

# Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Seeks current income, safety of principal and liquidity  
by investing in high quality money market securities

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# The Fund



## GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and the maintenance of liquidity. As a money market fund, the fund is subject to maturity, quality and diversification requirements designed to help it maintain a stable share price of \$1.00.

The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of high quality, short-term debt securities, including:

- securities issued or guaranteed 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 their subsidiaries or branches
- 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
- dollar-denominated obligations issued or guaranteed by one or more foreign governments or any of their political subdivisions or agencies

Normally, the fund invests at least 25% of its net assets in domestic or dollar-denominated foreign bank obligations.

## Concepts to understand

**Money market fund:** a specific type of fund that seeks to maintain a \$1 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 U.S. commercial bank or securities dealer sells U.S. government securities to the fund and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed-upon date (usually the next day) and price. These agreements offer the fund a means of investing money for a short period of time.



## MAIN RISKS

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

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
- the risks generally associated with concentrating investments in the banking industry, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and regulatory developments relating to the banking industry
- 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

## Concepts to understand

**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 the securities of issuers with the highest credit rating, or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus, with the remainder invested in securities with the second-highest credit rating.



## PAST PERFORMANCE

The bar chart and table shown illustrate the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows the changes in the fund's performance from year to year. The table shows the fund's average annual total returns over time. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results.



Average annual total returns *as of 12/31/03*

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>3.22%</b>	<b>3.99%</b>

The fund's 7-day yield on 12/31/03 was 0.35%. The fund's yield was increased by 0.10% due to a voluntary fee waiver in effect. For the fund's current yield, call toll-free **1-800-645-6561**.

## 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) or Rule 12b-1 distribution fees.

From time to time, Dreyfus may limit expenses to the extent it deems appropriate to enhance the yield of the fund during periods when fixed expenses have a significant impact on the fund's yield because of low interest rates. This expense limitation policy is voluntary and temporary and may be revised or terminated by Dreyfus at any time without notice.

### Fee table

#### Annual fund operating expenses

*% of average daily net assets*

Management fees	0.50%
Shareholder services fee	0.15%
Other expenses	0.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.82%</b>

### Expense example

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>\$84</b>	<b>\$262</b>	<b>\$455</b>	<b>\$1,014</b>

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's portfolio and assisting in all aspects of the fund's operations.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2003, Dreyfus waived a portion of its fee so that the effective management fee paid by the fund was 0.43%, reducing total expenses from 0.82% to 0.75%. This waiver was voluntary.

**Shareholder services fee:** a fee of up to 0.25% used to reimburse Dreyfus Service Corporation for shareholder account service and maintenance.

**Other expenses:** fees paid by the fund for miscellaneous items such as transfer agency, custody, professional and registration fees.



## MANAGEMENT

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The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$166 billion in approximately 200 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.43% of the fund's average daily net assets. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of Mellon Financial Corporation, a global financial services company with approximately \$3.5 trillion of assets under management, administration or custody, including approximately \$657 billion under management. Mellon provides financial services for institutions, corporations and individuals, offering institutional asset management, mutual funds, private wealth management, asset servicing, human resources services and treasury services. Mellon is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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, Dreyfus and Dreyfus Service Corporation (the fund's distributor) 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. Its primary purpose is to ensure that personal trading by Dreyfus employees does not disadvantage any Dreyfus-managed fund.

On January 30, 2004, a purported shareholder in the Dreyfus Disciplined Stock Fund filed a class action against Mellon Financial Corporation, Mellon Bank, N.A., The Dreyfus Corporation, Founders Asset Management LLC, and the directors of all or substantially all of the Dreyfus Funds and the Dreyfus Founders Funds, on behalf of a purported class and derivatively on behalf of said funds, alleging violations of Sections 34(b), 36(b), and 48(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, Section 215 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and common law claims. The action seeks to recover allegedly improper and excessive Rule 12b-1 and advisory fees charged to various funds for marketing and distribution services. More specifically, the Plaintiff claims, among other things, that 12b-1 fees and directed brokerage were improperly used to pay brokers to recommend Dreyfus and Dreyfus Founders Funds over other funds, and that such payments were not disclosed to investors. In addition, Plaintiff asserts that economies of scale and soft-dollar benefits were not passed on to investors. Plaintiff further alleges that 12b-1 fees charged to certain funds that were closed to new investors were also improper. The complaint seeks compensatory and punitive damages, rescission of the advisory contracts, an accounting and restitution of any lawful fees, as well as an award of attorneys' fees and litigation costs. These actions will be defended vigorously, and we believe they are totally without merit.



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This table describes the fund's performance for the fiscal periods indicated. "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 distribu-

tions. These figures have been independently audited by Ernst & Young LLP, 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>			
	<b>2003</b>	2002	2001	2000	1999
<b>Per-Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Investment operations: Investment income – net	.006	.016	.044	.055	.046
Distributions: Dividends from investment income – net	(.006)	(.016)	(.044)	(.055)	(.046)
Net asset value, end of period	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Return (%)	.62	1.62	4.51	5.65	4.52
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.62	1.63	4.43	5.47	4.45
Decrease reflected in above expense ratios due to undertakings by Dreyfus	.07	.07	.06	.12	.12
Net assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	967,440	1,147,581	1,348,064	1,309,541	1,528,030



# 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 (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the exchange is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is accepted by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. The fund's portfolio securities are valued at amortized cost.

#### Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
<b>Regular accounts</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$100</b> <b>\$500</b> for Dreyfus TeleTransfer investments
<b>Traditional IRAs</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>no minimum</b>
<b>Spousal IRAs</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>no minimum</b>
<b>Roth IRAs</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>no minimum</b>
<b>Education Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>no minimum</b> after the first year
<b>Dreyfus automatic investment plans</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

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.

**Amortized cost:** the value of a 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. This method of valuation is designed for a fund to be able to price its shares at \$1.00 per share.

Selling shares

You may sell (redeem) shares at any time. Your shares will be sold at the next NAV calculated after your order is accepted 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 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 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 us 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 reserves the right to:

- change or discontinue its exchange privilege, or temporarily suspend this privilege during unusual market conditions
- change its minimum 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)

The fund also reserves the right to make a "redemption in kind" — payment in portfolio securities rather than cash — if the amount you are redeeming is large enough to affect fund operations (for example, if it represents more than 1% of the fund's assets).

The fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its NAV on days that 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 Dreyfus), 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. In addition, such third parties may receive payments from Dreyfus 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 fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

## Small account policy

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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, if any, 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).

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

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

#### For exchanging shares

<b>Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege</b>	For making regular exchanges from one Dreyfus fund into another.
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#### For selling shares

<b>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan</b>	For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus funds.
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## Dreyfus Financial Centers

Through a nationwide network of Dreyfus Financial Centers, Dreyfus offers a full array of investment services and products. 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 the Financial Center nearest you, call **1-800-499-3327**.

### 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 through 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 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.

### 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 redemption check **or** 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 us to request an account application and an account number. Have your bank send your investment to The Bank of New York, with these instructions:

- ABA# 021000018
- DDA# 8900052325
- 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 The Bank of New York, with these instructions:

- ABA# 021000018
- DDA# 8900052325
- the fund name
- your account number
- name(s) of investor(s)

**Electronic check** Same as wire, but insert "111" before your 14-digit account number.

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

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

**Check** Call us 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.

To reach Dreyfus, 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.

TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
 Online ( <a href="http://www.dreyfus.com">www.dreyfus.com</a> )	<b>Dreyfus TeleTransfer</b> Request Dreyfus TeleTransfer on your application. Visit the Dreyfus Web site to request your transaction.	<b>Wire</b> Visit the Dreyfus Web site to request your transaction. Be sure the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired to your bank.  <b>Dreyfus TeleTransfer</b> Visit the Dreyfus Web site 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.  <b>Check</b> Visit the Dreyfus Web site to request your transaction. A check will be sent to the address of record.
 Automatically  <b>With an initial investment</b> Indicate on your application which automatic service(s) you want. Return your application with your investment.  <b>Without any initial investment</b> Check the Dreyfus Step Program option on your application. Return your application, then complete the additional materials when they are sent to you.	<b>All services</b> Call us 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.	<b>Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan</b> Call us 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	TO ADD TO AN ACCOUNT	TO SELL SHARES
 <p><b>In Writing</b></p> <p>Complete an IRA application, making sure to specify the fund name and to indicate the year the contribution is for.</p> <p>Mail your application and a check to: The Dreyfus Trust Company, Custodian P.O. Box 55552, Boston, MA 02205-8568</p>	<p>Fill out an investment slip, and write your account number on your check. Indicate the year the contribution is for.</p> <p>Mail in the slip and the check (see "To Open an Account" at left).</p>	<p>Write a redemption check* <b>or</b> write a letter of instruction that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your name and signature</li> <li>• your account number and fund name</li> <li>• the dollar amount you want to sell</li> <li>• how and where to send the proceeds</li> <li>• whether the distribution is qualified or premature</li> <li>• whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld</li> </ul> <p>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).</p> <p>* A redemption check written for a qualified distribution is not subject to TEFRA.</p>
 <p><b>By Telephone</b></p>	<p><b>Wire</b> Have your bank send your investment to The Bank of New York, with these instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABA# 021000018</li> <li>• DDA# 8900052325</li> <li>• the fund name</li> <li>• your account number</li> <li>• name of investor</li> <li>• the contribution year</li> </ul> <p><b>Electronic check</b> Same as wire, but insert "111" before your 14-digit account number.</p> <p><b>Telephone Contribution</b> 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).</p>	
 <p><b>Automatically</b></p> <p><b>Without any initial investment</b> Call us to request a Dreyfus Step Program form. Complete and return the form along with your application.</p>	<p><b>All services</b> Call us 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>All contributions will count as current year.</p>	<p><b>Systematic Withdrawal Plan</b> Call us to request instructions to establish the plan.</p>

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**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.









# For More Information

**Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar  
Money Market Fund, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-5717**

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

## **Annual/Semiannual Report**

Describes the fund's performance and lists portfolio holdings.

## **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)**

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

To obtain information:

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**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](mailto:info@dreyfus.com)

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

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DREYFUS WORLDWIDE DOLLAR MONEY MARKET FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
MARCH 1, ~~2003~~2004

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This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectus of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), dated March 1, ~~2003~~2004, as it may be revised from time to time. To obtain a copy of the Fund's Prospectus, please write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit the Dreyfus.com website, or call one of the following numbers:

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The Fund's most recent Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders are separate documents supplied with this Statement of Additional Information, and the financial statements, accompanying notes and report of independent auditors appearing in the Annual Report are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND

The Fund is a Maryland corporation formed on February 2, 1989. The Fund is an open-end management investment company, known as a money market mutual fund. The Fund is a diversified fund, 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 (the "Manager") serves as the Fund's investment adviser.

Dreyfus Service Corporation (the "Distributor") is the distributor of the Fund's shares.

### Certain Portfolio Securities

Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other investment companies advised by the Manager. The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's Prospectus.

Bank Obligations. The Fund may purchase certificates of deposit, time deposits, bankers' acceptances 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.

Certificates of deposit ("CDs") are negotiable certificates evidencing the obligation of a bank to repay funds deposited with it for a specified period of time.

Time deposits ("TDs") are non-negotiable deposits maintained in a banking institution for a specified period of time (in no event longer than seven days) at a stated interest rate.

Bankers' acceptances are credit instruments evidencing the obligation of a bank to pay a draft drawn on it by a customer. These instruments reflect the obligation both of the bank and the drawer to pay the face amount of the instrument upon maturity. The other short-term obligations may include uninsured, direct obligations bearing fixed, floating or variable interest rates.

Domestic commercial banks organized under Federal law are supervised and examined by the Comptroller of the Currency and are required to be members of the Federal Reserve System and to have their deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Domestic banks organized under state law are supervised and examined by state banking authorities but are members of the Federal Reserve System only if they elect to join. In addition, state banks whose CDs may be purchased by the Fund are insured by the FDIC (although such insurance may not be of material benefit to the Fund, depending upon the principal amount of the CDs of each bank held by the Fund) and are subject to Federal

examination and to a substantial body of Federal law and regulation. As a result of Federal or state laws and regulations, domestic banks, among other things, generally are required to maintain specified levels of reserves, limited in the amounts which they can loan to a single borrower and subject to other regulations designed to promote financial soundness. However, not all of such laws and regulations apply to the foreign branches of domestic banks.

Obligations of foreign subsidiaries or foreign branches of domestic banks, and domestic and foreign branches of foreign banks may be general obligations of the parent banks in addition to the issuing branch, or may be limited by the terms of a specific obligation and governmental regulation. Such obligations are subject to different risks than are those of domestic banks. These risks include foreign economic and political developments, foreign governmental restrictions that may adversely affect payment of principal and interest on the obligations, foreign exchange controls and foreign withholding and other taxes on interest income. These foreign branches and subsidiaries are not necessarily subject to the same or similar regulatory requirements that apply to domestic banks, such as mandatory reserve requirements, loan limitations, and accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping requirements. In addition, less information may be publicly available about a foreign branch of a domestic bank or about a foreign bank than about a domestic bank.

Obligations of United States branches of foreign banks may be general obligations of the parent bank in addition to the issuing branch, or may be limited by the terms of a specific obligation and by Federal or state regulation as well as governmental action in the country in which the foreign bank has its head office. A domestic branch of a foreign bank with assets in excess of \$1 billion may be subject to reserve requirements imposed by the Federal Reserve System or by the state in which the branch is located if the branch is licensed in that state.

In addition, Federal branches licensed by the Comptroller of the Currency and branches licensed by certain states ("State Branches") may be required to: (1) pledge to the regulator, by depositing assets with a designated bank within the state, a certain percentage of their assets as fixed from time to time by the appropriate regulatory authority; and (2) maintain assets within the state in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the aggregate amount of liabilities of the foreign bank payable at or through all of its agencies or branches within the state. The deposits of Federal and State Branches generally must be insured by the FDIC if such branches take deposits of less than \$100,000.

In view of the foregoing factors associated with the purchase of CDs and TDs issued by foreign branches of domestic banks, by foreign subsidiaries of domestic banks, by foreign branches of foreign banks or by domestic branches of foreign banks, the Manager carefully evaluates such investments on a case-by-case basis.

U.S. Government Securities. The Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities, which include U.S. Treasury securities that differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance. 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.

Foreign Government Obligations; Securities of Supranational Entities. The Fund may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by one or more foreign governments or any of their political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities that are determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to the other obligations in which the Fund may invest. Such securities also include debt obligations of supranational entities. 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.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with certain banks or non-bank dealers. In a repurchase agreement, the Fund buys, and the seller agrees to repurchase, a security at a mutually agreed upon time and price (usually within seven days). The repurchase agreement thereby determines the yield during the purchaser's holding period, while the seller's obligation to repurchase is secured by the value of the underlying security. The Fund's custodian or sub-custodian will have custody of, and will hold in a segregated account, securities acquired by the Fund under a repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements are considered by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be loans by the Fund. Repurchase agreements could involve risks in the event of a default or insolvency of the other party to the agreement, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities. In an attempt to reduce the risk of incurring a loss on a repurchase agreement, the Fund will enter into repurchase agreements only with domestic banks with total assets in excess of \$1 billion, or primary government securities dealers reporting to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with respect to securities of the type in which the Fund may invest or government securities regardless of their remaining maturities, and will require that additional securities be deposited with it if the value of the securities purchased should decrease below resale price.

Commercial Paper. The Fund may purchase commercial paper consisting of short-term, unsecured promissory notes issued to finance short-term credit needs. The commercial paper purchased by the Fund will consist only of direct obligations issued by domestic and foreign entities. The other corporate obligations in which the Fund may invest consist of high quality, U.S. dollar denominated short-term bonds and notes (including variable amount master demand notes) issued by domestic and foreign corporations, including banks.

Floating and Variable Rate Obligations. The Fund may purchase floating and variable rate demand notes and bonds, which are obligations ordinarily having stated maturities in excess



of 13 months, but which permit the holder to demand payment of principal at any time, or at specified intervals not exceeding 13 months, in each case upon not more than 30 days' notice. Variable rate demand notes include master demand notes which are obligations that permit the Fund to invest fluctuating amounts, at varying rates of interest, pursuant to direct arrangements between the Fund, as lender, and the borrower. These obligations permit daily changes in the amounts borrowed. Because these obligations are direct lending arrangements between the lender and borrower, it is not contemplated that such instruments generally will be traded, and there generally is no established secondary market for these obligations, although they are redeemable at face value, plus accrued interest. Accordingly, where these obligations are not secured by letters of credit or other credit support arrangements, the Fund's right to redeem is dependent on the ability of the borrower to pay principal and interest on demand.

Participation Interests. The Fund may purchase from financial institutions participation interests in securities in which the Fund may invest. 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, with remaining maturities of 13 months or less. If the participation interest is unrated, or has been given a rating below that which is permissible for purchase by the Fund, the participation interest will be backed by an irrevocable letter of credit or guarantee of a bank, or the payment obligation otherwise will be collateralized by U.S. Government securities, or, in the case of unrated participation interests, the Manager must have determined that the instrument is of comparable quality to those instruments in which the Fund may invest.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest up to 10% 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, and repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice. 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.

Asset-Backed Securities. 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

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the

Fund's Prospectus.

**Borrowing Money.** The Fund is permitted to borrow to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (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. The Fund currently intends to borrow money from banks only for temporary or emergency (not leveraging) purposes, in an amount up to 15% of the value of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) valued at the lesser of cost or market, less liabilities (not including the amount borrowed) at the time the borrowing is made. While such borrowings exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets, the Fund will not make any additional investments.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks, brokers or dealers. 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. The Fund will use the proceeds of reverse repurchase agreements only to make investments which generally either mature or have a demand feature to resell to the issuer at a date simultaneous with or prior to the expiration of the reverse repurchase agreement. 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. 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. The Fund's Board has considered the risks to the Fund and its shareholders which may result from the entry into reverse repurchase agreements and has determined that the entry into such agreements is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and management policies. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets equal to the aggregate amount of its reverse repurchase obligations, plus accrued interest, in certain cases, in accordance with releases promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**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. 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, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities or other high quality liquid debt securities 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 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 repurchase agreements or other high quality instruments with short maturities.

Forward Commitments. The Fund may purchase money market instruments on a forward commitment or when-issued basis, which means that delivery and payment take place a number of days after the date of the commitment to purchase. The payment obligation and the interest rate receivable on a forward commitment or when-issued security are fixed when the Fund enters into the commitment, but the Fund does not make payment until it receives delivery from the counterparty. The Fund will commit to purchase such securities only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but the Fund may sell these securities before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable. The Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Fund's purchase commitments. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment or when-issued 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.

#### Certain Investment Considerations and Risks

Foreign Securities. Because the Fund's portfolio may contain securities issued by foreign governments, or any of their political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, and by foreign subsidiaries and foreign branches of domestic banks, domestic and foreign branches of foreign banks, and commercial paper issued by foreign issuers, the Fund may be subject to additional investment risks with respect to such securities that are different in some respects from those incurred by a fund which invests only in debt obligations of U.S. domestic issuers, although such obligations may be higher yielding when compared to the securities of U.S. domestic issuers. Such risks include possible future political and economic developments, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, imposition of foreign withholding taxes on interest income payable on securities, establishment of exchange controls or the adoption of other foreign governmental restrictions which might adversely affect the payment of principal and interest on these securities.

Bank Securities. To the extent the Fund's investments are concentrated in the banking industry, the Fund will have correspondingly greater exposure to the risk factors which are characteristic of such investments. Sustained increases in interest rates can adversely affect the availability or liquidity and cost of capital funds for a bank's lending activities, and a deterioration in general economic conditions could increase the exposure to credit losses. In addition, the value of and the investment return on the Fund's shares could be affected by economic or regulatory developments in or related to the banking industry, which industry also is subject to the effects of competition within the banking industry as well as with other types of financial institutions. The Fund, however, will seek to minimize its exposure to such risks by investing only in debt securities which are determined to be of high quality.

~~Simultaneous Investments. Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other investment companies advised by the Manager. The Manager has adopted written trade allocation procedures for its equity and fixed income trading desks. Under the procedures, portfolio managers or the trading desks will ordinarily seek to aggregate (or “bunch”) orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one investment company or account. 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. Each Fund, together with other investment companies or accounts advised by the Manager or its affiliates, may own significant positions in portfolio companies which, depending on market conditions, may affect adversely a Fund’s ability to dispose of some or all of its positions should it desire to do so.~~

### Investment Restrictions

The Fund's investment objective is a fundamental policy, 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. In addition, the Fund has adopted investment restrictions numbered 1 through 7 as fundamental policies. Investment restrictions numbered 8 through 14 are not fundamental policies and may be changed by vote of a majority of the Fund's Board members at any time. The Fund may not:

1. 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).
2. Act as 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.
3. Purchase or sell real estate, real estate investment trust securities, commodities, or oil and gas interests.
4. Make loans to others, except through the purchase of debt obligations and through repurchase agreements referred to in the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, and except that the Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets. Any loans of portfolio securities will be made according to guidelines established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Fund's Board.
5. Invest more than 15% of its assets in the obligations of any one bank, or invest more than 5% of its assets in the obligations of any other issuer, except that up to 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be invested without regard to any such limitations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the obligations of any one bank.
6. Invest less than 25% of its total assets in securities issued by banks or invest more than 25% of its assets in the securities of issuers in any other 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for temporary defensive purposes the Fund may invest less than 25% of its assets in bank obligations.

7. Purchase securities on margin.

8. Purchase common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants, corporate bonds or debentures, state bonds, municipal bonds or industrial revenue bonds (except through the purchase of debt obligations referred to in the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information).

9. Pledge, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise encumber its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and in connection with the purchase of securities on a when-issued or forward commitment basis.

10. Sell securities short.

11. Write or purchase put or call options or combinations thereof.

12. Invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control.

13. Invest in securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act.

14. Enter into repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice or purchase securities which are illiquid if, in the aggregate, more than 10% of the value of the Fund's net assets would be so invested.

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 Investment Restriction No. 1, 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.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Fund'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
Dreyfus Service Corporation.....	Distributor
Dreyfus Transfer, Inc. ....	Transfer Agent
The Bank of New York.....	Custodian

## Board Members of the Fund<sup>1</sup>

Board members of the Fund, together with information as to their positions with the Fund, principal occupations and other board memberships and affiliations, are shown below.

## Board Members of the Fund<sup>†</sup>

<u>Name (Age)</u> <u>Position with Fund (Since)</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u> <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships</u> <u>and Affiliations</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino ( <del>59</del> <u>60</u> ) Chairman of the Board (1995)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Levcor International, Inc., an <u>apparel fabric processor</u> , <i>Director</i> <u>Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies</u> , <i>Director</i> <u>The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants</u> , <i>Director</i> <del>apparel fabric processor, Director</del> <del>Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, Director</del> <del>The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, Director</del>
Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. ( <del>68</del> <u>70</u> ) Board Member (2003)	President of Alexander & Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm	Wyeth (formerly, American Home Products Corporation), a global leader in

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<sup>1</sup> None of the Board members are “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act.

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	(January 1981 – present) Chairman of the Board of Moody's Corporation (October 2000 – <del>present</del> <a href="#">October 2003</a> ) Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Dun and Bradstreet Corporation (October 1999 - September 2000)	pharmaceuticals, consumer healthcare products and animal health products, <i>Director</i> Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, <i>Director</i>
Lucy Wilson Benson ( <del>75</del> <a href="#">76</a> ) Board Member (1990)	President of Benson and Associates, consultants to business and government (1980 - present)	The International Executive Services Corps, <i>Director</i> Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, <i>Vice Chairman</i> <a href="#">Council on Foreign Relations,</a> <a href="#">Member</a> <a href="#">Lafayette College Board of</a> <a href="#">Trustees, Vice Chairman</a> <a href="#">Emeritus</a> <a href="#">Atlantic Council of the U.S.,</a> <a href="#">Director</a> <del>Council on Foreign Relations,</del> <del>Member</del> <del>Lafayette College Board of</del> <del>Trustees, Vice Chairman</del> <del>Emeritus</del>
David W. Burke ( <del>66</del> <a href="#">67</a> ) Board Member (1994)	Corporate Director and Trustee	John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, <i>Director</i> U.S.S. Constitution Museum, <i>Director</i>
Whitney I. Gerard ( <del>68</del> <a href="#">69</a> ) Board Member (1989)	Partner of Chadbourne & Parke LLP	None
Arthur A. Hartman ( <del>76</del> <a href="#">77</a> ) Board Member (1990)	Chairman of First NIS Regional Fund (ING/Barings Management) and New Russia Fund Advisory Council Member to Barings – Vostok	APCO Associates Inc., <i>Senior Consultant</i>

<u>Name (Age)</u> <u>Position with Fund (Since)</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u> <u>During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Board Memberships</u> <u>and Affiliations</u>
George L. Perry ( <del>68</del> <u>69</u> ) Board Member (1990)	Economist and Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution	State Farm Mutual Automobile Association, <i>Director</i> <a href="#">State Farm Life Insurance Company, Director</a> <del>State Farm Life Insurance Company, Director</del>

Board members are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Fund has standing audit, nominating and compensation committees, each comprised of its Board members who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is to oversee the Fund’s financial and reporting policies and certain internal control matters; the function of the nominating committee is to select and nominate all candidates who are not “interested persons” of the Fund for election to the Fund’s Board; and the function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The nominating committee does not normally consider nominees recommended by shareholders. The Fund also has a standing pricing committee comprised of any one Board. The function of the pricing committee is to assist in valuing the Fund’s investments. The audit committee met four times; the nominating committee met once and the compensation and pricing committees did not meet during the year ended October 31, ~~2002~~2003.

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, ~~2002~~2003.

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Holding of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	None	Over \$100,000
Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.	None	<del>None</del> <u>Over \$100,000</u>
Lucy Wilson Benson	None	Over \$100,000
David W. Burke	None	Over \$100,000
Whitney I. Gerard	<del>None</del> <u>\$50,001 – \$100,000</u>	Over \$100,000



<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Holding of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which Responsible as a Board Member</u>
Arthur A. Hartman	None	None
George L. Perry	None	<del>Over \$100,000</del> None

As of December 31, ~~2002~~,2003, 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.

The Fund typically pays its Board members its allocated portion of an annual retainer fee of \$60,000 and a per meeting fee of \$7,500 (with a minimum of \$500 per meeting and per telephone meeting) attended for the Fund and sixteen other funds (comprised of 41 portfolios) in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and reimburses them for their expenses. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation. Emeritus Board members, if any, are entitled to receive an annual retainer and a per meeting attended fee of one-half the amount paid to them as Board members. The aggregate amount of compensation paid to each Board member by the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, ~~2002~~,2003, and by all funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person is 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, ~~2002~~,2003, were as follows:

<u>Name of Board Member</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Funds* the Fund*</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Board Member**</u>
Joseph S. DiMartino	<del>\$39,030</del> <u>\$6,197</u>	<del>\$815,938</del> <u>\$800,306</u> (191)
Clifford L. Alexander <del>***</del>	<del>N/A</del> <u>\$3,149</u>	<del>\$134,500</del> <u>\$198,500</u> ( <del>27</del> <u>65</u> )
Lucy Wilson Benson	<del>\$31,225</del> <u>\$4,957</u>	<del>\$130,500</del> <u>\$116,000</u> ( <del>34</del> <u>39</u> )
David W. Burke	<del>\$30,975</del> <u>\$4,957</u>	<del>\$258,250</del> <u>\$283,744</u> ( <del>59</del> <u>84</u> )
Whitney I. Gerard	<del>\$31,225</del> <u>\$4,957</u>	\$ <del>79,000</del> <u>\$98,000</u> ( <del>16</del> <u>37</u> )

Arthur A. Hartman	\$ <del>30,975</del> <u>4,957</u>	\$ <del>78,500</del> <u>90,500</u> ( <del>16</del> <u>37</u> )
George L. Perry	\$ <del>31,225</del> <u>4,957</u>	\$ <del>78,500</del> <u>98,000</u> ( <del>16</del> <u>37</u> )

\* Amount does not include reimbursed expenses for attending Board meetings, which amounted to \$~~6,333~~2,275 for all Board members as a group.

\*\* Represents the number of separate portfolios comprising the investment companies in the Fund complex, including the ~~funds~~Funds, for which the Board member serves.

~~\*\*\* Mr. Alexander was elected a Board member of the Fund effective January 1, 2003; accordingly, he received no compensation from the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2002.~~

### Officers of the Funds

STEPHEN E. CANTER, President since March 2000. Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Operating Officer of the Manager, and an officer of ~~94~~95 investment companies (comprised of ~~187~~185 portfolios) managed by of the Manager. Mr. Canter also is a Board member and, where applicable, an Executive Committee Member of the other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is ~~57~~58 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1995.

STEPHEN R. BYERS, Executive Vice President since November ~~2002~~2003. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chairman and a ~~Director~~director of the Manager, and an officer of ~~94~~95 investment companies (comprised of ~~187~~185 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Byers also is an ~~Officer, Director~~officer, director or an Executive Committee Member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is ~~49~~50 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since January 2000. Prior to joining the Manager, he served as an Executive Vice President—Capital Markets, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Gruntal & Co., L.L.C.

MARK N. JACOBS, Vice President since March 2000. Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of ~~95~~96 investment companies (comprised of ~~203~~201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~56~~57 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1977.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director—Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of the ~~95~~96 investment companies (comprised of ~~203~~201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~44~~45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Secretary since March 2000. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 93 investment companies (comprised of ~~199~~194 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

STEVEN F. NEWMAN, Assistant Secretary since March 2000. Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of ~~95~~96 investment companies (comprised of ~~203~~201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~53~~54 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since July 1980.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Assistant Secretary since March 2000. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 26 investment companies (comprising ~~63~~58 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Assistant Secretary since January 2003. Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of ~~23~~24 investment companies (comprised of ~~82~~81 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~37~~38 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

KENNETH J. SANDGREN, Assistant Treasurer since November 2001. Mutual Fund Tax Director of the Manager, and an officer of ~~95~~96 investment companies (comprised of ~~203~~201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~48~~49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1993.

~~MICHAEL CONDEN~~ROBERT ROBOL, Assistant Treasury since March ~~2000~~2003. Senior ~~Treasure~~Accounting Manager-Money Market Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 37 investment companies (comprised of ~~78~~79 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~41~~39 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since ~~August 1984~~October 1988.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since August 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of ~~90~~91 investment companies (comprised of ~~198~~196 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is ~~32~~33 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998. ~~Prior to joining the Distributor, he was a Vice President of Compliance Data Center, Inc.~~

The address of each Board member and officer of the Fund is 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

The Fund's Board members and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of the Fund's shares outstanding on February ~~13, 2003~~12, 2004.

No persons were known by the Fund to own of record 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund as of February ~~13, 2003~~12, 2004.

## MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Investment Adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A.,

which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation ("Mellon"). Mellon is a global financial holding company incorporated under Pennsylvania law in 1971 and registered under the Federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. Mellon provides a comprehensive range of financial products and services in domestic and selected international markets.

The Manager provides management services pursuant to the Management Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Fund and the Manager. The Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Fund's Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or the Manager, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Agreement is terminable without penalty, on 60 days' notice, by the Fund's Board or by vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's shares, or, upon not less than 90 days' notice, by the Manager. The Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

In approving the current Management Agreement, the Board considered a number of factors, including the nature and quality of the services provided by the Manager; the investment philosophy and investment approach as applied to the Fund by the Manager; the investment management expertise of the Manager in respect of the Fund's investment strategies; the personnel, resources and experience of the Manager; the Fund's performance history and the management fees paid to the Manager relative to those of mutual funds with similar investment objectives, strategies and restrictions; the Manager's costs of providing services under the Agreement; and ancillary benefits the Manager may receive from its relationship with the Fund.

The following persons are officers and/or directors of the Manager: Stephen E. Canter, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Michael G. Millard, President and a director; Stephen R. Byers, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chairman and a director; J. Charles Cardona, Vice Chairman and a director; ~~Lawrence S. Kash, Vice Chairman~~; J. David Officer, Vice Chairman and a director; Ronald P. O'Hanley III, Vice Chairman and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Executive Vice President; Mark N. Jacobs, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary; Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President-Corporate Communications; Mary Beth Leibig, Vice President—Human Resources; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President-Tax; Angela E. Price, Vice President; Wendy H. Strutt, Vice President; Ray Van Cott, Vice President-Information Systems; William H. Maresca, Controller; James Bitetto, Assistant Secretary; Steven F. Newman, Assistant Secretary; and ~~Mandell L. Berman~~, Steven G. Elliott, David F. Lamere, Martin G. McGuinn and Richard W. Sabo, directors.

The Manager manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Fund's Board. The Manager is responsible for investment decisions, and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Fund's Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. The Fund's portfolio managers are Bernard Kiernan, Jr., Patricia A. Larkin and Thomas S. Riordan. The Manager also maintains a research department with professional portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide

research services for the Fund and for other funds advised by the Manager.

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 Mellon's Investment Ethics 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.

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 securities dealers, banks or other financial institutions 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.

All expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund are borne by the Fund, except to the extent specifically assumed by the Manager. The expenses borne by the Fund include: taxes, interest, 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, Securities and Exchange Commission 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 Fund'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 used for regulatory purposes and for distribution to existing shareholders, costs of shareholders' reports and meetings, and any extraordinary expenses. In addition, Fund shares are subject to an annual service fee. See "Shareholder Services Plan."

As compensation for the Manager's services to the Fund, the Fund has agreed to pay the Manager a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.50% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets. All fees and expenses are accrued daily and deducted before the declaration of dividends to investors. The management fees payable for the fiscal years ended October 31, ~~2000, 2001~~2001, 2002 and ~~2002~~2003 amounted to ~~\$7,234,447, \$6,758,458 and \$6,344,977~~, \$6,758,458, \$6,344,977 and \$5,349,965, respectively; however, such amounts were reduced by ~~\$1,721,290, \$815,214~~\$815,214, \$914,161 and ~~\$914,161, 724,333~~, respectively, pursuant to undertakings by the Manager in effect, resulting in ~~\$5,513,157, \$5,943,244 and \$5,943,244~~, \$5,430,816 and \$4,625,632 being paid in fiscal years ~~2000, 2001~~2001, 2002 and

~~2002~~,[2003](#), respectively.

The Manager has agreed that if in any fiscal year the aggregate expenses of the Fund, exclusive of taxes, brokerage, interest on borrowings and (with the prior written consent of the necessary state securities commissions) extraordinary expenses, but including the management fee, exceed the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the Fund, the Fund may deduct from the payment to be made to the Manager under the Agreement, or the Manager will bear, such excess expense to the extent required by state law. Such deduction or payment, if any, will be estimated daily, and reconciled and effected or paid, as the case may be, on a monthly basis.

The aggregate of the fees payable to the Manager is not subject to reduction as the value of the 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 Fund which is renewable annually.

~~—The Distributor may pay dealers a fee based on the amount invested through such dealers in Fund shares by employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans or other programs where (i) the employers or affiliated employers maintaining such plans or programs have a minimum of 250 employees eligible for participation in such plans or programs, or (ii) such plan's or program's aggregate investment in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or certain other products made available by the Distributor to such plans or programs exceeds \$1,000,000 ("Eligible Benefit Plans"). Generally, the fee paid to dealers will not exceed 1% of the amount invested through such dealers. The Distributor, however, may pay dealers 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.~~

The Distributor may pay securities dealers, banks or other financial institutions (collectively, "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 a Simplified Employee Pension Plan ("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.

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 Fund's transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Fund, the Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of 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.

The Bank of New York (the "Custodian"), 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10286, is the Fund's custodian. 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 Fund, the Custodian holds the Fund's securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records.

## HOW TO BUY SHARES

General. Fund shares are sold without a sales charge. You may be charged a fee if you effect transactions in Fund shares through a securities dealer, bank or other financial institution. [Third parties may receive payments from the Manager 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 Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.](#) Stock certificates are issued only upon your written request. No certificates are issued for fractional shares. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase order.

The minimum initial investment is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a securities dealer, bank or other financial institution 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 is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, ~~IRAs set up under a Simplified Employer Pension Plan ("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, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Fund'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, including members of the Fund's Board, who elected to have all or a portion of their compensation for

serving in that capacity automatically ~~allocated to~~[invested in](#) the Fund. The Fund reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain ~~qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans~~[Retirement Plans](#) or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Fund. The Fund reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

Fund shares 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 you against loss in a declining market.

Shares are sold on a continuous basis at the net asset value 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. Net asset value per share 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 days the New York Stock Exchange or the Transfer Agent are open for regular business. The Fund also may process purchase and sale orders and calculate its net asset value on days that the Fund's primary trading markets are open and the Fund's management determines to do so. Net asset value 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. See "Determination of Net Asset Value."

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, [which will subject the purchase order to a processing delay](#). 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. ~~Purchase~~[If purchase](#) orders [are](#) received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day that the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, [Fund shares](#) will be ~~credited to the shareholder's Fund account~~[purchased at the share price determined](#) on the next bank business day following such purchase order. ~~Purchase~~[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 ~~orders~~ made on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the New York Stock Exchange is not open for business), ~~will be credited to the shareholder's Fund account~~[Fund shares will be purchased at the share price determined](#) on the second bank business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use 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."

Transactions Through Securities Dealers. Fund shares may be purchased and redeemed through securities dealers which may charge a transaction fee for such services. Some dealers will place the Fund's shares in an account with their firm. Dealers also may require the following: that the customer invest more than the \$1,000 minimum investment; the customer not take physical delivery of stock certificates; the customer not request redemption checks to be issued in the customer's name; fractional shares not be purchased; monthly income distributions be taken in cash; or other conditions.

There is no sales or service charge by the Fund or the Distributor, although investment dealers, banks and other institutions may make reasonable charges to investors for their services. The services provided and the applicable fees are established by each dealer or other institution acting independently of the Fund. The Fund has been given to understand that these fees may be charged for customer services including, but not limited to, same-day investment of client funds; same-day access to client funds; advice to customers about the status of their accounts, yield currently being paid or income earned to date; provision of periodic account statements showing security and money market positions; other services available from the dealer, bank or other institution; and assistance with inquiries related to their investment. Any such fees will be deducted from your account monthly and on smaller accounts could constitute a substantial portion of the distribution. Small, inactive, long-term accounts involving monthly service charges may not be in the best interest of investors. You should be aware that you may purchase shares of the Fund directly from the Fund without imposition of any maintenance or service charges, other than those already described herein.

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.

## SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PLAN

The Fund has adopted a Shareholder Service Plan pursuant to which the Fund reimburses the Distributor an amount not to exceed an annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets for certain allocated expenses of providing personal services and/or maintaining shareholder accounts. 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 shareholder accounts.

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 Fund's Board for its review. In addition, the Shareholder Services Plan provides that material amendments of the Shareholder Services Plan must be approved by the Fund's Board, and by the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Shareholder Services Plan by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. 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. The Shareholder Services Plan is terminable 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 Shareholder Services Plan.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, ~~2002~~2003, the Fund paid the Distributor \$~~1,973,057~~1,588,500 pursuant to the Shareholder Services Plan.

## HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

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 Securities and Exchange Commission. 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 redemption of such shares, and the redemption proceeds may not be transmitted to you, for up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will not honor redemption checks under the Checkwriting Privilege, and 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. Prior to the time any redemption is effective, dividends on such shares will accrue and be payable, and you will be entitled to exercise all other rights of beneficial ownership. Fund shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

CheckWriting Privilege. The Fund provides redemption checks ("Checks") automatically upon opening an account, unless you specifically refuse 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, Shareholder Services Form or later written request 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 your agent, will cause the Fund to redeem a sufficient number of shares in

your 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 you. You 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.

Checks are free, but the Transfer Agent will impose a fee for stopping payment of a Check upon your request or if the Transfer Agent cannot honor a Check due to insufficient funds or other valid reason. If the amount of the Check is greater than the value of the shares in your account, the Check will be returned marked insufficient funds. Checks should not be used to close an account.

You should date your Checks with the current date when you write them. Please do not postdate the Checks. If you do, 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 of payment, if they are otherwise in good order. If you hold shares in a Dreyfus sponsored IRA account, you may be permitted to make withdrawals from your IRA account using checks furnished to you by The Dreyfus Trust Company.

Wire Redemption Privilege. By using this Privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephone, online or letter redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Ordinarily, the Fund will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the next business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a 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 "Stock 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. 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. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. 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. 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 one of the telephone numbers listed on the cover.

Redemption Commitment. The Fund has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record, 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 Securities and Exchange Commission. 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 of the Fund 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 New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when trading in the markets the Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 Securities and Exchange Commission by order may permit to protect the Fund's shareholders.

## SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

Fund Exchanges. You may purchase, in exchange for shares of the Fund, shares of certain other funds managed or administered by the Manager or shares of certain funds advised by Founders Asset Management LLC ("Founders"), an affiliate of the Manager, 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 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 any 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 ~~without a sales load~~ 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, you must notify the Transfer Agent of your prior ownership of fund shares and your account number.

To request an exchange, you 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 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 Fund reserve the right, upon not less than 60 days' written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal administrative fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. ~~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.~~

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.

Certain funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds offer multiple classes of shares to the public. If you, as an investor in a fund offering multiple classes of shares, exchange shares of such fund subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") for shares of the Fund, the Fund shares obtained in the exchange will be held in a separate Exchange Account for you. Shares held in an Exchange Account may be exchanged only for shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds. No CDSC will be imposed on such shares at the time of exchange;

however, you should review carefully the current prospectus of the fund from which such shares were exchanged and into which such shares are being exchanged to determine the CDSC applicable on redemption. Exchange Account shares are eligible for the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege, Dreyfus Dividend Options and the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, and redemption proceeds on such shares will be paid only by Federal wire or by check.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of the 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. 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 the investor. 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 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.

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.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-654-6561, or visiting the Dreyfus.com website. The Fund reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. 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 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. You may deposit as much of such payments as you elect.

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 Step Program. 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 your 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 Fund 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 IRA "Rollover Accounts."

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 another fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of certain funds advised by Founders, of which you are a shareholder. Shares 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 ~~which~~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 ~~without a sales load in shares of other funds sold with a sales load.~~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. Automatic Withdrawal may be terminated at any time by you, the Fund or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which stock certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Monthly or Quarterly Distribution Plans. These plans permit you to receive monthly or quarterly payments from the Fund consisting of proceeds from the redemption of shares purchased for your account through the automatic reinvestment of dividends declared on your account during the preceding month or calendar quarter.

Corporate Pension, Profit-Sharing and Personal Retirement Plans. The Fund makes available to corporations a variety of prototype pension and profit-sharing plans including a 401(k) Salary Reduction Plan. In addition, the Fund makes available Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, Education IRAs and IRA "Rollover Accounts"), Education Savings Accounts 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, an ESA or an IRA, including a SEP-IRA, you may request from the Distributor forms for adoption of such plans.

A fee may be charged by the entity acting as custodian for Keogh Plans, 403(b)(7) Plans, an ESA or IRAs, 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 which acts 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 as to eligibility, service fees and tax implications, and should consult a tax adviser.

#### DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Amortized Cost Pricing. The valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities is based upon their amortized cost which does not take into account unrealized gains or losses. This 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 the Fund would receive if it sold the instrument.

The Board has established, as a particular responsibility within the overall duty of care owed to the Fund's investors, procedures reasonably designed to stabilize the Fund's price per share as computed for the purpose of purchases and redemptions at \$1.00. Such procedures include review of the Fund's portfolio holdings by the Board, at such intervals as it deems appropriate, to determine whether the Fund's net asset value calculated by using available market quotations or market equivalents deviates from \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost. In such review, investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the most recent bid price or yield equivalent for such securities or for securities of comparable maturity, quality and type, as obtained from one or more of the major market makers for the securities to be valued. Other investments and assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board.

The extent of any deviation between the Fund's net asset value based upon available market quotations or market equivalents and \$1.00 per share based on amortized cost will be examined by the Board. If such deviation exceeds 1/2%, the Board promptly will consider what action, 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 deems 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 net asset value per share by using available market quotations or market equivalents.

New York Stock Exchange and Transfer Agent Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the New York Stock Exchange and the Transfer Agent are closed currently are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Management believes that the Fund ~~has~~ qualified as a ~~"regulated investment company"~~ under the ~~Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")~~; Code for the fiscal year ended October 31, ~~2002-2003~~. The Fund intends to continue to so qualify if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders. ~~Such qualification relieves the Fund of any liability for Federal income tax to the extent its earnings are distributed in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code.~~ As a regulated investment company, the Fund will pay no Federal income tax on net investment income and net realized ~~capital~~ 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 regulated investment company, the Fund must pay out ~~to its shareholders~~ at least 90% of its net income (consisting of net investment income ~~from tax-exempt obligations and taxable obligations, if any,~~ and net short-term capital ~~gains~~gain), and must meet certain asset diversification and other requirements. If the Fund does not qualify 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 are an omnibus accountholder and indicate 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 shares in your account, such portion of the accrued dividends will be paid to you along with the proceeds of the redemption.~~

The Fund ordinarily declares dividends from its net investment income on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Dividends usually are paid on the last calendar day of each month and are automatically reinvested in additional Fund shares at net asset value or, at your option, paid in cash. The Fund's earnings for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are declared as dividends on the preceding business day. Fund shares begin earning income dividends on the day following the date of purchase. 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, after deduction of any fees. If you are an omnibus accountholder and indicate 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 shares in his or her account, such portion of the accrued dividends will be paid to you along with the proceeds of the redemption, after the deduction of any fees. Distributions from net realized securities, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, but the 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.

If you elect to receive dividends and distributions in cash, and your dividend ~~and/or~~ distribution check is returned to the Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest such ~~dividend or distribution~~ 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.

Dividends derived from net investment income, together with distributions from any net realized short-term securities gains and all or a portion of any gains realized from the sale or other disposition of certain market discount bonds, paid by the Fund will be taxable to U.S. shareholders as ordinary income whether received in cash or reinvested in Fund shares. No dividend paid by the Fund will qualify for the dividends received deduction allowable to certain U.S. corporations. Distributions from net realized long-term securities gains of the Fund, if any, are taxable to U.S. shareholders as long-term capital gains for Federal income tax purposes regardless of how long shareholders have held their Fund shares and whether such distributions are received in cash or reinvested in Fund shares.

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 Fund could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Portfolio securities ordinarily are purchased directly from the issuer or an underwriter or a market maker for the securities. Ordinarily no brokerage commissions are paid by the Fund for such purchases. Purchases from underwriters of portfolio securities may include a concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and the purchase price paid to market makers for the securities may include the spread between the bid and asked price. No brokerage commissions have been paid by the Fund to date.

Transactions are allocated to various dealers by the Fund's portfolio managers in their best judgment. The primary consideration is prompt and effective execution of orders at the most favorable price. Subject to that primary consideration, dealers may be selected for research, statistical or other services to enable the Manager to supplement its own research and analysis with the views and information of other securities firms ~~and may be selected based upon their sales of shares of the Fund or other funds advised by the Manager or its affiliates.~~

Research services furnished by brokers through which the Fund effects securities transactions may be used by the Manager in advising other funds it advises and, conversely, research services furnished to the Manager by brokers in connection with other funds the Manager advises may be used by the Manager in advising the Fund. Although it is not possible to place a dollar value on these services, it is the Manager's opinion that the receipt and study of such services should not reduce the overall expenses of its research department.

## YIELD INFORMATION

For the seven-day period ended October 31, ~~2002, 2003~~, the Fund's yield was ~~+210.37%~~ and its effective yield was ~~+220.37%~~, which reflects the waiver of a portion of the management fee. Had a portion of the management fee not been waived, the Fund's yield for the same period would have been ~~+120.29%~~ and its effective yield would have been ~~+13.29%~~. Yield is computed in accordance with a standardized method which involves determining the net change in the value of a hypothetical pre-existing Fund account having a balance of one share at the beginning of a seven calendar day period for which yield is to be quoted, dividing the net change by the value of the account at the beginning of the period to obtain the base period return, and annualizing the results (i.e., multiplying the base period return by 365/7). The net change in the value of the account reflects the value of additional shares purchased with dividends declared on the original share and any such additional shares and fees that may be charged to shareholder accounts, in proportion to the length of the base period and the Fund's average account size, but does not include realized gains and losses or unrealized appreciation and depreciation. Effective annualized yield is computed by adding 1 to the base period return (calculated as described above), raising that sum to a power equal to 365 divided by 7, and subtracting 1 from the result.

Yields will fluctuate and are not necessarily representative of future results. You should remember that yield is a function of the type and quality of the instruments in the portfolio, portfolio maturity and operating expenses. Your principal in the Fund is not guaranteed. See "Determination of Net Asset Value" for a discussion of the manner in which the Fund's price per share is determined.

From time to time, the Fund in its advertising and sales literature may refer to the growth of assets managed or administered by the Manager over certain time periods.

From time to time, advertising materials may refer to studies performed by The Dreyfus Corporation or its affiliates, such as "The Dreyfus Tax Informed Investing Study" or "The Dreyfus Gender Investment Comparison Study (1996 & 1997)" or other such studies.

Comparative performance information may be used from time to time in advertising or marketing the Fund's shares, including data from Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., Morningstar, Inc., Bank Rate Monitor<sup>TM</sup>, iMoneyNet, Inc.'s Money Fund Report, Money Magazine and other industry publications.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

~~Each~~The 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 and have equal rights as to dividends and in liquidation. Shares have no preemptive, subscription or conversion rights and are freely transferable.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Fund 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 auditors. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Fund to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Board member from office. Fund shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Fund'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 Fund sends annual and semi-annual financial statements to all its shareholders.

#### COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982, as counsel for the Fund, has rendered its opinion as to certain legal matters regarding the due authorization and valid issuance of the shares being sold pursuant to the Fund's Prospectus.

Ernst & Young LLP, 5 Times Square, New York, New York 10036, independent auditors, have been selected as independent auditors of the Fund.

## APPENDIX

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 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. 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 Credit Quality) is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Fitch and indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. The rating Fitch-2 (Good Credit Quality) is the second highest commercial paper rating assigned by Fitch which reflects 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.

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 degree from issues rated AAA.

Bonds rated Aaa are judged by Moody's 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 of the highest credit quality. The AAA rating by Fitch denotes the lowest expectation of credit risk. The AAA rating is assigned by Fitch only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; the capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events. Bonds rated AA by Fitch are judged by Fitch to be of very high credit quality. The AA rating by Fitch denotes a very low expectation of credit risk. The AA rating by Fitch indicates a very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; the capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

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 provided by 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 its 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.