made to minimize custodial transaction costs. In addition, at the close of the trading day, when reasonable and practicable, the completed securities of partially filled orders will generally be allocated to each participating fund and account in the proportion that each order bears to the total of all orders (subject to rounding to "round lot" amounts and other relevant factors).

Portfolio turnover may vary from year to year as well as within a year. In periods in which extraordinary market conditions prevail, the portfolio managers will not be deterred from changing a Fund's investment strategy as rapidly as needed, in which case higher turnover rates can be anticipated which would result in greater brokerage expenses. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid is evaluated by the Trading Desk based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services. Higher portfolio turnover rates usually generate additional brokerage commissions and transaction costs, and any short-term gains realized from these transactions are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

To the extent that a fund invests in foreign securities, certain of such fund's transactions in those securities may not benefit from the negotiated commission rates available to funds for transactions in securities of domestic issuers. For funds that permit foreign exchange transactions, such transactions are made with banks or institutions in the interbank market at prices reflecting a mark-up or mark-down and/or commission.

The portfolio managers may deem it appropriate for one fund or account they manage to sell a security while another fund or account they manage is purchasing the same security. Under such circumstances, the portfolio managers may arrange to have the purchase and sale transactions effected directly between the funds and/or accounts ("cross transactions"). Cross transactions will be effected in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

Funds and accounts managed by the Manager or an affiliated entity may own significant positions in portfolio companies which, depending on market conditions, may affect adversely the ability to dispose of some or all of such positions.

For the period from July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2006, the Fund paid total brokerage commissions of \$1,108, which were not paid to the Distributor. For the period from July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2006 there were no gross spreads and concessions on principal transactions for the Fund.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, the Fund paid total brokerage commissions of \$6,417, which were not paid to the Distributor. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007 there were no gross spreads and concessions on principal transactions for the Fund.

The Fund contemplates that, consistent with the policy of seeking best price and execution, brokerage transactions may be conducted through affiliates of the Manager. The Board has adopted procedures in conformity with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act to ensure that all brokerage commissions paid to affiliates of the Manager are reasonable and fair.

There were no brokerage commissions paid to Dreyfus or its affiliates for the period from July 11, 2006 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2006 and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007.

IPO Allocations. Certain funds advised by the Manager (and where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate) may participate in IPOs. In deciding whether to purchase an IPO, the Manager (and where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate) generally considers the capitalization characteristics of the security, as well as other characteristics of the security, and identifies funds and accounts with investment objectives and strategies consistent with such a purchase. Generally, as more IPOs involve small- and mid-cap companies, the funds and accounts with a small- and mid-cap focus may participate in more IPOs than funds and accounts with a large-cap focus. The Manager (and where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate), when consistent with the fund's and/or account's investment guidelines, generally will allocate shares of an IPO on a pro rata basis. In the case of "hot" IPOs, where the Manager (and if applicable, Dreyfus affiliate) only receives a partial allocation of the total amount requested, those shares will be distributed fairly and equitably among participating funds or accounts managed by the Manager (or where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate). "Hot" IPOs raise special allocation concerns because opportunities to invest in such issues are limited as they are often oversubscribed. The distribution of the partial allocation among funds and/or accounts will be based on relevant net asset values. Shares will be allocated on a pro rata basis to all appropriate funds and accounts, subject to a minimum allocation based on trading, custody, and other associated costs. International hot IPOs may not be allocated on a pro rata basis due transaction costs, market liquidity and other factors unique to international markets.

Brokerage Commissions. The Company contemplates that, consistent with the policy of obtaining the most favorable net price, brokerage transactions may be conducted through the Manager (and where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate) or their affiliates. The Company's Board has adopted procedures in conformity with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act to ensure that all brokerage commissions paid to the Manager (and where applicable, Dreyfus affiliate) are reasonable and fair.

Regular Broker-Dealers. The Fund may acquire securities issued by one or more of its “regular brokers or dealers,” as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act. Rule 10b-1 provides that a “regular broker or dealer” is one of the ten brokers or dealers that, during the Fund’s most recent fiscal year (i) received the greatest dollar amount of brokerage commissions from participating, either directly or indirectly, in the Fund’s portfolio transactions, (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amount of the Fund’s portfolio transactions or (iii) sold the largest dollar amount of the Fund’s securities. For the fiscal year ended through October 31, 2007, the Fund acquired securities of its regular brokers or dealers.

The following is a list of the issuers of the securities and the aggregate value per issuer, as of October 31, 2007, of such securities:

<u>Name of Regular Broker or Dealer</u>	<u>Aggregate Value Per Issuer</u>
Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc	\$200,000
J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$405,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$836,000
Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$144,000

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings. It is the policy of the Company to protect the confidentiality of the Fund’s portfolio holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. Each fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its holdings in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the SEC. Each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings at month-end, with a one-month lag, at www.dreyfus.com. In addition, fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter. Each money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose at www.dreyfus.com its complete schedule of holdings twice a month, on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month, with a 15-day lag. Portfolio holdings will remain available at www.dreyfus.com until the date on which the Fund files a Form N-CSR or Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

If the Fund’s portfolio holdings are released pursuant to an ongoing arrangement with any party, the Fund must have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and neither the Fund, nor the Manager or its affiliates may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make available information about the Fund’s portfolio holdings. The Fund may distribute its portfolio holdings to mutual fund evaluation services such as Standard & Poor’s, Morningstar or Lipper Analytical Services; due diligence departments of broker-dealers and wirehouses that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure; and broker-dealers provided that: (a) the recipient does not distribute the portfolio holdings to persons who are likely to use the information for purposes of purchasing or selling Fund shares or Fund portfolio holdings before the portfolio holdings become public information; and (b) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement.

The Fund may also disclose any and all portfolio information to its service providers and others who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities and are subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract. These service providers include the Fund's custodian, auditors, investment advisers, administrator, and each of their respective affiliates and advisers.

Disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings may be authorized only by the Company's Chief Compliance Officer, and any exceptions to this policy are reported quarterly to the Company's Board.

SUMMARY OF THE PROXY VOTING POLICY, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE DREYFUS FAMILY OF FUNDS

The Board of each fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds has delegated to the Manager the authority to vote proxies of companies held in the fund's portfolio. The Manager, through its participation on the BNY Mellon Proxy Policy Committee (the "PPC"), applies BNY Mellon's Proxy Voting Policy, related procedures, and voting guidelines when voting proxies on behalf of the funds.

The Manager recognizes that an investment adviser is a fiduciary that owes its clients, including funds it manages, a duty of utmost good faith and full and fair disclosure of all material facts. An investment adviser's duty of loyalty requires an adviser to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of its clients and precludes the adviser from subrogating the clients' interests to its own. In addition, an investment adviser voting proxies on behalf of a fund must do so in a manner consistent with the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.

The Manager seeks to avoid material conflicts of interest by participating in the PPC, which applies detailed, pre-determined written proxy voting guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines") in an objective and consistent manner across client accounts, based on internal and external research and recommendations provided by a third party vendor, and without consideration of any client relationship factors. Further, the Manager and its affiliates engage a third party as an independent fiduciary to vote all proxies of funds managed by BNY Mellon or its affiliates (including the Dreyfus Family of Funds), and may engage an independent fiduciary to vote proxies of other issuers at its discretion.

All proxies received by the funds are reviewed, categorized, analyzed and voted in accordance with the Voting Guidelines. The guidelines are reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect new issues and any changes in BNY Mellon's or the Manager's policies on specific issues. Items that can be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are voted in accordance with any applicable guidelines or referred to the PPC, if the applicable guidelines so require. Proposals that cannot be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are referred to the PPC for discussion and vote. Additionally, the PPC reviews proposals where it has identified a particular company, industry or issue for special scrutiny. With regard to voting proxies of foreign companies, the Manager weighs the cost of voting and potential inability to sell the securities (which may occur during the voting process) against the benefit of voting the proxies to determine whether or not to vote. With respect to securities lending transactions, the Manager seeks to

balance the economic benefits of continuing to participate in an open securities lending transaction against the inability to vote proxies.

When evaluating proposals, the PPC recognizes that the management of a publicly-held company may need protection from the market's frequent focus on short-term considerations, so as to be able to concentrate on such long-term goals as productivity and development of competitive products and services. In addition, the PPC generally supports proposals designed to provide management with short-term insulation from outside influences so as to enable them to bargain effectively with potential suitors to the extent such proposals are discrete and not bundled with other proposals. The PPC believes that a shareholder's role in the governance of a publicly-held company is generally limited to monitoring the performance of the company and its management and voting on matters which properly come to a shareholder vote. However, the PPC generally opposes proposals designed to insulate an issuer's management unnecessarily from the wishes of a majority of shareholders. Accordingly, the PPC generally votes in accordance with management on issues that the PPC believes neither unduly limit the rights and privileges of shareholders nor adversely affect the value of the investment.

On questions of social responsibility where economic performance does not appear to be an issue, the PPC attempts to ensure that management reasonably responds to the social issues. Responsiveness will be measured by management's efforts to address the particular social issue including, where appropriate, assessment of the implications of the proposal to the ongoing operations of the company. The PPC will pay particular attention to repeat issues where management has failed in its commitment in the intervening period to take actions on issues.

In evaluating proposals regarding incentive plans and restricted stock plans, the PPC typically employs a shareholder value transfer model. This model seeks to assess the amount of shareholder equity flowing out of the company to executives as options are exercised. After determining the cost of the plan, the PPC evaluates whether the cost is reasonable based on a number of factors, including industry classification and historical performance information. The PPC generally votes against proposals that permit or are silent on the repricing or replacement of stock options without shareholder approval or that are silent on repricing and the Company has a history of repricing stock options in a manner that the PPC believes is detrimental to its shareholders.

Information regarding how the Manager voted proxies for the Fund is available at <http://www.dreyfus.com> and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> on the Company's Form N-PX filed with the SEC.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND FUND

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the Fund's Prospectus entitled "The Fund."

The Company has an authorized capitalization of 25 billion shares of \$0.001 par value stock. Each Fund share has one vote and, when-issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, is fully paid and non-assessable. Fund shares have equal rights as to dividends and in liquidation. Shares have no preemptive or subscription rights and are freely transferable. The Fund is one of fourteen portfolios of the Company.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Company to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, Fund shareholders may not consider each year the election of Board members or the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Company to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Board member from office. Shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting shares entitled to vote thereon. In addition, the Board will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Board members if, at any time, less than a majority of the Board members then holding office have been elected by shareholders.

The Company is a "series fund," which is a mutual fund divided into separate portfolios, each of which is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act and for other purposes. A shareholder of one portfolio is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other portfolio. For certain matters shareholders vote together as a group; as to others they vote separately by portfolio, or, where matters affect different classes of a portfolio differently, by class.

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted under the provisions of the 1940 Act or applicable state law or otherwise to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company, such as the Company, will not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by such matter. Rule 18f-2 further provides that a series shall be deemed to be affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each series in the matter are identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of such series. Rule 18f-2 exempts the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm and the election of Board members from the separate voting requirements of the Rule.

The Fund is intended to be a long-term investment vehicle and is not designed to provide investors with a means of speculating on short-term market movements. A pattern of frequent purchases and exchanges can be disruptive to efficient portfolio management and, consequently, can be detrimental to the Fund's performance and its shareholders. If Fund management determines that an investor is following an abusive investment strategy, it may reject any purchase request, or terminate the investor's exchange privilege, with or without prior notice. Such investors also may be barred from purchasing shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds. Accounts under common ownership or control may be considered as one account for purposes of determining a pattern of excessive or abusive trading. In addition, the Company may refuse or restrict purchase or exchange requests for Fund shares by any person or group if, in the judgment of the Fund's management, the Fund would be unable to invest the money effectively in accordance with its investment objective and policies or could otherwise be adversely affected or if the Fund receives or anticipates receiving simultaneous orders that may significantly affect the Fund. If an exchange request is refused, the Company will take no other action with respect to the Fund shares until it receives further instructions from the investor. While the Company will take reasonable steps to prevent excessive short term trading deemed to be harmful to the Fund, it may not be able to identify excessive trading conducted through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Effective June 1, 2007, the Fund's Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.

The Company sends annual and semi-annual financial statements to all of the Fund's shareholders.

COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP, 1601 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20006-1600, has passed upon the legality of the shares offered by the Prospectus and this SAI.

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982, serves as counsel to the non-interested Directors of the Company.

KPMG LLP, 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154, an independent registered public accounting firm, was appointed by the Directors to serve as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending October 31, 2008, providing audit and other services including (1) examination of the annual financial statements, (2) assistance, review and consultation in connection with SEC filings and (3) review of the annual federal income tax return filed on behalf of the Fund.

APPENDIX

Rating Categories

Description of certain ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"):

S&P

Long-term

AAA

An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA

An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest rated obligations only in small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A

An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB

An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

BB, B, CCC, CC, and C

Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB

An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B

An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC

An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on

the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC

An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

C

A subordinated debt or preferred stock obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'C' rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action taken, but payments on this obligation are being continued. A 'C' also will be assigned to a preferred stock issue in arrears on dividends or sinking fund payments, but that is currently paying.

D

An obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

r

The symbol 'r' is attached to the ratings of instruments with significant noncredit risks. It highlights risks to principal or volatility of expected returns which are not addressed in the credit rating. Examples include: obligations linked or indexed to equities, currencies, or commodities; obligations exposed to severe prepayment risk—such as interest-only or principal-only mortgage securities; and obligations with unusually risky interest terms, such as inverse floaters.

N.R.

The designation 'N.R.' indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Note: The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Short-term

A-1

A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are given a plus sign (+) designation. This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

A-2

A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

A-3

A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B

A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

C

A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

D

A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

Moody's

Long-term

Aaa

Bonds rated 'Aaa' are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa

Bonds rated 'Aa' are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the 'Aaa' group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in 'Aaa' securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the 'Aaa' securities.

A

Bonds rated 'A' possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.

Baa

Bonds rated 'Baa' are considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

Ba

Bonds rated 'Ba' are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B

Bonds rated 'B' generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

Caa

Bonds rated 'Caa' are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

Ca

Bonds rated 'Ca' represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C

Bonds rated 'C' are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

Note: Moody's applies numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 in each generic rating classification from 'Aa' through 'Caa'. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

Prime rating system (short-term)

Issuers rated **Prime-1** (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics:

Leading market positions in well-established industries.

High rates of return on funds employed.

Conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection.

Broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation.

Well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Issuers rated **Prime-2** (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated **Prime-3** (or supporting institutions) have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and may require relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Fitch

Long-term investment grade

AAA

Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA

Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A

High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

BBB

Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that there is currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. This is the lowest investment-grade category.

Long-term speculative grade

BB

Speculative. ‘BB’ ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met. Securities rated in this category are not investment grade.

B

Highly speculative. ‘B’ ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

CCC, CC, C

High default risk. Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. ‘CC’ ratings indicate that default of some kind appears probable. ‘C’ ratings signal imminent default.

DDD, DD, D

Default. The ratings of obligations in this category are based on their prospects for achieving partial or full recovery in a reorganization or liquidation of the obligor. While expected recovery values are highly speculative and cannot be estimated with any precision, the following serve as general guidelines. ‘DDD’ obligations have the highest potential for recovery, around 90% - 100% of outstanding amounts and accrued interest. ‘DD’ ratings indicate potential recoveries in the range of 50% - 90% and ‘D’ the lowest recovery potential, i.e., below 50%.

Entities rated in this category have defaulted on some or all of their obligations. Entities rated ‘DDD’ have the highest prospect for resumption of performance or continued operation with or without a formal reorganization process. Entities rated ‘DD’ and ‘D’ are generally undergoing a formal reorganization or liquidation process; those rated ‘DD’ are likely to satisfy a higher portion of their outstanding obligations, while entities rated ‘D’ have a poor prospect of repaying all obligations.

Short-term

A short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 12 months for most obligations, or up to three years for U.S. public finance securities, and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

F1

Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2

Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

F3

Fair credit quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitment is adequate; however, near-term adverse changes could result in a reduction non-investment grade.

B

Speculative. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments plus vulnerability to near-term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

C

High default risk. Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

D

Default. Denotes actual or imminent payment default.

‘NR’ indicates that Fitch does not rate the issuer or issue in question.

Notes to long-term and short-term ratings: A plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the ‘AAA’ long-term rating category, to categories below ‘CCC’, or to short-term ratings other than ‘F1.’