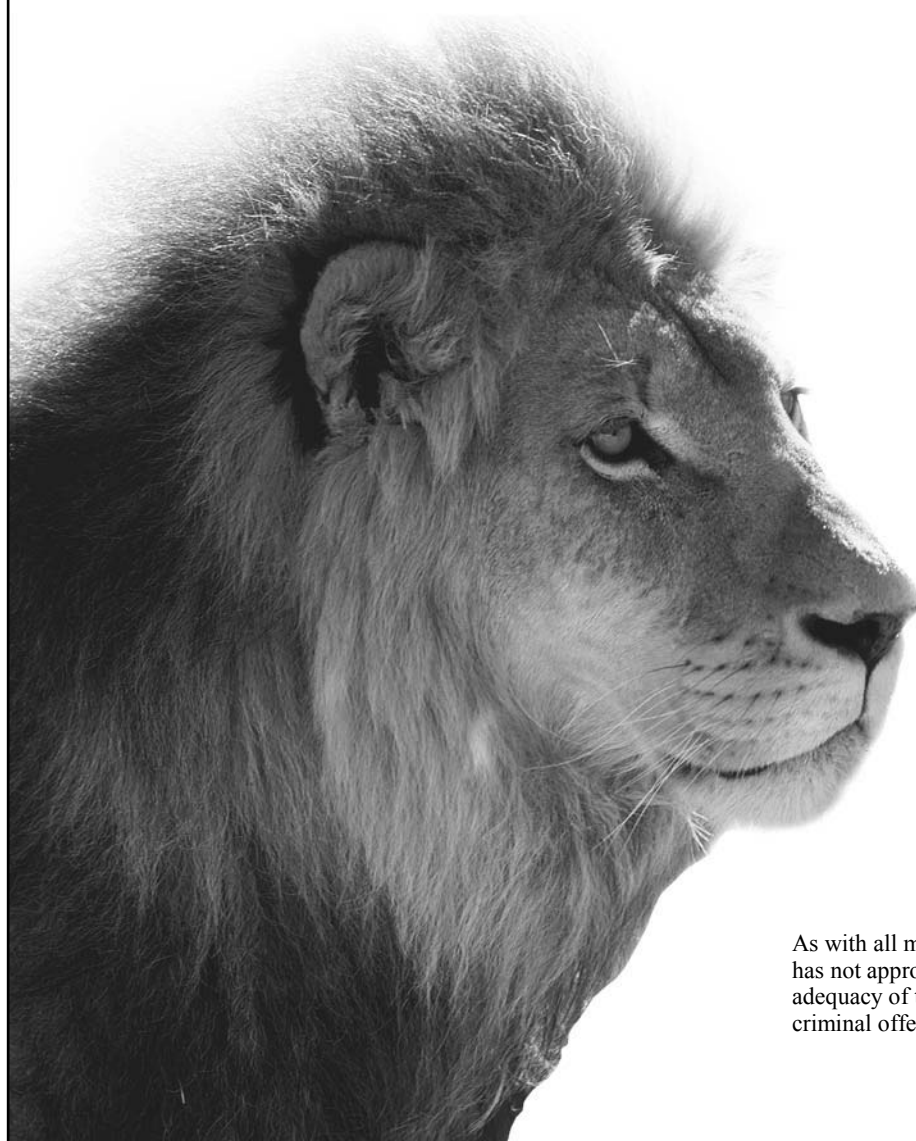


# Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund

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# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks capital growth. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of companies Dreyfus believes to be emerging leaders: small companies characterized by new or innovative products, services or processes having the potential to enhance earnings or revenue growth. The fund currently considers small companies to be those companies with market capitalizations that fall within the range of the Russell 2000 Index at the time of purchase. As of November 30, 2008, market capitalization range of the index was between \$2 million and \$3.5 billion. Because the fund may continue to hold a security whose market capitalization increases or decreases, a substantial portion of the fund's holdings can have market capitalizations outside the range of the index at any time.

The fund's investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities, including those purchased in initial public offerings. The fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in foreign securities.

The fund's portfolio managers construct the portfolio through a "bottom-up," structured approach, focusing on stock selection as opposed to making proactive decisions as to industry or sector exposure. The fund generally attempts to have a neutral exposure to industries and capitalizations relative to its benchmark. Finally, within each sector and style subset, the fund overweights the most attractive stocks and underweights or zero weights the stocks that have been ranked least attractive. The investment process is driven by computer models that identify and rank stocks based on:

- **fundamental momentum**, meaning measures that reflect the changes in short-term earnings outlook through factors such as revised earnings estimates and earnings surprises;
- **relative value**, such as current and forecasted price-to-earnings ratios, price-to-book ratios, yields and other price-sensitive data for a stock compared to its past, its peers and the models' overall stock universe;
- **long-term growth**, based on measure that reflect the changes in estimated long-term earnings growth over multiple horizons; and
- **additional factors**, such as technical factors, trading by company insiders or share issuance/buyback data.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivative instruments, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates) and forward contracts, as a substitute for investing in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Smaller company risk.* To the extent the fund invests in small and midsize companies, the fund will be subject to additional risks because the earnings and revenues of these companies tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the fund's ability to sell these securities. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments are made in anticipation of future products, services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.

- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

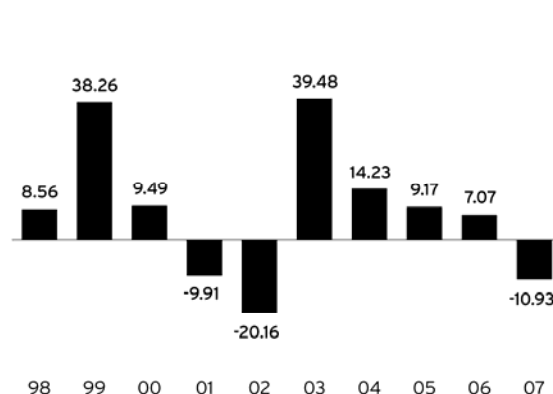
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q4, 1998): 24.00%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 2002): -21.04%. The year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2008, was -14.31%.

Average annual total returns (as of 12/31/07)			
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund <i>returns before taxes</i>	-10.93%	10.65%	6.97%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	-13.28%	8.87%	6.00%
Fund <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	-3.92%	9.43%	6.17%
Russell 2000 Index <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	-1.57%	16.25%	7.08%

## EXPENSES

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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 (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.90
Shareholder services fees	0.25
Other expenses	0.23
Total annual fund operating expenses*	1.38

*\*The Dreyfus Corporation has undertaken, until March 31, 2009, to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the expenses of the fund (excluding shareholder services fees) so that the fund's expense ratio does not exceed 1.20%.*

### EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$140	\$437	\$755	\$1,657

## MANAGEMENT

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### Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.90% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

Oliver Buckley, Langton C. Garvin and Kristin Crawford have been the fund's portfolio managers since June 2005. Each of the portfolio managers are dual employees of Dreyfus and Mellon Capital Management Corporation, an affiliate of Dreyfus, and manage the fund in their capacity as Dreyfus employees. Prior to January 1, 2009, each portfolio manager was a member of the Smallcap Team of Franklin Portfolio Associates, LLC (FPA), an affiliate of Dreyfus. On January 1, 2009, FPA merged into Mellon Capital. Since January 1, 2009, Mr. Buckley has been Executive Vice President of Mellon Capital. From September 2000 through December 2008, Mr. Buckley served in various capacities with FPA, including Chief Executive Officer, senior vice president and senior portfolio manager. Since January 1, 2009, Mr. Garvin has been a Director of Mellon Capital. From April 2004 through December 2008, he was a senior vice president and senior portfolio manager with FPA. Since January 1, 2009, Ms. Crawford has been senior portfolio manager of Mellon Capital. From April 2000 through December 2008, Ms. Crawford was a vice president and portfolio manager of FPA.

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



## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	33.88	41.32	46.64	37.71	34.18
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.08	.04	(.07)	(.05)	(.19)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.27)	2.28	1.71	8.98	3.72
Total from Investment Operations	(4.19)	2.32	1.64	8.93	3.53
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.00) <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.50)	(9.76)	(6.96)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.50)	(9.76)	(6.96)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	24.19	33.88	41.32	46.64	37.71
Total Return (%)	(13.39)	4.68	3.31	23.68	10.29
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.38	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.31
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.37	1.33	1.15	1.26	1.31
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.31	.11	(.15)	(.12)	(.50)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	65.98	67.66	65.29	42.07	47.66
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	261,379	446,201	589,889	772,010	992,859

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup> Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

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### **Valuing Shares**

You pay no sales charges to invest in shares of the fund. Your price for shares is the 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 received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

### **Closed to new investors**

The fund closed to new investors on June 30, 2000. Shareholders of the fund on that date may continue to buy shares in accounts existing on that date. Investors who did not own shares of the fund on June 30, 2000, generally will not be allowed to buy shares of the fund except that new accounts may be established by participants in most group employer retirement plans (and their successor plans) if the fund has been established as an investment option under the plans (or under another plan sponsored by the same employer). Shareholders whose accounts were closed before or after June 30, 2000 may be prohibited from reactivating their account or opening a new account. These restrictions generally will apply to investments made directly with Dreyfus and investments made through intermediaries. Investors may be required to demonstrate eligibility to buy shares of the fund before an investment is accepted.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55299  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 105  
Newark, NJ 07101-0105

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call us at 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

### Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
<b>Regular accounts</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<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>Educational Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>no minimum*</b>
<b>Dreyfus automatic investment plans</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

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

\* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.

## How to Sell Shares

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

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55263  
Boston, MA 02205-8501

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

### Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) for instructions to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Systematic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## **General policies**

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

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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



## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **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, by calling **1-800-645-6561**. Certain requests 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

## **Dreyfus Financial Centers**

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

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

## NOTES

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **[www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-645-6561

**By mail** Write to:  
The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard  
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

**By E-mail** Send your request to [info@dreyfus.com](mailto:info@dreyfus.com)

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

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

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

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

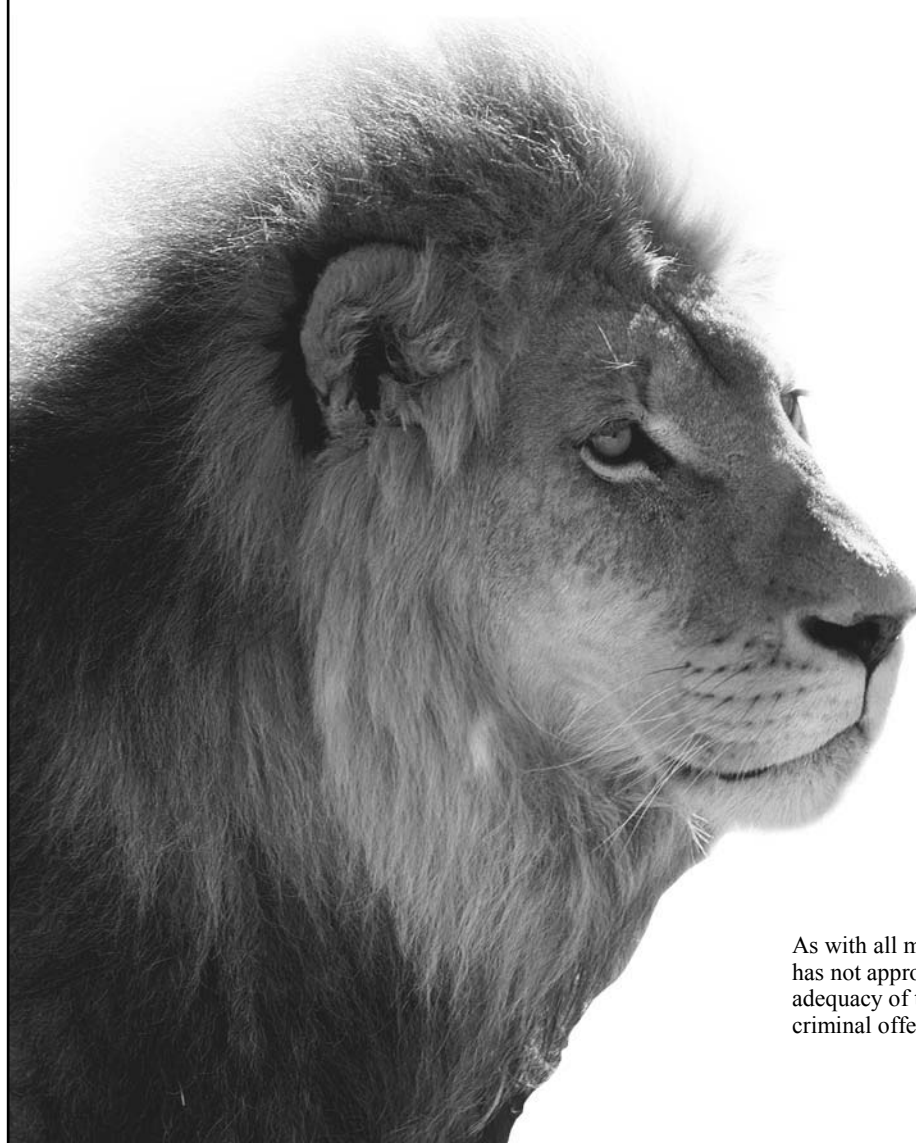


# Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund

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Ticker symbol: DSCVX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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*See back cover.*

# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of companies with market capitalizations within the range of companies in the Russell 2000 Value Index at the time of purchase. Because the fund may continue to hold a security whose market capitalization increases or decreases, a substantial portion of the fund's holdings can have market capitalizations outside the range of the Russell 2000 Value Index at any given time. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, including those purchased in initial public offerings. The fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in foreign securities.

The fund's portfolio manager identifies potential investments through extensive quantitative and fundamental research. The fund will focus on individual stock selection (a "bottom-up" approach), emphasizing three key factors:

- **relative value**, or how a stock is valued relative to its intrinsic worth based on traditional value measures. Estimates of fair values are based on comparisons to industry averages or historic norms rather than solely on an average of the overall market;
- **business health**, or overall efficiency and profitability as measured by return on assets and return on equity; and
- **business momentum**, or the presence of a catalyst (such as a corporate restructuring, change in management or spin-off) that will trigger a price increase near term to midterm

The fund typically sells a stock when it is no longer considered a value company, appears less likely to benefit from the current market and economic environment, shows deteriorating fundamentals or declining momentum, or falls short of the manager's expectations. The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates, forward contracts and swaps as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Smaller company risk.* To the extent the fund invests in small and midsize companies, the fund will be subject to additional risks because the earnings and revenues of these companies tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the fund's ability to sell these securities. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, are made in anticipation of future products, services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Value stock risk.* Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price, even though in theory they are already undervalued. Securities selected based on a relative value investment process may be more volatile than a traditional value approach.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.



- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

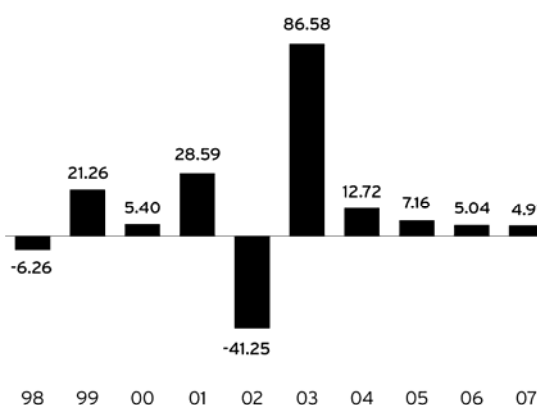
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q4,2001): 41.02%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 2002): -36.65%. The year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2008, was -15.45%.

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

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Fund</b> <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>19.95%</b>	<b>8.44%</b>
<b>Fund</b> <i>returns after taxes</i> <i>on distributions</i>	<b>-0.70%</b>	<b>18.09%</b>	<b>5.93%</b>
<b>Fund</b> <i>returns after taxes</i> <i>on distributions and</i> <i>sale of fund shares</i>	<b>5.07%</b>	<b>16.98%</b>	<b>5.94%</b>
<b>Russell 2000</b> <b>Value Index</b> <i>reflects no deduction for</i> <i>fees, expenses or taxes</i>	<b>-9.78%</b>	<b>15.80%</b>	<b>9.06%</b>

## EXPENSES

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As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>	
Management fees	0.75
Shareholder services fees	0.25
Other expenses	0.23
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>1.23</b>

### EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$125	\$390	\$696	\$1,489

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

David A. Daglio has been the fund's primary portfolio manager since August 2005. Mr. Daglio is a senior vice president of The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), an affiliate of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since 1997. In April, 2001, Mr. Daglio became a dual employee of TBCAM and Dreyfus.

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

## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	27.07	23.12	27.31	20.42	18.69
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.06	.08	(.11)	(.17)	(.18)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.52)	4.90	(1.69)	7.06	1.91
Total from Investment Operations	(1.46)	4.98	(1.80)	6.89	1.73
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.10)	-	-	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.31)	(1.03)	(2.39)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.41)	(1.03)	(2.39)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	20.20	27.07	23.12	27.31	20.42
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	<b>(6.04)</b>	<b>21.83</b>	<b>(7.37)</b>	<b>33.74</b>	<b>9.26</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.23	1.21	1.19	1.18	1.22
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.23 <sup>b</sup>	1.21	1.19	1.18	1.22
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.26	.29	(.45)	(.70)	(.83)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	175.45	165.75	170.59	107.07	113.42
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	103,181	122,695	136,298	183,429	171,167

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

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### Valuing Shares

You pay no sales charges to invest in shares of the fund. Your price for shares is the 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 received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55299  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 105  
Newark, NJ 07101-0105

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-645-6561 (Outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call us at 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

### Minimum investments

	Initial	Additional
<b>Regular accounts</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<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>Educational Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>no minimum*</b>
<b>Dreyfus automatic investment plans</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

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

\* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.



## How to Sell Shares

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

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55263  
Boston, MA 02205-8501

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

### Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-645-6561 (outside the U.S. 516-794-5452) for instructions to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Systematic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## **General policies**

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

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small account policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-645-6561.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **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, by calling **1-800-645-6561**. Certain requests 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

## **Dreyfus Financial Centers**

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

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

## NOTES

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-645-6561

**By mail** Write to:  
The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard  
Uniondale, NY 11556-0144

**By E-mail** Send your request to [info@dreyfus.com](mailto:info@dreyfus.com)

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

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

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

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



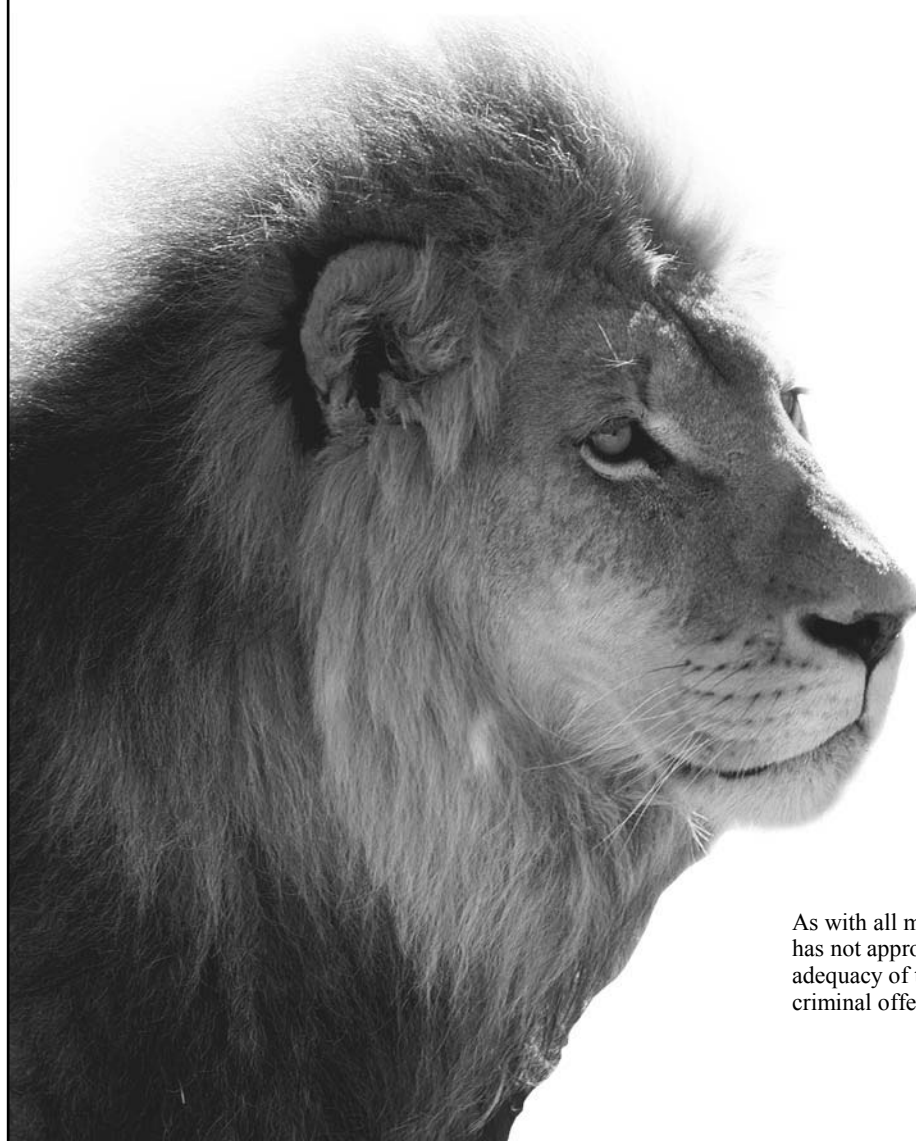


# Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund

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Ticker symbol: Class A: DMCVX  
Class C: DVLCX  
Class I: DVLIX  
Class T: DVLTX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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*See back cover.*

# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks to surpass the performance of the Russell Midcap Value Index. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in mid-cap stocks with market capitalizations between \$1 billion and \$25 billion at the time of purchase. Because the fund may continue to hold a security whose market capitalization grows, a substantial portion of the fund's holdings can have market capitalizations in excess of \$25 billion at any given time.

The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, including those purchased in initial public offerings. The fund may invest up to 15% of its assets in foreign securities.

The fund's portfolio managers identify potential investments through extensive quantitative and fundamental research. The fund focuses on individual stock selection (a "bottom-up" approach), emphasizing three key factors:

- **relative value**, or how a stock is valued relative to its intrinsic worth based on traditional value measures. Estimates of fair value are based on comparisons to industry averages or historic norms rather than solely on an average of the overall market;
- **business health**, or overall efficiency and profitability as measured by return on assets and return on equity; and
- **business momentum**, or the presence of a catalyst (such as a corporate restructuring, change in management or spinoff) that will trigger a price increase near term to midterm.

The fund typically sells the stock of a company when the company is no longer considered a value company, appears less likely to benefit from the current market and economic environment, shows deteriorating fundamentals or declining momentum, or falls short of the portfolio managers' expectations.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as, options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stock indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates), forward contracts and swaps, as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Small and midsize company risk.* Small and midsize companies carry additional risks because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the fund's ability to sell these securities. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, including special situations, are made in anticipation of future products and services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Value stock risk.* Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price, even though in theory they are already undervalued. Securities selected based on a relative value investment process may be more volatile than a traditional value approach.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

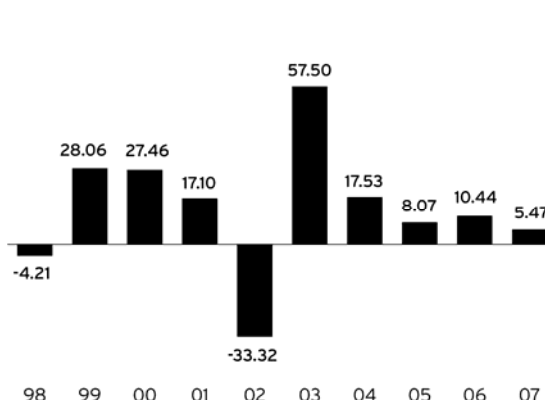
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q4,2001): 29.48%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 1998): -27.65%. The year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2008, was -20.35%.

Average annual total returns (as of 12/31/07)			
Share class	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class A (9/29/95) returns before taxes	-0.61%	17.04%	10.37%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions	-4.74%	15.31%	8.10%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	1.33%	14.49%	7.85%
Class C (5/30/08) returns before taxes	4.59% <sup>†</sup>	18.43% <sup>†</sup>	11.02% <sup>†</sup>
Class I (5/30/08) returns before taxes	5.47% <sup>†</sup>	18.43% <sup>†</sup>	11.02% <sup>†</sup>
Class T (5/30/08) returns before taxes	0.73% <sup>†</sup>	17.34% <sup>†</sup>	10.51% <sup>†</sup>
Russell Midcap Value Index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	-1.42%	17.92%	10.18%

<sup>†</sup> For the fund's Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T shares, periods prior to 5/31/08 reflect the performance of the fund's Class A shares adjusted to reflect each share class' applicable sales charge. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T for such periods may have been lower.

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>				
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>1</sup>	1.00	none	none <sup>1</sup>
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>				
Management fees	.75	.75	.75	.75
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses <sup>2</sup>	.20	.32	.42	.43
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.68</b>

<sup>1</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

<sup>2</sup>Other Expenses for Class C, I and T are estimated for miscellaneous items such as transfer agency, custody, professional and registration fees. The fund also makes payments made to certain financial intermediaries, including affiliates, who provide sub-administration, recordkeeping and/or sub-transfer agency services to beneficial owners of the fund.

### EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$690	\$934	\$1,197	\$1,946
Class C (with redemption)	\$310	\$649	\$1,114	\$2,400
Class C (without redemption)	\$210	\$649	\$1,114	\$2,400
Class I	\$119	\$372	\$644	\$1,420
Class T	\$613	\$956	\$1,321	\$2,348

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

David A. Daglio and Mark P. Dishop serve as the fund's primary portfolio managers, positions they have held since September 2003 and September 2007, respectively. Mr. Daglio is a senior vice president of The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since 1997. In April 2003, Mr. Daglio became a dual employee of TBCAM and Dreyfus. Mr. Dishop is an equity research analyst for the U.S. Small and Mid Capitalization Opportunistic Value Investment Team of TBCAM, where he has been employed since October 2001, and a co-portfolio manager for TBCAM's Mid Capitalization Value Equity Strategy. Mr. Dishop became a dual employee of TBCAM and Dreyfus in October 2003.

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



## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A Shares <sup>a</sup>	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	33.32	31.62	33.98	27.25	23.85
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>b</sup>	.03	.12	(.05)	(.13)	(.10)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.68)	4.52	1.07	6.86	3.50
Total from Investment Operations	(1.65)	4.64	1.02	6.73	3.40
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income—net	(.05)	(.06)	-	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(5.67)	(2.88)	(3.38)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.72)	(2.94)	(3.38)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	25.95	33.32	31.62	33.98	27.25
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	(6.59)	14.96	2.97	24.70	14.26
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.20	1.18	1.18	1.16	1.18
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.20 <sup>c</sup>	1.18	1.18	1.16	1.18
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.10	.35	(.15)	(.42)	(.37)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	144.14	165.55	152.68	128.55	145.33
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	776,889	1,047,706	1,130,512	1,413,910	1,179,880

*a The fund commenced offering four classes of shares on May 30, 2008, existing shares were redesignated Class A shares.*

*b Based on average shares outstanding each month end.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

	Year Ended August 31, 2008 <sup>a</sup>		
	Class C	Class I	Class T
	Shares	Shares	Shares
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>			
Net asset value, beginning of period	28.17	28.17	28.17
Investment Operations:			
Investment (loss)--net <sup>b</sup>	(.05)	.00 <sup>c</sup>	(.03)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.23)	(2.22)	(2.23)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.28)	(2.22)	(2.26)
Net asset value, end of period	25.89	25.95	25.91
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>(8.55)<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>(8.37)</b>	<b>(8.47)<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>			
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets <sup>f</sup>	2.07	1.17	1.68
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>f</sup>	2.06	1.16	1.67
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets <sup>d</sup>	(.76)	.06	(.45)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	144.14	144.14	144.14
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	26	9	9

*a From May 30, 2008 (commencement of initial offering) to August 31, 2008.*

*b Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*c Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.*

*d Not annualized.*

*e Exclusive of sales charge.*

*f Annualized.*

# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### **This prospectus offers Class A, C, T and I shares of the fund.**

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class T</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder service fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- Investors beneficially owning fund shares as of the date such shares were redesignated Class A shares and who continuously held shares since that date.

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available



## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Educational Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100
All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks, cash, travelers' checks or money orders will not be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.		
* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.		

## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.



## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment privilege**

**Upon written request, you can reinvest** up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

## NOTES

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# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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

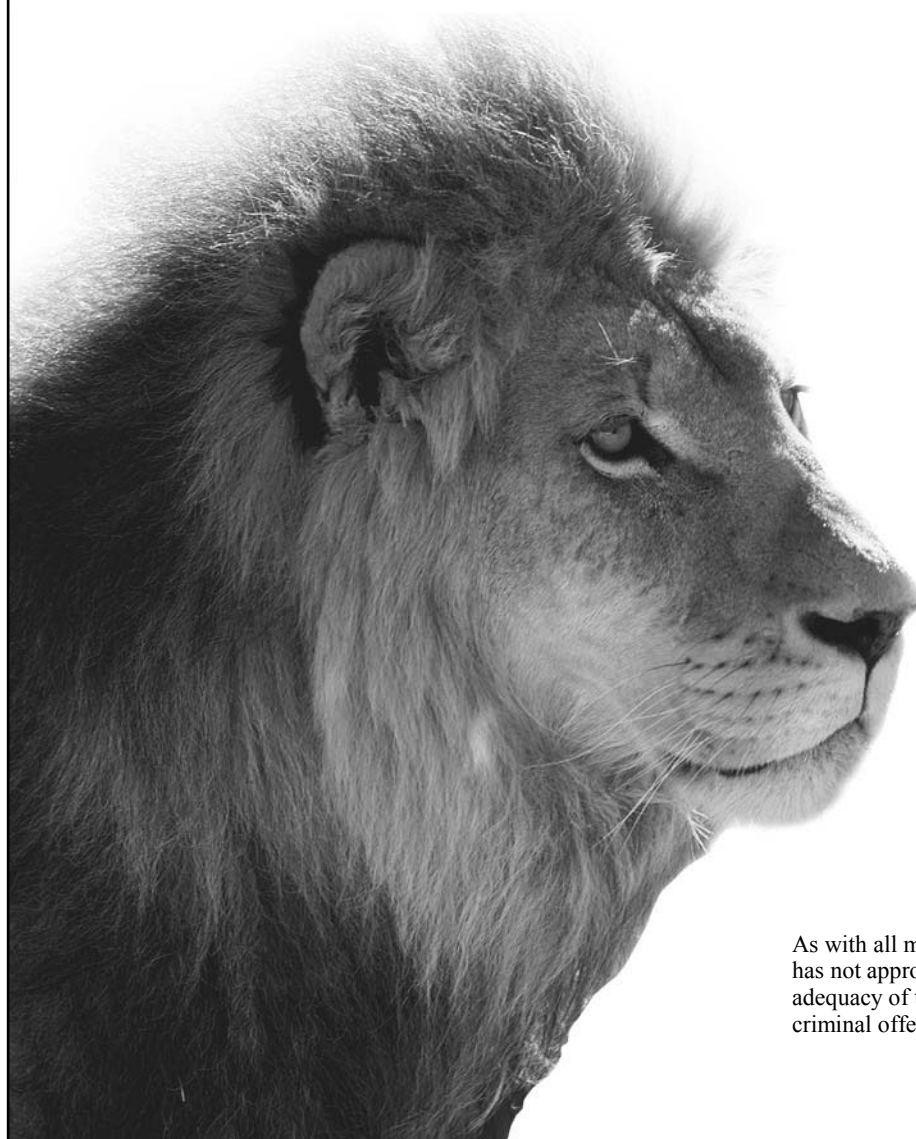


# Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund

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Ticker symbol: Class A: DTGRX  
Class B: DTGBX  
Class C: DTGCX  
Class I: DGVRX  
Class T: DPTGX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of growth companies of any size that Dreyfus believes to be leading producers or beneficiaries of technological innovation. Up to 25% of the fund's assets may be invested in foreign securities. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, including those purchased in initial public offerings.

In choosing stocks, the fund looks for technology companies with the potential for strong earnings or revenue growth rates, although some of the fund's investments may currently be experiencing losses. The fund's investment process combines a long-term fundamental approach focused on secular growth with a multi-dimensional approach that looks for opportunities across emerging growth, cyclical or stable growth companies. The secular growth investment approach seeks high growth companies in the fastest growing technology sectors. The multi-dimensional investment approach seeks companies that appear to have strong earnings momentum, positive earnings revisions, favorable growth, product or market cycles and/or favorable valuations.

The fund typically sells a stock when the manager believes there is a more attractive alternative, or there are deteriorating fundamentals, such as a loss of competitive advantage, a failure in management execution or deteriorating capital structure. The fund also may sell stocks when the manager's evaluation of a sector has changed.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates), forward contracts and swaps, as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Technology company risk.* Technology companies, especially small-cap technology companies, involve greater risk because their revenue and/or earnings tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses) and their share prices tend to be more volatile. Certain technology companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. In addition, these companies are strongly affected by worldwide technological developments, and their products and services may not economically successful or may quickly become outdated. Investor perception may play a greater in determining the day-to-day value of tech stocks than it does in other sectors. Fund investments made in anticipation of future products and services may decline dramatically in value if the anticipated products or services are delayed or cancelled. The risks associated with technology companies are magnified in the case of small-cap technology companies. The shares of smaller technology companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can have an adverse effect on the pricing of these securities and on the fund's ability to sell these securities.
- *Technology sector risk.* The technology sector has been among the most volatile sectors of the stock market. Because the fund's investments are concentrated in the technology sector, its performance will be significantly affected by developments in that sector.
- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Growth stock risk.* Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks may lack the dividend yield that may cushion stock prices in market downturns. Because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, the fund's performance may sometimes be lower or higher than that of other types of funds (such as those emphasizing value stocks).
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the



counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Leverage risk.* The use of leverage, such as borrowing money to purchase securities, engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts, and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses. Additionally, certain derivatives may involve leverage, which could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the investment.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

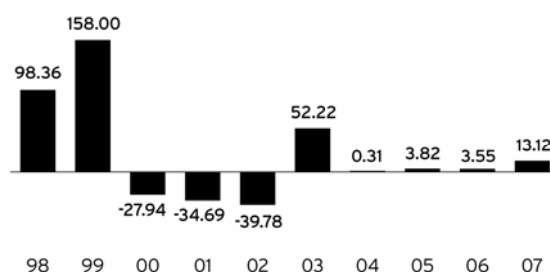
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q4, 1999): 60.28%. Worst Quarter (Q4, 2000): -36.41%. The year-to-date total return as of the calendar quarter ended September 30, 2008, was -25.95%.

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share Class (Inception date)	1 Year	5 Years	10 years
<b>Class A</b> (10/13/97) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>6.62%</b>	<b>11.85%</b>	<b>9.76%</b>
<b>Class A</b> <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	<b>6.62%</b>	<b>11.85%</b>	<b>9.72%</b>
<b>Class A</b> <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	<b>4.30%</b>	<b>10.37%</b>	<b>8.70%</b>
<b>Class B</b> (4/15/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>7.75%</b>	<b>11.73%</b>	<b>9.97%<sup>†*</sup></b>
<b>Class C</b> (4/15/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>11.10%</b>	<b>12.12%</b>	<b>9.57%<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>Class I</b> (4/15/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>13.59%</b>	<b>13.67%</b>	<b>10.79%<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>Class T</b> (8/31/99) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>7.56%</b>	<b>11.66%</b>	<b>9.51%<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>Morgan Stanley High Technology 35 Index</b> , reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	<b>10.24%</b>	<b>17.23%</b>	<b>11.17%</b>
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index</b> , reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	<b>5.49%</b>	<b>12.82%</b>	<b>5.91%</b>

<sup>†</sup> For the fund's Class B, Class C, and Class I shares, periods prior to 4/15/99 and Class T shares, periods prior to 8/31/99 reflect the performance of the fund's Class A shares adjusted to reflect each share class' applicable sales charge. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T for such periods may have been lower.

\* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of sixth year following the date of purchase.

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>					
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>2</sup>	4.00	1.00	none	none <sup>2</sup>
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>					
Management fees <sup>3</sup>	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses	.52	.63	.62	.49	.66
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.52	2.38	2.37	1.24	1.91

<sup>1</sup>Class B shares are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

<sup>2</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

<sup>3</sup>For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, Dreyfus waived a portion of its management fee reducing total fund expenses to 1.44% for Class A, 2.30% for Class B, 2.28% for Class C, 1.16% for Class I and 1.83% for Class T. This waiver is no longer in effect.

## EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$721	\$1,028	\$1,356	\$2,283
Class B (with redemption)	\$641	\$1,042	\$1,470	\$2,306
Class B (without redemption)	\$241	\$742	\$1,270	\$2,306
Class C (with redemption)	\$340	\$739	\$1,265	\$2,706
Class C (without redemption)	\$240	\$739	\$1,265	\$2,706
Class I	\$126	\$393	\$681	\$1,500
Class T	\$635	\$1,023	\$1,435	\$2,582

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.69% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

The fund's co-primary portfolio managers are Mark Herskovitz and Barry K. Mills. Mr. Herskovitz has been a co-primary portfolio manager of the fund since its inception. He is a senior vice president and portfolio manager of The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), an affiliate of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since June 2005. He also has been employed by Dreyfus since 1996. Mr. Mills has been a co-primary portfolio manager of the fund since September 2007. Mr. Mills has been an analyst on TBCAM's Core Research Team covering the technology sector since 2005. Prior to joining TBCAM, Mr. Mills was a Senior Managing Analyst at Dreyfus since 1999. Mr. Mills was responsible for covering stocks in the computer hardware, semiconductor and other selected technology industries. In July 2005 Mr. Mills became a dual employee of TBCAM and Dreyfus.

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

**Distributor**

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

**Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

*Year Ended August 31,*

<b>Class A Shares</b>	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	27.18	23.03	22.40	19.64	21.28
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	(.15)	(.21)	(.18)	(.10)	(.24)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.40)	4.36	.78	2.86	(1.40)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.55)	4.15	.60	2.76	(1.64)
Capital contribution by Dreyfus	-	-	.03	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	24.63	27.18	23.03	22.40	19.64
<b>Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup></b>	(9.35)	18.02	2.81 <sup>c</sup>	14.05	(7.71)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.52	1.46	1.38	1.32	1.42
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.44	1.42	1.38 <sup>d</sup>	1.32 <sup>d</sup>	1.42
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.59)	(.82)	(.77)	(.45)	(1.06)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	126.37	28.80	48.26	44.59	127.75
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	257,360	366,083	391,530	384,411	398,767

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c If capital contribution had not been made by Dreyfus, total return for the year ended August 31, 2006 would have been 2.67%*

*d Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

*Year Ended August 31,*

<b>Class B Shares</b>	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	25.10	21.51	21.17	18.75	20.50
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	(.34)	(.43)	(.41)	(.29)	(.43)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.19)	4.02	.72	2.71	(1.32)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.53)	3.59	.31	2.42	(1.75)
Capital contribution by Dreyfus	-	-	.03	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	22.57	25.10	21.51	21.17	18.75
<b>Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup></b>	(10.08)	16.69	1.61 <sup>c</sup>	12.91	(8.54)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.38	2.51	2.47	2.29	2.36
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.30	2.47	2.47 <sup>d</sup>	2.29 <sup>d</sup>	2.36
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(1.46)	(1.91)	(1.92)	(1.41)	(2.00)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	126.37	28.80	48.26	44.59	127.75
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	8,634	18,097	45,652	162,849	206,901

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c If capital contribution had not been made by Dreyfus, total return for the year ended August 31, 2006 would have been 1.47%.*

*d Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Year Ended August 31,

<b>Class C Shares</b>	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	25.24	21.58	21.19	18.76	20.51
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.34)	(.40)	(.38)	(.29)	(.42)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.21)	4.06	.74	2.72	(1.33)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.55)	3.66	.36	2.43	(1.75)
Capital contribution by Dreyfus	-	-	.03	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	22.69	25.24	21.58	21.19	18.76
<b>Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup></b>	(10.10)	16.96	1.84 <sup>c</sup>	12.95	(8.53)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.37	2.32	2.33	2.28	2.33
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.28	2.28	2.33 <sup>d</sup>	2.28 <sup>d</sup>	2.33
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(1.43)	(1.69)	(1.73)	(1.39)	(1.98)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	126.37	28.80	48.26	44.59	127.75
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	29,434	40,090	50,656	67,295	87,980

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c If capital contribution had not been made by Dreyfus, total return for the year ended August 31, 2006 would have been 1.70%.*

*d Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Year Ended August 31,

<b>Class I Shares</b>	2008	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	28.08	23.71	22.97	20.06	21.63
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>b</sup>	(.06)	(.11)	(.08)	.00 <sup>c</sup>	(.05)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.48)	4.48	.79	2.91	(1.52)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.54)	4.37	.71	2.91	(1.57)
Capital contribution by Dreyfus	-	-	.03	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	25.54	28.08	23.71	22.97	20.06
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	(9.04)	18.43	3.22 <sup>d</sup>	14.51	(7.26)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.24	1.08	.82	.86	.86
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.16	1.04	.82 <sup>e</sup>	.86 <sup>e</sup>	.86
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(.22)	(.44)	(.36)	.01	(.26)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	126.37	28.80	48.26	44.59	127.75
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	21,889	5,458	4,612	981,036	1,051,240

*a Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.*

*b Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*c Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.*

*d If capital contribution had not been made by Dreyfus, total return for the year ended August 31, 2006 would have been 3.08%.*

*e Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

*Year Ended August 31,*

<b>Class T Shares</b>	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	26.26	22.34	21.81	19.22	20.90
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	(.24)	(.29)	(.27)	(.19)	(.31)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.31)	4.21	.77	2.78	(1.37)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.55)	3.92	.50	2.59	(1.68)
Capital contribution by Dreyfus	-	-	.03	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	23.71	26.26	22.34	21.81	19.22
<b>Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup></b>	(9.71)	17.55	2.43 <sup>c</sup>	13.48	(8.04)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.91	1.82	1.79	1.79	1.79
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.83	1.78	1.79 <sup>d</sup>	1.79 <sup>d</sup>	1.79
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.97)	(1.19)	(1.18)	(.91)	(1.43)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	126.37	28.80	48.26	44.59	127.75
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	2,052	2,691	4,191	4,629	4,931

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c If capital contribution had not been made by Dreyfus, total return for the year ended August 31, 2006 would have been 2.29%.*

*d Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*



# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### **This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.**

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class T</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder services fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load.

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available

## Class B share considerations

Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased. Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Educational Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100
All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks, cash, travelers' checks or money orders will not be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.		
* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.		



## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment Privilege**

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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



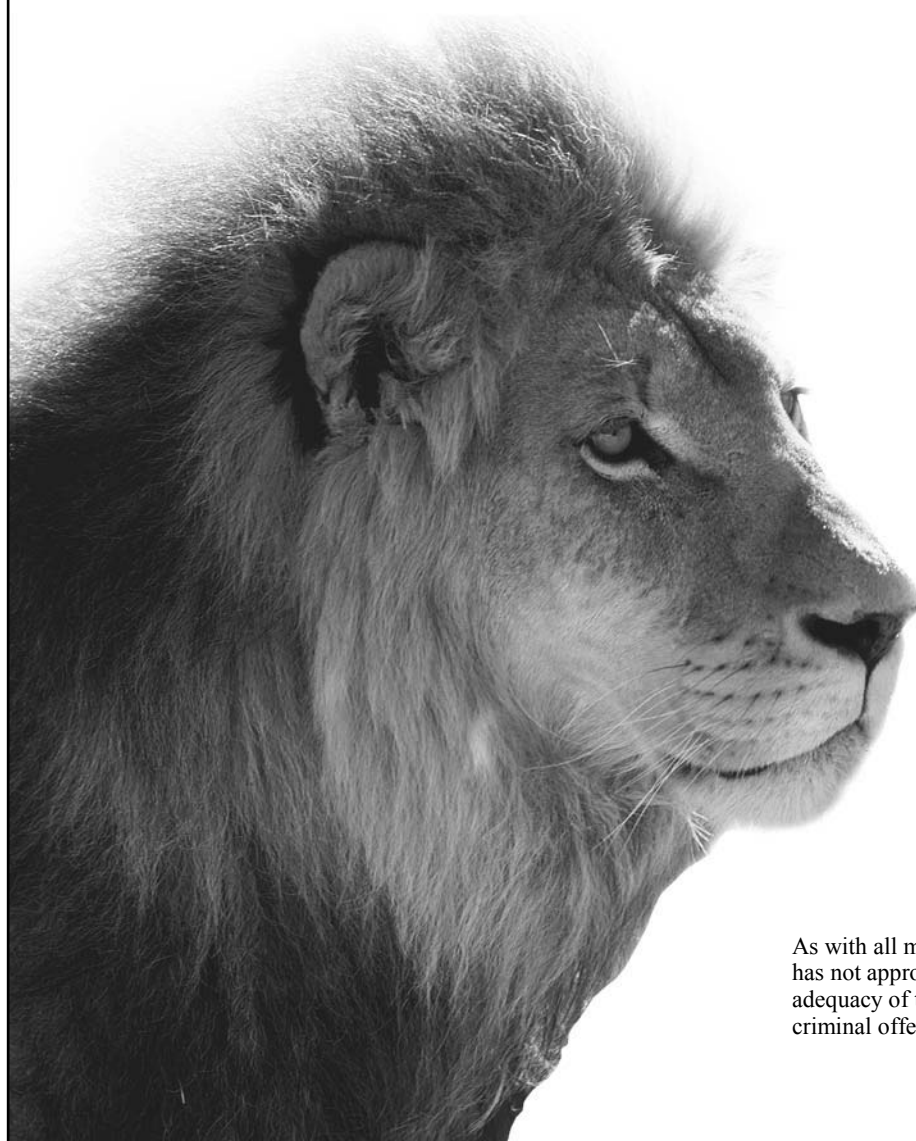


# Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund

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Ticker symbol: Class A: DAGVX  
Class B: DBGVX  
Class C: DCGVX  
Class I: DRGVX  
Class T: DTGVX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities, including those purchased in initial public offerings. The fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in foreign securities.

The fund's portfolio manager identifies potential investments through extensive quantitative and fundamental research. The fund will focus on individual stock selection (a "bottom-up" approach), emphasizing three key factors:

- **value:** quantitative screens track traditional measures, such as price-to-earnings, price-to-book and price-to-sales ratios; these ratios are analyzed and compared against the market;
- **sound business fundamentals:** a company's balance sheet and income data are examined to determine the company's financial history; and
- **positive business momentum:** a company's earnings and forecast changes are analyzed and sales and earnings trends are reviewed to determine the company's financial condition or the presence of a catalyst that will trigger a price increase near- to mid-term.

The fund typically sells a stock when the manager believes there is a more attractive alternative, the stock's valuation is excessive or there are deteriorating fundamentals, such as a loss of competitive advantage, a failure in management execution or deteriorating capital structure. The fund also may sell stocks when the manager's evaluation of a sector has changed.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates), forward contracts and swaps, as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities. At times, the fund may engage in other hedging techniques, overweighting industry and security positions, and investing in small companies, high-yield debt securities and private placements.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Value stock risk.* Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price, even though in theory they are already undervalued. Securities selected based on a relative value investment process may be more volatile than a traditional value approach.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

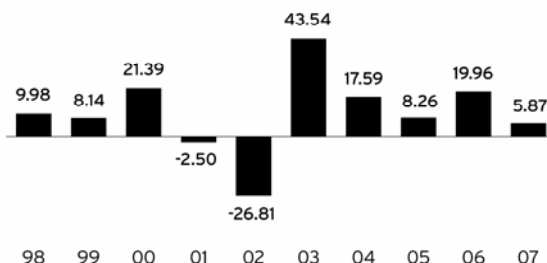
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q2, 2003): 19.26%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 2002): -23.95%. The year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2008, was -19.30%.

Average annual total returns (as of 12/31/07)			
Share class/inception date	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class A (9/29/95) returns before taxes	-0.21%	16.95%	8.46%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions	-1.34%	16.01%	6.97%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	0.99%	14.67%	6.64%
Class B (5/30/01) returns before taxes	1.10%	17.27%	8.91% <sup>†*</sup>
Class C (5/30/01) returns before taxes	4.10%	17.51%	8.61% <sup>†</sup>
Class I (5/30/01) returns before taxes	6.06%	18.57%	9.16% <sup>†</sup>
Class T(5/30/01) returns before taxes	0.86%	16.94%	8.32% <sup>†</sup>
Russell 1000 Value Index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	-0.17%	14.63%	7.68%

<sup>†</sup> For the fund's Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T shares, periods prior to 5/31/01 reflect the performance of the fund's Class A shares adjusted to reflect each share class' applicable sales charge. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T for such periods may have been lower.

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>					
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>2</sup>	4.00	1.00	none	none <sup>1</sup>
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>					
Management fees	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses	.16	.22	.17	.36	.15
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.16	1.97	1.92	1.11	1.40

<sup>1</sup>Class B shares are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

<sup>2</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

## EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$686	\$922	\$1,177	\$1,903
Class B (with redemption)	\$600	\$918	\$1,262	\$1,894
Class B (without redemption)	\$200	\$618	\$1,062	\$1,894
Class C (with redemption)	\$295	\$603	\$1,037	\$2,243
Class C (without redemption)	\$195	\$603	\$1,037	\$2,243
Class I	\$113	\$353	\$612	\$1,352
Class T	\$586	\$873	\$1,181	\$2,054

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

Brian C. Ferguson has been the fund's primary portfolio manager since April 2001. Mr. Ferguson is a senior vice president and the director of the U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Team of The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), an affiliate of Dreyfus, where he has been employed since June 1997. In April 2001, Mr. Ferguson became a dual employee of Dreyfus and TBCAM.

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



## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

	Year Ended August 31,				
Class A Shares	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	33.56	30.75	29.48	24.76	21.62
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.27	.31	.20	.15	(.10)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3.21)	4.60	3.42	4.57	3.24
Total from Investment Operations	(2.94)	4.91	3.62	4.72	3.14
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income-net	(.29)	(.21)	(.11)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.24)	-	-
Total Distributions	(2.20)	(2.10)	(2.35)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	28.42	33.56	30.75	29.48	24.76
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>(9.39)</b>	<b>16.32</b>	<b>12.92</b>	<b>18.97</b>	<b>14.62</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.16	1.18	1.20	1.25	1.37
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.16 <sup>c</sup>	1.18 <sup>c</sup>	1.20	1.25	1.37
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.88	.94	.69	.55	(.41)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	107.46	64.86	72.24	123.17	115.26
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	526,723	433,687	242,377	194,491	110,939

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup> Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

Year Ended August 31,					
Class B Shares	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	32.21	29.62	28.62	24.21	21.28
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.02	.05	(.02)	(.06)	(.25)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3.09)	4.43	3.30	4.47	3.18
Total from Investment Operations	(3.07)	4.48	3.28	4.41	2.93
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	-	-	(.04)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.24)	-	-
Total Distributions	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.28)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	27.23	32.21	29.62	28.62	24.21
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(10.12)	15.42	12.06	18.12	13.86
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.97	1.96	1.97	2.04	2.03
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.97 <sup>c</sup>	1.96 <sup>c</sup>	1.97	2.04	2.03
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.05	.16	(.08)	(.23)	(1.03)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	107.46	64.86	72.24	123.17	115.26
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	16,480	16,606	14,213	11,685	8,975

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup> Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

Year Ended August 31,					
Class C Shares	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	32.22	29.65	28.64	24.23	21.29
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	.04	0.05	(.01)	(.05)	(.24)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3.09)	4.44	3.32	4.46	3.18
Total from Investment Operations	(3.05)	4.49	3.31	4.41	2.94
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.09)	(.03)	(.06)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.24)	-	-
Total Distributions	(2.00)	(1.92)	(2.30)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	27.17	32.22	29.65	28.64	24.23
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(10.05)	15.45	12.14	18.10	13.90
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.92	1.91	1.91	1.99	1.99
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.91	1.91 <sup>c</sup>	1.91	1.99	1.99
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.13	.17	(.02)	(.19)	(.97)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	107.46	64.86	72.24	123.17	115.26
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	53,065	30,079	21,669	8,748	4,681

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup> Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

	Year Ended August 31,				
Class I Shares	2008	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	33.58	30.78	29.46	24.71	21.52
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)—net <sup>b</sup>	.24	.39	.30	.18	(.04)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3.13)	4.59	3.40	4.57	3.23
Total from Investment Operations	(2.89)	4.98	3.70	4.75	3.19
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.33)	(.29)	(.14)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.24)	-	-
Total Distributions	(2.24)	(2.18)	(2.38)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	28.45	33.58	30.78	29.46	24.71
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	(9.21)	16.57	13.22	19.13	14.92
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.11	1.00	.92	1.16	1.13
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.09	1.00 <sup>c</sup>	.92	1.16	1.13
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	1.02	1.14	.98	.65	(.17)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	107.46	64.86	72.24	123.17	115.26
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	79,567	7,200	1,826	542	172

<sup>a</sup>Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.

<sup>b</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>c</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

	Year Ended August 31,				
Class T Shares	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	32.67	30.05	28.91	24.37	21.31
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	.19	.22	.13	.06	(.15)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3.13)	4.49	3.35	4.48	3.21
Total from Investment Operations	(2.94)	4.71	3.48	4.54	3.06
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.23)	(.20)	(.10)	-	-
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.91)	(1.89)	(2.24)	-	-
Total Distributions	(2.14)	(2.09)	(2.34)	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	27.59	32.67	30.05	28.91	24.37
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(9.63)	16.03	12.67	18.53	14.45
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.40	1.42	1.43	1.58	1.68
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.39	1.42 <sup>c</sup>	1.43	1.58	1.68
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.66	.67	.43	.20	(.63)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	107.46	64.86	72.24	123.17	115.26
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	24,806	8,416	4,236	805	146

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class T</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder service fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- participants in certain Health Savings Account programs
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load.

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account



## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available

## Class B share considerations

Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased. Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Educational Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100
All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks, cash, travelers' checks or money orders will not be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.		
* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.		

## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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



## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment privilege**

**Upon written request, you can reinvest** up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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

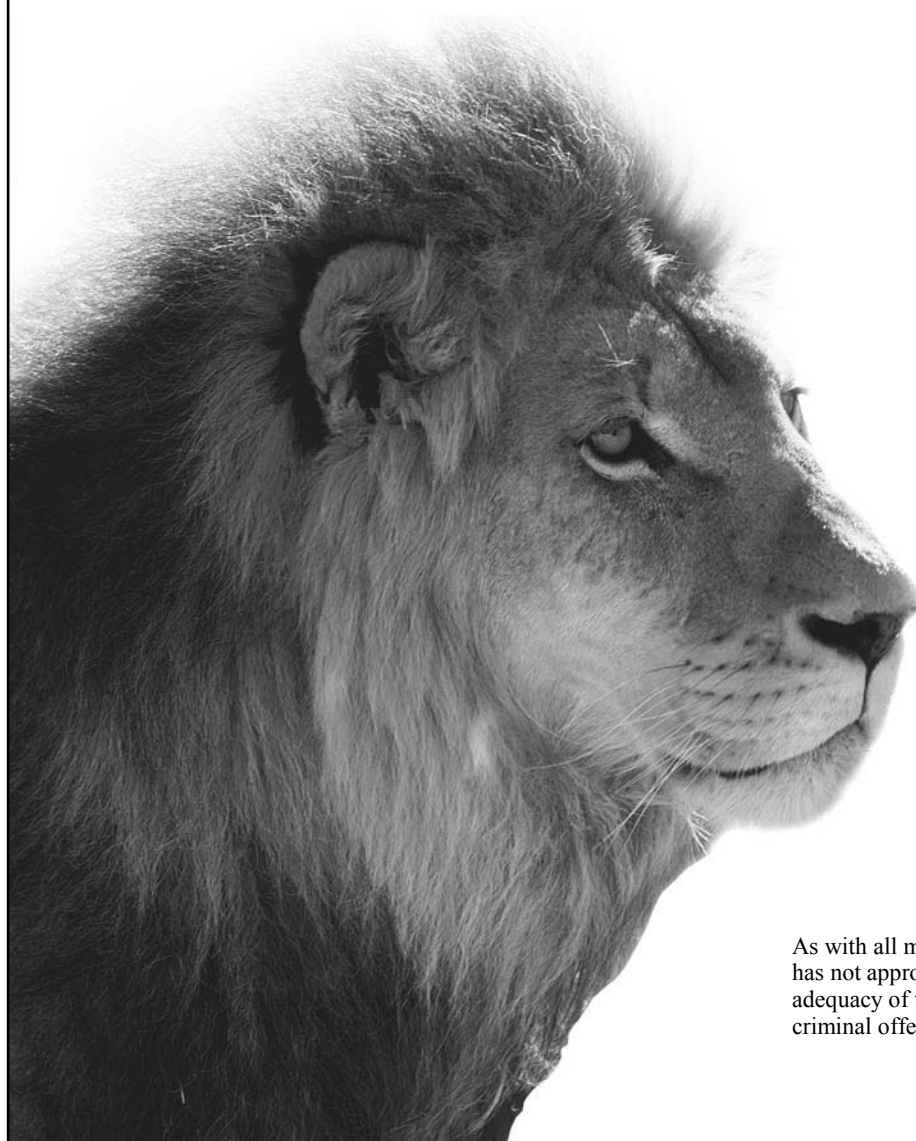


# Dreyfus International Value Fund

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Ticker symbol: Class A: DVLAX  
Class B: DIBVX  
Class C: DICVX  
Class I: DIRVX  
Class T: DITVX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks long-term capital growth. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks. The fund ordinarily invests most of its assets in securities of foreign companies which Dreyfus considers to be value companies. Foreign companies are those companies (i) that are organized under the laws of a foreign country; (ii) whose principal trading market is in a foreign country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a significant portion of their revenue or profits from businesses, investments or sales, outside the United States.

The fund typically invests in companies in at least ten foreign countries, and limits its investments in any single company to no more than 5% of its assets at the time of purchase. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities, including those purchased in initial public offerings.

The fund's investment approach is value oriented and research driven. In selecting stocks, the fund manager identifies potential investments through extensive quantitative and fundamental research. Emphasizing individual stock selection rather than economic and industry trends, the fund focuses on three key factors:

- **value**, or how a stock is valued relative to its intrinsic worth based on traditional value measures;
- **business health**, or overall efficiency and profitability as measured by return on assets and return on equity; and
- **business momentum**, or the presence of a catalyst (such as a corporate restructuring, change in management or spin-off) that will trigger a price increase near term to midterm

The fund typically sells a stock when it is no longer considered a value company, appears less likely to benefit from the current market and economic environment, shows deteriorating fundamentals or declining momentum, or falls short of the managers' expectations.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates), forward contracts and swaps, as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Foreign currency risk.* Investments in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. A decline in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will reduce the value of securities held by the fund and denominated in those currencies. Foreign currencies are also subject to risks caused by inflation, interest rates, budget deficits and low savings rates, political factors and government control.
- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Value stock risk.* Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio manager believes is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price, even though in theory they are already undervalued. Securities selected based on a relative value investment process may be more volatile than a traditional value approach.
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.



- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

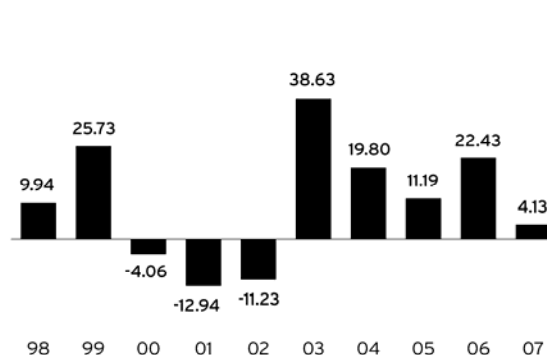
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q2, 2003): 21.71%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 2002): -20.49%. The year-to-date total return as of the calendar quarter ended September 30, 2008, was -26.81%.

Average annual total returns (as of 12/31/07)			
Share Class (Inception date)	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class A (9/29/95) returns before taxes	-1.84%	17.29%	8.56%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions	-6.15%	15.26%	7.02%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	3.32%	15.11%	7.13%
Class B (11/15/02) returns before taxes	0.25%	17.54%	9.10% <sup>†*</sup>
Class C (11/15/02) returns before taxes	2.65%	17.85%	8.82% <sup>†</sup>
Class I (11/15/02) returns before taxes	4.54%	19.06%	9.39% <sup>†</sup>
Class T (11/15/02) returns before taxes	-1.02%	16.90%	8.39% <sup>†</sup>
MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East (EAFE) Index (ND), reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	11.17%	21.59%	8.66%

<sup>†</sup> For the fund's Class B, Class C, Class I and Class T shares, periods prior to 11/15/02 reflect the performance of the fund's Class A shares adjusted to reflect each share class' applicable sales charge. Such performance figures have not been adjusted, however, to reflect applicable class fees and expenses; if such fees and expenses had been reflected, the performance shown for Class B, C and T for such periods may have been lower.

\* Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of sixth year following the date of purchase.

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>					
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>2</sup>	4.00	1.00	none	none <sup>1</sup>
Maximum redemption fee (% of transaction amount on shares held for less than 60 days)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>					
Management fees	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses	.32	.40	.32	.21	.54
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.57	2.40	2.32	1.21	2.04

<sup>1</sup>Class B shares are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

<sup>2</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

## EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$726	\$1,042	\$1,381	\$2,335
Class B (with redemption)	\$643	\$1,048	\$1,480	\$2,341
Class B (without redemption)	\$243	\$748	\$1,280	\$2,341
Class C (with redemption)	\$335	\$724	\$1,240	\$2,656
Class C (without redemption)	\$235	\$724	\$1,240	\$2,656
Class I	\$123	\$384	\$665	\$1,466
Class T	\$648	\$1,061	\$1,499	\$2,712

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 1.00% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

D. Kirk Henry has been the fund's primary portfolio manager since June 2002. Mr. Henry has been a portfolio manager with The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), an affiliate of Dreyfus, since 1994, and has been a dual employee of Dreyfus and TBCAM since 1996.

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

## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.21	20.91	20.27	17.10	14.10
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>a</sup>	.27	.23	.25	.20	.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.93)	2.25	3.62	3.15	2.97
Total from Investment Operations	(2.66)	2.48	3.87	3.35	3.15
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.32)	(.33)	(.24)	(.18)	(.15)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(4.93)	(2.85)	(2.99)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.25)	(3.18)	(3.23)	(.18)	(.15)
Net asset value, end of period	12.30	20.21	20.91	20.27	17.10
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>(18.56)</b>	<b>12.47</b>	<b>21.06</b>	<b>19.65</b>	<b>22.46</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.57	1.52	1.55	1.51	1.49
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.56	1.52 <sup>c</sup>	1.55	1.51 <sup>c</sup>	1.49
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.71	1.11	1.23	1.02	1.11
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46.96	61.70	48.74	43.05	49.82
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	228,308	498,696	657,525	715,768	518,880

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Class B Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.72	20.46	19.92	16.86	14.00
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>a</sup>	.12	.07	.09	.06	.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.82)	2.21	3.56	3.09	2.91
Total from Investment Operations	(2.70)	2.28	3.65	3.15	3.00
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.16)	(.17)	(.12)	(.09)	(.14)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(4.93)	(2.85)	(2.99)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.09)	(3.02)	(3.11)	(.09)	(.14)
Net asset value, end of period	11.93	19.72	20.46	19.92	16.86
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(19.20)	11.65	20.15	18.70	21.43
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.40	2.27	2.32	2.32	2.33
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.39	2.27 <sup>c</sup>	2.32	2.32 <sup>c</sup>	2.33
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.82	.35	.46	.30	.55
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46.96	61.70	48.74	43.05	49.82
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	9,325	20,597	22,865	21,101	12,538

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Class C Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.79	20.52	19.97	16.90	14.04
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>a</sup>	.14	.08	.10	.07	.12
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.85)	2.21	3.56	3.10	2.89
Total from Investment Operations	(2.71)	2.29	3.66	3.17	3.01
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net <sup>b</sup>	(.17)	(.17)	(.12)	(.10)	(.15)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(4.93)	(2.85)	(2.99)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.10)	(3.02)	(3.11)	(.10)	(.15)
Net asset value, end of period	11.98	19.79	20.52	19.97	16.90
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(19.16)	11.71	20.14	18.79	21.51
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.32	2.22	2.26	2.26	2.26
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.32 <sup>c</sup>	2.22 <sup>c</sup>	2.26	2.26 <sup>c</sup>	2.26
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.91	.40	.51	.35	.73
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46.96	61.70	48.74	43.05	49.82
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	30,965	65,715	71,830	73,348	40,291

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Class I Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.27	20.96	20.33	17.13	14.12
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>b</sup>	.34	.28	.32	.30	.31
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.93)	2.28	3.63	3.13	2.90
Total from Investment Operations	(2.59)	2.56	3.95	3.43	3.21
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.44)	(.40)	(.33)	(.23)	(.20)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(4.93)	(2.85)	(2.99)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.37)	(3.25)	(3.32)	(.23)	(.20)
Net asset value, end of period	12.31	20.27	20.96	20.33	17.13
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	(18.25)	12.91	21.45	20.11	22.86
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.21	1.15	1.21	1.13	1.16
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.20	1.15 <sup>c</sup>	1.21	1.13 <sup>c</sup>	1.16
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	2.16	1.36	1.58	1.56	1.82
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46.96	61.70	48.74	43.05	49.82
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	42,444	74,932	81,335	72,470	40,927

*a Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.*

*b Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*

Class T Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.58	20.38	19.87	16.81	13.95
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>a</sup>	.22	.13	.16	.13	.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.85)	2.18	3.54	3.09	2.87
Total from Investment Operations	(2.63)	2.31	3.70	3.22	3.05
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income--net	(.22)	(.26)	(.20)	(.16)	(.19)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(4.93)	(2.85)	(2.99)	-	-
Total Distributions	(5.15)	(3.11)	(3.19)	(.16)	(.19)
Net asset value, end of period	11.80	19.58	20.38	19.87	16.81
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(18.98)	11.90	20.54	19.18	21.95
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.04	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.81
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.03	2.01 <sup>c</sup>	1.96	1.92 <sup>c</sup>	1.81
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.48	.65	.83	.65	1.05
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46.96	61.70	48.74	43.05	49.82
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	1,544	1,986	2,454	2,224	1,006

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*

*c Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.*



# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class T</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder services fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load.

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available

## Class B share considerations

Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased. Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Educational Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100
All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks, cash, travelers' checks or money orders will not be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.		
* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.		



## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

### Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

### Redemption fee

Short-term trading can disrupt the fund's investment program and create additional costs for long term shareholders. For these reasons, if you are selling or exchanging shares you have owned for less than 60 days, the fund may deduct a 2% redemption fee.

Subject to the exceptions described below, you will be subject to the fee, whether you are holding shares directly in your name or indirectly through an intermediary, such as a broker, bank, investment adviser, record keeper for retirement plan participants, or any other third party. If you hold your shares through an intermediary's omnibus account, the intermediary is responsible for imposing the fee and remitting the fee to the fund. The redemption fee will be charged and retained by the fund on shares sold before the end of the required holding period. Dreyfus will use the "first-in, first-out" method to determine the holding period for the shares sold. Under this method, shares held the longest will be redeemed or exchanged first. The holding period commences on the day after your purchase order is effective.

The fund will not assess a redemption fee on fund shares (1) redeemed through automatic withdrawal plans or automatic exchange plans; (2) redeemed through certain comprehensive fee programs, such as wrap fee accounts and automated rebalancing or asset allocation programs offered by financial intermediaries (including those sponsored by Dreyfus or its affiliates); (3) acquired by the reinvestment of fund dividends or capital gain distributions; (4) redeemed by the fund (e.g., for failure to meet account minimums or to cover various fees); (5) purchased or redeemed by rollover, transfers and changes of account registration, provided that the investment remains in the fund; (6) purchased by other mutual funds, if approved by Dreyfus; (7) held in accounts in which there are legal or contractual restrictions on the imposition of a redemption fee as determined by the fund in its sole discretion; (8) redeemed as a result of death, disability or a Qualified Domestic Relations Order; (9)

redeemed from Cloverdell Education Savings Accounts to pay qualified education expenses, and (10) converted from one share class to another in the fund.

In addition, the fund will not impose redemption fees on certain types of retirement plan transactions processed through a participant recordkeeping system supported by Dreyfus or through third party record keepers. These transactions include: (1) redemptions of shares purchased with new contributions to the plan, such as payroll contributions, excess contributions, and loan repayments; (2) shares redeemed for withdrawals and distributions, such as minimum required distributions, systematic withdrawal programs, and lump sum distributions; (3) shares redeemed by participation in automated account rebalancing programs or other systematic participant investment advice programs approved by the plan sponsor; (4) shares purchased or redeemed as a result of plan sponsor decisions, such as changes in investment options, automated account rebalancing programs, and plan termination or merger; (5) shares redeemed for loans, or following a hardship specified in the retirement plan documents; and (6) forfeitures or redemptions in connection with a participant's termination of employment.

If you hold your shares through a financial intermediary that does not process your share transactions in an omnibus account, the intermediary is responsible for providing Dreyfus with the information necessary to enable you to receive any redemption fee waivers to which you may be entitled. The fund reserves the right to withdraw waivers in its sole discretion without notice if the fund determines that an account is engaging in frequent trading or other activities detrimental to the fund.

Due to operational limitations or restrictions, retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may calculate redemption fees differently than the fund. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a 401(k) retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for more information on any differences in how the redemption fee may be applied to your investment in the fund.

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment Privilege**

Upon written request, you can reinvest up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.



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# For More Information

## **Dreyfus International Value Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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



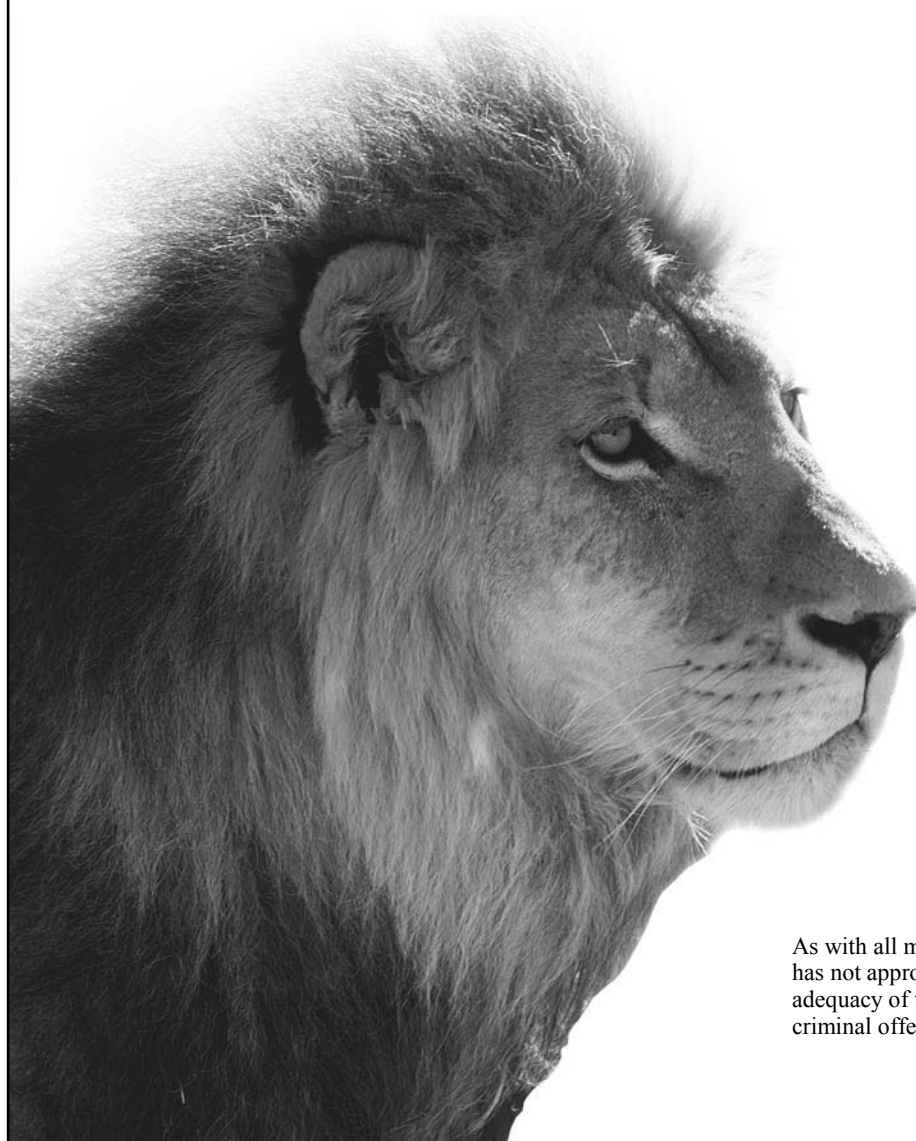
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## Select Midcap Growth Fund

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Class B: DBSM  
Class C: DCSM  
Class I: DRSM  
Class T: DMGT

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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*See back cover.*

# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of midcap companies. The fund currently considers midcap companies to be those companies with market capitalizations that fall within the range of the Russell Midcap Growth Index at the time of purchase. As of November 30, 2008, the market capitalization of such companies ranged between \$17 million and \$15.4 billion.

The fund invests in growth companies that the portfolio manager believes have solid market positions and reasonable financial strength. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including those purchased in initial public offerings or shortly thereafter.

The portfolio manager seeks investment opportunities for the fund in companies with fundamental strengths that indicate the potential for growth. The fund's portfolio manager focuses on individual stock selection, building the portfolio from the bottom up, searching one by one for companies whose fundamental strengths suggest the potential to provide superior earnings growth over time. The investment process begins with the screening of reported financials. For a stock to be considered for investment, the following criteria are used:

- **positive earnings growth**, considering only currently profitable companies, that are showing positive earnings growth;
- **high return on equity**, investing only in profitable companies as evidenced by their high return on equity;
- **substantial reinvestment rate**, identifying companies that reinvest in themselves and have "high retained earnings," giving them the ability to self-finance growth;
- **strong financials**, seeking to purchase companies that have strong balance sheets and are not overly leveraged;
- **attractive market price**, seeking to purchase companies whose stocks are selling below their fair market value as determined by the manager's valuation model; and
- **market demand/liquidity**, monitoring the trading volume of all qualified stocks in an attempt to reduce market price impact.

The fund typically sells a stock when the company's earnings are no longer growing, or it no longer possesses the characteristics that caused its purchase. A stock may be a sell candidate when its valuation reaches or exceeds its calculated fair value, or there are deteriorating fundamentals. The fund also may sell a stock if it becomes an overweighted portfolio position, as determined by the portfolio manager.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Small and midsize company risk.* Small and midsize companies carry additional risks because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the fund's ability to sell these securities. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, including special situations, are made in anticipation of future products and services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Growth stock risk.* Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks may lack the dividend yield that may cushion stock prices in market downturns. Because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, the fund's performance may sometimes be lower or higher than that of other types of funds (such as those emphasizing value stocks).
- *Market sector risk.* The fund may significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more or less sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.



- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

At times, the fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

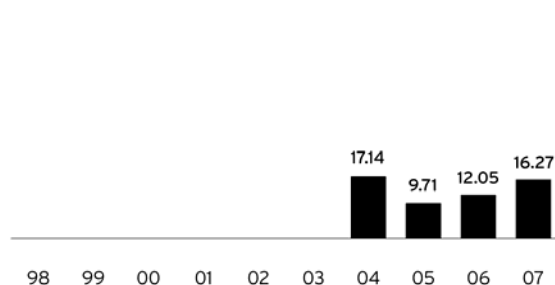
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q4, 2004): 12.96%. Worst Quarter (Q1, 2005): -4.08%. The year-to-date return as of the most recent calendar quarter, which ended September 30, 2008, was -28.37%.

Average annual total returns (as of 12/31/07)		
Share class/inception date	1 Year	Since Inception
Class A (9/29/95) returns before taxes	9.59%	16.25%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions	9.20%	15.43%
Class A returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	6.77%	14.17%
Class B (5/30/01) returns before taxes	11.39%	16.56%
Class C (5/30/01) returns before taxes	14.40%	16.85%
Class I (5/30/01) returns before taxes	16.58%	18.04%
Class T(5/30/01) returns before taxes	10.77%	16.29%
Russell Midcap Growth Index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes	11.43%	18.93%

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>					
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>2</sup>	4.00	1.00	none	none <sup>1</sup>
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>					
Management fees	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses	.94	1.00	.94	.43	1.56
Total annual fund operating expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.94	2.75	2.69	1.18	2.81

<sup>1</sup>Class B shares are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

<sup>2</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

<sup>3</sup>The Dreyfus Corporation has agreed, until March 31, 2009, to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the expenses of the fund to that the expenses of none of those classes (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, shareholder fees, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) exceed 1.25%.

## EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$761	\$1,149	\$1,562	\$2,709
Class B (with redemption)	\$678	\$1,153	\$1,654	\$2,708
Class B (without redemption)	\$278	\$853	\$1,454	\$2,708
Class C (with redemption)	\$372	\$835	\$1,425	\$3,022
Class C (without redemption)	\$272	\$835	\$1,425	\$3,022
Class I	\$120	\$375	\$649	\$1,432
Class T	\$721	\$1,282	\$1,867	\$3,447

## MANAGEMENT

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### **Investment adviser**

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, Dreyfus waived receipt of its management fee from the fund pursuant to an undertaking. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

Fred A. Kuehndorf is the fund's primary portfolio manager. Mr. Kuehndorf has managed the fund since its inception. Mr. Kuehndorf has been a portfolio manager for The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (TBCAM), an affiliate of Dreyfus, since September 2005. At that time, he became a dual employee of Dreyfus and TBCAM. Prior to joining TBCAM, Mr. Kuehndorf was a senior vice president and senior portfolio manager with Lighthouse Dreyfus Growth Advisors, an affiliate of Dreyfus, since November 2002.

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

## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	21.57	20.83	19.36	16.01	15.19
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.18)	(.16)	(.16)	(.20)	(.18)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.41)	3.90	2.31	3.90	1.00
Total from Investment Operations	(2.59)	3.74	2.15	3.70	.82
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(.54)	(3.00)	(.68)	(.35)	-
Net asset value, end of period	18.44	21.57	20.83	19.36	16.01
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	(12.47)	19.42	11.29	23.23	5.33
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.94	4.30	4.21	4.54	7.15
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.54	1.50
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.86)	(.77)	(.78)	(1.10)	(1.10)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	72.28	70.50	64.92	45.08	97.27
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	2,389	2,687	1,274	815	465

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

Class B Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.73	20.26	18.98	15.84	15.15
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.32)	(.32)	(.31)	(.33)	(.30)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.30)	3.79	2.27	3.82	.99
Total from Investment Operations	(2.62)	3.47	1.96	3.49	.69
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(.54)	(3.00)	(.68)	(.35)	-
Net asset value, end of period	17.57	20.73	20.26	18.98	15.84
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(13.13)	18.53	10.43	22.21	4.56
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.75	5.22	4.95	5.26	7.96
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.27	2.25
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(1.61)	(1.58)	(1.56)	(1.83)	(1.85)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	72.28	70.50	64.92	45.08	97.27
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	611	606	734	904	789
<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.					
<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of sales charge.					

Class C Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.78	20.30	19.01	15.82	15.15
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.32)	(.32)	(.31)	(.31)	(.30)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.31)	3.80	2.28	3.85	.97
Total from Investment Operations	(2.63)	3.48	1.97	3.54	.67
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(.54)	(3.00)	(.68)	(.35)	-
Net asset value, end of period	17.61	20.78	20.30	19.01	15.82
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(13.14)	18.56	10.47	22.55	4.42
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.69	5.11	4.90	5.19	7.66
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.22	2.25
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(1.61)	(1.55)	(1.55)	(1.78)	(1.86)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	72.28	70.50	64.92	45.08	97.27
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	936	1,418	902	882	456
<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.					
<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of sales charge.					

Class I Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	21.89	21.04	19.49	16.06	15.21
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)—net <sup>b</sup>	(.09)	(.09)	(.12)	(.14)	(.14)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.48)	3.94	2.35	3.92	.99
Total from Investment Operations	(2.57)	3.85	2.23	3.78	.85
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(.54)	(3.00)	(.68)	(.35)	-
Net asset value, end of period	18.78	21.89	21.04	19.49	16.06
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(12.19)	19.78	11.57	23.73	5.52
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.18	3.88	3.81	4.16	6.81
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.12	1.25	1.25	1.20	1.25
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.47)	(.46)	(.57)	(.76)	(.85)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	72.28	70.50	64.92	45.08	97.27
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	39,390	1,604	279	329	265

*a Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.*

*b Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

Class T Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	21.32	20.67	19.25	15.95	15.18
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)—net <sup>a</sup>	(.22)	(.22)	(.22)	(.23)	(.22)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.39)	3.87	2.32	3.88	.99
Total from Investment Operations	(2.61)	3.65	2.10	3.65	.77
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(.54)	(3.00)	(.68)	(.35)	-
Net asset value, end of period	18.17	21.32	20.67	19.25	15.95
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	(12.66)	19.10	11.03	23.07	5.00
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.81	5.08	4.32	4.67	7.31
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.71	1.75
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(1.11)	(1.13)	(1.09)	(1.27)	(1.36)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	72.28	70.50	64.92	45.08	97.27
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	45	42	193	347	260

*a Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Exclusive of sales charge.*



# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	Class A	Class C	Class T	Class I
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder service fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account

## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available

## Class B share considerations

Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased. Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
<b>Regular accounts</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<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>Educational Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>no minimum*</b>

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

\* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.



## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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

## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment privilege**

**Upon written request, you can reinvest** up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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



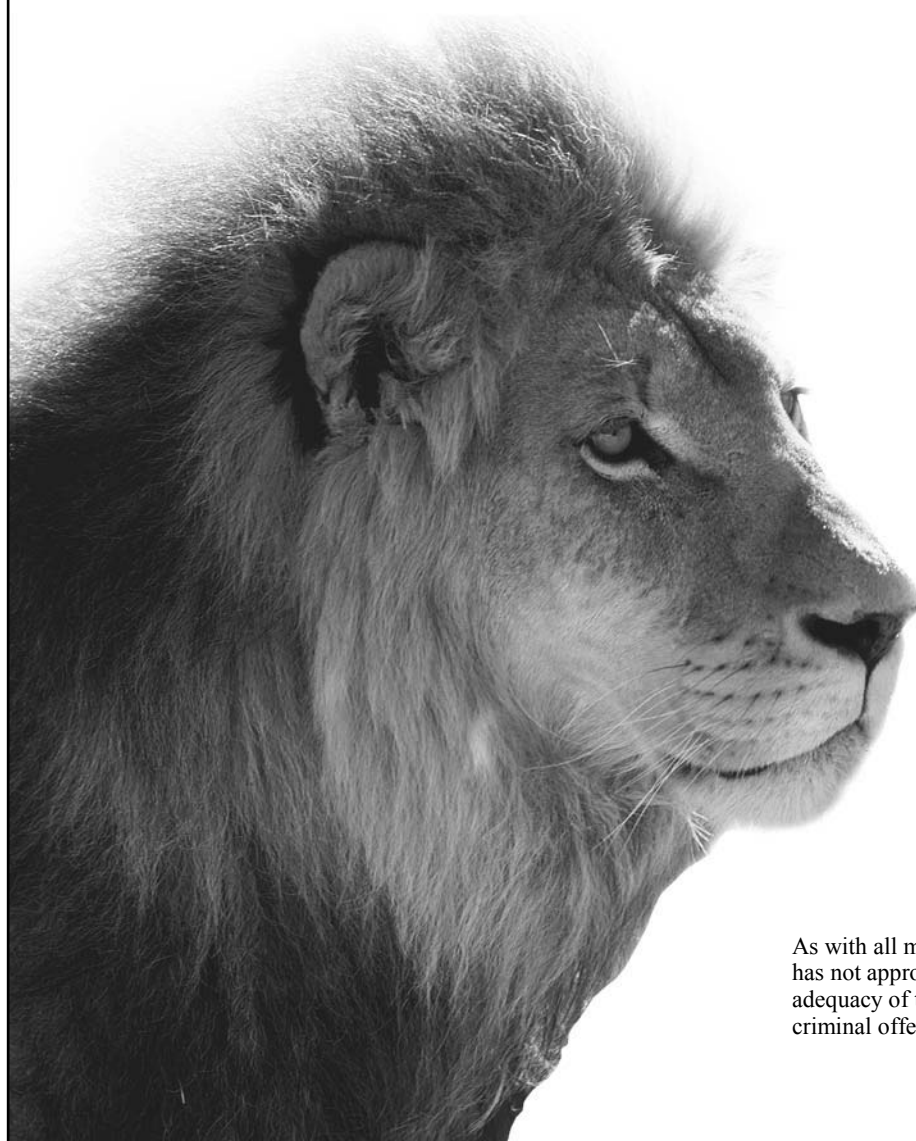


# Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund

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Ticker symbol: Class A: DPSAX  
Class B: DPSBX  
Class C: DPSCX  
Class I: DPSRX  
Class T: DPSTX

**PROSPECTUS** January 1, 2009



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*See back cover.*

# The Fund

## GOAL AND APPROACH

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The fund seeks long-term capital growth. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of companies included in the S&P 400 Midcap Index or the Russell Midcap Index at the time of purchase. The fund's stock investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including those purchased in initial public offerings.

The fund's portfolio managers select stocks through a "bottom-up," structured approach that seeks to identify undervalued securities using a quantitative screening process. This process is driven by a proprietary quantitative model that measures more than 40 characteristics of stocks to identify and rank stocks based on:

- **fundamental momentum**, meaning measures that reflect the changes in short-term earnings outlook through factors such as revised earnings estimates and earnings surprises;
- **relative value**, such as current and forecasted price-to-earnings ratios, price-to-book ratios, yields and other price-sensitive data for a stock compared to its past, its peers and the models' overall stock universe;
- **future value**, such as discounted present value measures;
- **long-term growth**, based on measure that reflect the changes in estimated long-term earnings growth over multiple horizons; and
- **additional factors**, such as technical factors, trading by company insiders or share issuance/buyback data

Next, the fund's portfolio managers construct the portfolio through a "bottom-up" and structured approach, focusing on stock selection as opposed to making proactive decisions as to industry sector exposure. The portfolio managers seek to maintain a portfolio that has exposure to industries and market capitalizations that are generally similar to the fund's benchmark. Finally, within each sector and style subset, the fund will seek to overweight the most attractive stocks and underweight or not hold the stocks that have been ranked least attractive.

The fund may, but is not required to, use derivatives, such as options, futures and options on futures (including those relating to stocks, indexes, foreign currencies and interest rates, forward contracts and swaps, as a substitute for investing directly in an underlying asset, to increase returns, or as part of a hedging strategy. The fund also may engage in short-selling, typically for hedging purposes, such as to limit exposure to a possible market decline in the value of its portfolio securities.

## MAIN RISKS

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

- *Market risk.* The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry.
- *Issuer risk.* The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's products or services.
- *Small and midsize company risk.* Small and midsize companies carry additional risks because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses), and their share prices more volatile than those of larger, more established companies. The shares of smaller companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the fund's ability to sell these securities. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Some of the fund's investments will rise and fall based on investor perception rather than economic factors. Other investments, including special situations, are made in anticipation of future products and services or events whose delay or cancellation could cause the stock price to drop.
- *Growth and value stock risk.* By investing in a mix of growth and value companies, the fund assumes the risks of both. Because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, the fund's performance may sometimes be lower or higher than that of other types of funds. Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns. Value stocks involve the risk that they may never reach what the portfolio managers believe is their full market value, either because the market fails to recognize the stock's intrinsic worth, or the portfolio managers misgauged that worth. They also may decline in price even though in theory they are already undervalued.
- *Foreign investment risk.* Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.

- *Derivatives risk.* A small investment in derivatives could have a potentially large impact on the fund's performance. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is the risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the fund will not correlate with the underlying instruments or the fund's other investments. Derivative instruments also involve the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the derivative instruments to make required payments or otherwise comply with the derivative instruments' terms. Certain types of derivatives involve greater risks than the underlying obligations because, in addition to general market risks, they are subject to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk.

Additionally, some derivatives involve economic leverage, which could increase the volatility of these investments as they may fluctuate in value more than the underlying instrument. The fund may be required to segregate liquid assets in connection with the purchase of derivative instruments.

- *Leveraging risk.* The use of leverage, such as engaging in reverse repurchase agreements, lending portfolio securities, entering into futures contracts or forward currency contracts and engaging in forward commitment transactions, may magnify the fund's gains or losses.
- *Short sale risk.* The fund may make short sales, which involves selling a security it does not own in anticipation that the security's price will decline. Short sales expose the fund to the risk that it will be required to buy the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security has appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the fund.
- *IPO Risk.* Although the fund typically invests in seasoned issuers, it may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings (IPOs) or shortly thereafter. The prices of securities purchased in IPOs can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the fund's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the fund invests in relative to the size of the fund and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As a fund's asset base increases, IPOs often have a diminished effect on such fund's performance.
- *Other potential risks.* Under adverse market conditions, the fund could invest some or all of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities and money market securities. Although the fund would do this for temporary defensive purposes, it could reduce the benefit from any upswing in the market. During such periods, the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The fund may engage in short-term trading, which could produce higher transaction costs and taxable distributions and lower the fund's after-tax performance.

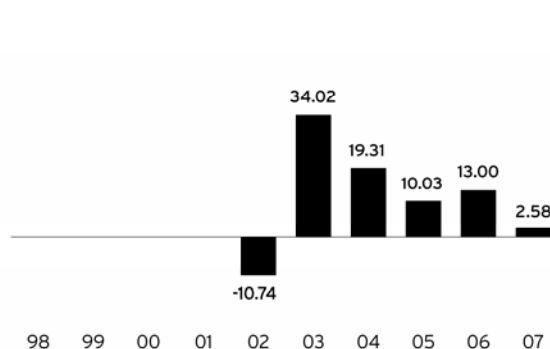
The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. In connection with such loans, the fund will receive collateral from the borrower equal to at least 100% of the value of loaned securities. If the borrower of the securities fails financially, there could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

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The bar chart shows changes in the performance of the fund's Class A shares from year to year. The table compares the average annual total returns of the fund's shares to those of a broad measure of market performance. The fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is no guarantee of future results. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Sales charges, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would have been less than those shown.

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

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



Best Quarter (Q2, 2003): 17.78%. Worst Quarter (Q3, 2002): -14.97%. The year-to-date total return as of September 30, 2008, was -18.31%

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/07

Share class/inception date	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception
<b>Class A</b> (6/29/01) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>-3.30%</b>	<b>13.97%</b>	<b>8.01%</b>
<b>Class A</b> <i>returns after taxes on distributions</i>	<b>-4.69%</b>	<b>13.38%</b>	<b>7.55%</b>
<b>Class A</b> <i>returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	<b>-1.44%</b>	<b>12.11%</b>	<b>6.86%</b>
<b>Class B</b> (6/29/01) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>-2.07%</b>	<b>14.15%</b>	<b>8.21%<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>Class C</b> (6/29/01) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>0.84%</b>	<b>14.42%</b>	<b>8.15%</b>
<b>Class I</b> (6/29/01) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>2.70%</b>	<b>15.51%</b>	<b>9.20%</b>
<b>Class T</b> (6/29/01) <i>returns before taxes</i>	<b>-2.25%</b>	<b>14.03%</b>	<b>7.99%</b>
<b>S&amp;P 400 Index</b> <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	<b>7.98%</b>	<b>16.20%</b>	<b>9.30%<sup>*</sup></b>
<b>Russell Midcap Index</b> <i>reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes</i>	<b>5.60%</b>	<b>18.21%</b>	<b>10.04%<sup>*</sup></b>

<sup>†</sup> Assumes conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares at the end of sixth year following the date of purchase.

<sup>\*</sup> For comparative purposes, the value of each index on 6/30/01 is used as the beginning value on 6/29/01.

## EXPENSES

As an investor, you pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the fund, which are described in the table below.

<b>Shareholder fees (paid directly from your investment)</b>					
	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class T</b>
Maximum sales charge imposed on purchases (% of offering price)	5.75	none	none	none	4.50
Maximum contingent deferred sales charge (% of lower of purchase or sale price)	none <sup>2</sup>	4.00	1.00	none	none <sup>2</sup>
<b>Annual fund operating expenses (ongoing expenses paid each year as % of the value of your investment)</b>					
Management fees	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
Distribution (12b-1) fees	none	.75	.75	none	.25
Shareholder services fees	.25	.25	.25	none	.25
Other expenses	.22	.32	.26	.29	.19
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.22	2.07	2.01	1.04	1.44

<sup>1</sup>Class B shares are available only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds.

<sup>2</sup>Shares bought without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1 million or more may be charged a CDSC of 1% if redeemed within one year.

## EXAMPLE

The Example below is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class A	\$692	\$940	\$1,207	\$1,967
Class B (with redemption)	\$610	\$949	\$1,314	\$1,982
Class B (without redemption)	\$210	\$649	\$1,114	\$1,982
Class C (with redemption)	\$304	\$630	\$1,083	\$2,338
Class C (without redemption)	\$204	\$630	\$1,083	\$2,338
Class I	\$106	\$331	\$ 574	\$1,271
Class T	\$590	\$885	\$1,201	\$2,097

## MANAGEMENT

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### Investment adviser

The investment adviser for the fund is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Founded in 1947, Dreyfus manages approximately \$362 billion in approximately 188 mutual fund portfolios. For the past fiscal year, the fund paid Dreyfus a management fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the fund's average daily net assets. A discussion regarding the basis for the board's approving the fund's management agreement with Dreyfus is available in the fund's annual report for the period ended August 31, 2008. Dreyfus is the primary mutual fund business of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon), a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. BNY Mellon has more than \$23 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, and it services more than \$13 trillion in outstanding debt. Additional information is available at [www.bnymellon.com](http://www.bnymellon.com).

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

Dreyfus has engaged its affiliate, Mellon Capital Management Corporation (Mellon Capital), located at 50 Fremont Street, Suite 3900, San Francisco, California, 94105, to serve as the fund's sub-investment adviser. Mellon Capital, an affiliate of Dreyfus, provides investment advisory assistance and research and the day-to-day management of the fund's investments, subject to Dreyfus' supervision and approval. As of November 30, 2008, Mellon Capital managed approximately \$138 billion in assets. Franklin Portfolio Associates LLC (FPA), the fund's former sub-investment adviser, merged into Mellon Capital on January 1, 2009.

Oliver Buckley, Michael Dunn and Patrick Slattery have been the fund's portfolio managers since July 2007. Prior to January 1, 2009, each of the portfolio managers was a member of the Midcap Team of FPA. Since January 1, 2009, Mr. Buckley has been an Executive Vice President with Mellon Capital. From September 2000 through December 2008, Mr. Buckley served in various capacities with FPA, including Chief Executive Officer, senior vice president and senior portfolio manager. Since January 1, 2009, Mr. Dunn has been a portfolio manager with Mellon Capital. From October 1999 through December 2008, he was an employee of FPA serving in various capacities, including portfolio manager. Since January 1, 2009, Mr. Slattery has been a senior portfolio manager of Mellon Capital. From 2005 through December 2008 Mr. Slattery was a vice president and portfolio manager for FPA. Prior to joining FPA, Mr. Slattery was a senior vice president at Independence Investment LLC where he was a portfolio manager and quantitative researcher.

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



## **Distributor**

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

## **Code of ethics**

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

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

These financial highlights describe the performance of the fund's shares 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 distributions. These financial highlights have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class A Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.93	18.57	17.75	14.74	12.88
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.06	.05	.02	(.02)	(.01)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.93)	2.85	1.25	3.36	1.87
Total from Investment Operations	(1.87)	2.90	1.27	3.34	1.86
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.26)	(.54)	(.45)	(.33)	-
Net asset value, end of period	17.80	20.93	18.57	17.75	14.74
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	(9.37)	15.76	7.23	22.88	14.35
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.22	1.22	1.35	1.71	3.05
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.22 <sup>c</sup>	1.22 <sup>c</sup>	1.34	1.46	1.50
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.32	.26	.09	(.11)	(.12)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	88.40	122.16	119.22	160.45	90.83
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	60,795	106,762	37,056	18,910	3,135

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

Class B Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.96	17.87	17.23	14.43	12.72
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.09)	(.12)	(.13)	(.15)	(.13)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.84)	2.75	1.22	3.28	1.84
Total from Investment Operations	(1.93)	2.63	1.09	3.13	1.71
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.26)	(.54)	(.45)	(.33)	-
Net asset value, end of period	16.77	19.96	17.87	17.23	14.43
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	(10.16)	14.91	6.33	21.90	13.44
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.07	2.09	2.20	2.62	3.81
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.07 <sup>c</sup>	2.08	2.17	2.30	2.25
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.53)	(.62)	(.73)	(.96)	(.88)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	88.40	122.16	119.22	160.45	90.83
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	4,030	5,798	5,646	5,288	2,228

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

Class C Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	19.96	17.86	17.23	14.42	12.71
Investment Operations:					
Investment (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	(.08)	(.11)	(.12)	(.15)	(.12)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.84)	2.75	1.20	3.29	1.83
Total from Investment Operations	(1.92)	2.64	1.08	3.14	1.71
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.26)	(.54)	(.45)	(.33)	-
Net asset value, end of period	16.78	19.96	17.86	17.23	14.42
Total Return (%) <sup>b</sup>	(10.10)	14.91	6.39	21.91	13.45
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.01	2.01	2.12	2.45	3.81
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.00	2.01 <sup>c</sup>	2.12 <sup>c</sup>	2.25	2.25
Ratio of net investment (loss) to average net assets	(.46)	(.55)	(.68)	(.90)	(.87)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	88.40	122.16	119.22	160.45	90.83
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	22,554	28,984	21,865	13,395	1,286

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>c</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

Class I Shares	Year Ended August 31,				
	2008	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	21.18	18.75	17.91	14.85	12.94
Investment Operations:					
Investment income--net <sup>b</sup>	.10	.09	.04	.00 <sup>c</sup>	.03
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.97)	2.88	1.25	3.39	1.88
Total from Investment Operations	(1.87)	2.97	1.29	3.39	1.91
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.26)	(.54)	(.45)	(.33)	-
Net asset value, end of period	18.05	21.18	18.75	17.91	14.85
Total Return (%)	(9.25)	15.99	7.28	23.05	14.67
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.04	1.13	2.08	1.73	2.84
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.03	1.07	1.21	1.29	1.25
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.51	.41	.24	.05	.11
Portfolio Turnover Rate	88.40	122.16	119.22	160.45	90.83
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	61,738	30,071	5,491	2,068	239

<sup>a</sup>Effective June 1, 2007, Class R shares were redesignated as Class I shares.

<sup>b</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>c</sup>Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

Class T Shares	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	20.66	18.37	17.60	14.65	12.83
Investment Operations:					
Investment income (loss)--net <sup>a</sup>	.02	.00 <sup>b</sup>	(.02)	(.05)	(.04)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1.91)	2.83	1.24	3.33	1.86
Total from Investment Operations	(1.89)	2.83	1.22	3.28	1.82
Distributions:					
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.26)	(.54)	(.45)	(.33)	-
Net asset value, end of period	17.51	20.66	18.37	17.60	14.65
Total Return (%) <sup>c</sup>	(9.59)	15.55	7.00	22.60	14.10
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.44	1.44	1.54	1.93	3.34
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.44 <sup>d</sup>	1.44 <sup>d</sup>	1.54 <sup>d</sup>	1.71	1.75
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	.11	.01	(.11)	(.32)	(.39)
Portfolio Turnover Rate	88.40	122.16	119.22	160.45	90.83
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	13,224	14,417	4,777	1,947	243

<sup>a</sup>Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.

<sup>b</sup>Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

<sup>c</sup>Exclusive of sales charge.

<sup>d</sup>Expense waivers and/or reimbursements amounted to less than .01%.

# Your Investment

## SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

### Choosing a share class

The fund is designed primarily for people who are investing through a third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, or in a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Third parties with whom you open a fund account may impose policies, limitations and fees that are different from those described in this prospectus. Consult a representative of your plan or financial institution for further information.

### This prospectus offers Class A, B, C, T and I shares of the fund.

The fund's Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Your financial representative may receive different compensation for selling one class of shares than for selling another class. It is important to remember that the CDSCs and Rule 12b-1 fees have the same purpose as the front-end sales charge: to compensate the distributor for concessions and expenses it pays to dealers and financial institutions in connection with the sale of fund shares. A CDSC is not charged on fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of fund dividends. Because the Rule 12b-1 fee is paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time it will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The different classes of fund shares represent investments in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes are subject to different expenses and will likely have different share prices. When choosing a class, you should consider your investment amount, anticipated holding period, the potential costs over your holding period and whether you qualify for any reduction or waiver of the sales charge.

A complete description of these classes follows. You should review these arrangements with your financial representative before determining which class to invest in.

	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class C</b>	<b>Class T</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Initial sales charge	up to 5.75%	none	up to 4.50%	none
Ongoing distribution fee (Rule 12b-1)	none	0.75%	0.25%	none
Ongoing shareholder service fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	none
Contingent deferred sales charge	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	1% on sale of shares held for one year or less	1% on sale of shares bought within one year as part of an investment of \$1 million or more	none
Recommended purchase maximum	none	\$1 million	\$1 million	none

## Class A share considerations

**When you invest in Class A shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or net asset value (NAV), plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment, as the following table shows. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class A shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class C shares may eventually exceed the cost of the up-front sales charge; and
- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge

**If you invest \$1 million or more** (and are not eligible to purchase Class I shares), Class A shares will always be the most advantageous choice.

Class A sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.50%	4.70%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.50%	3.60%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.50%	2.60%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Class T share considerations

**When you invest in Class T shares**, you pay the public offering price, which is the share price, or NAV, plus the initial sales charge that may apply to your purchase. The amount of the initial sales charge is based on the size of your investment. We also describe below how you may reduce or eliminate the initial sales charge. (See “Sales charge reductions and waivers.”)

**The initial sales charge** on Class A is higher than that of Class T. Nevertheless, you are usually better off purchasing Class A shares rather than Class T shares if you:

- plan to own the shares for an extended period of time, since the ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees on Class T shares may eventually exceed the initial sales charge differential; or
- invest at least \$1 million, regardless of your investment horizon, because there is no initial sales charge at that level and Class A has no ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees

**Since some of your investment** goes to pay an upfront sales charge when you purchase Class T shares, you purchase fewer shares than you would with the same investment in Class C shares. Nevertheless, you should consider purchasing Class T shares, rather than Class C shares, and paying an up-front sales charge if you:

- qualify for a reduced or waived sales charge; or
- are unsure of your expected holding period

Class T sales charges		
Purchase amount	Sales charge as a % of offering price	Sales charge as a % of NAV
Less than \$50,000	4.50%	4.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.00%	4.20%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.00%	3.10%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.00%	2.00%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1.50%	1.50%
\$1 million or more*	none	none

*\*No sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions of such shares within one year of the date of purchase.*

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

**To receive a reduction or waiver** of your initial sales charge, you must let your financial intermediary or the fund know at the time you purchase shares that you qualify for such a reduction or waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the fund know that you are eligible for a reduction or waiver, you may not receive the reduction or waiver to which you are otherwise entitled. In order to receive a reduction or waiver, you may be required to provide your financial intermediary or the fund with evidence of your qualification for the reduction or waiver, such as records regarding shares of certain Dreyfus Funds held in accounts with that financial intermediary and other financial intermediaries. Additional information regarding reductions and waivers of sales loads is available, free of charge, at **www.dreyfus.com** and in the SAI.

**You can reduce your initial sales charge** in the following ways:

- *Rights of accumulation.* You can count toward the amount of your investment your total account value in all share classes of the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge. For example, if you have \$1 million invested in shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds that are subject to a sales charge, you can invest in Class A shares of any fund without an initial sales charge. We may terminate or change this privilege at any time on written notice.
- *Letter of intent.* You can sign a letter of intent, in which you agree to invest a certain amount (your goal) in the fund and certain other Dreyfus Funds over a 13-month period, and your initial sales charge will be based on your goal. A 90-day back-dated period can also be used to count previous purchases toward your goal. Your goal must be at least \$50,000, and your initial investment must be at least \$5,000. The sales charge will be adjusted if you do not meet your goal.
- *Combine with family members.* You can also count toward the amount of your investment all investments in certain other Dreyfus Funds, in any class of shares that is subject to a sales charge, by your spouse and your children under age 21 (family members), including their rights of accumulation and goals under a letter of intent. Certain other groups may also be permitted to combine purchases for purposes of reducing or eliminating sales charges. (See “How to Buy Shares” in the SAI.)

**Class A shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- full-time or part-time employees, and their family members, of Dreyfus or any of its affiliates
- board members of Dreyfus and board members of the Dreyfus Family of Funds
- full-time employees, and their family members, of financial institutions that have entered into selling agreements with the fund's distributor
- "wrap" accounts for the benefit of clients of financial institutions, provided they have entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifying operating policies and standards
- qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company; any state, county or city or instrumentality thereof; charitable organizations investing \$50,000 or more in fund shares; and charitable remainder trusts
- investors who have continuously owned shares of the fund since before the imposition of a sales load
- qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the distributor in a Dreyfus Fund since on or before February 28, 2006
- investors with cash proceeds from the investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the fund or the Dreyfus money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the fund at NAV, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options
- members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the fund's distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the distributor

**Class A and Class T shares may be purchased** at NAV without payment of a sales charge by the following individuals and entities:

- employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans
- shareholders in Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover accounts funded with the distribution proceeds from qualified and non-qualified retirement plans or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a qualified or non-qualified retirement plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the fund's distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Dreyfus-sponsored IRA rollover account in the fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the fund at NAV in such account



## **Class C share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class C shares buys more shares than the same investment would in Class A or Class T shares. However, Class C shares are subject to ongoing Rule 12b-1 fees. Over time, the Rule 12b-1 fees may cost you more than paying an initial sales charge on Class A or Class T shares. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC.

Because Class A shares will always be a more favorable investment than Class C shares for investments of \$1 million or more, the fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class C shares in the amount of \$1 million or more. While the fund will take reasonable steps to prevent investments of \$1 million or more in Class C shares, it may not be able to identify such investments made through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

## **Class I share considerations**

**Since you pay no initial sales charge**, an investment of less than \$1 million in Class I shares buys more shares than the same investment would in a class that charges an initial sales charge. There is also no CDSC imposed on redemptions of Class I shares, and you do not pay any ongoing service or distribution fees.

Class I shares may be purchased by:

- bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients
- institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations, partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments, and IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans that have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor to offer Class I shares to such plans
- law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators
- foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the fund of at least \$1 million
- sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529 account support responsibilities from the fund's distributor
- advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available

## Class B share considerations

Class B shares are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other Dreyfus Funds or certain eligible shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc.

Class B shares also are subject to an annual Rule 12b-1 fee. Class B shares convert to Class A shares (which are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee) approximately six years after the date they were purchased. Class B shares sold within six years of purchase are subject to the following CDSCs:

Class B sales charges	
For shares sold in the:	CDSC as a % of amount redeemed subject to the charge
First year	4.00%
Second year	4.00%
Third year	3.00%
Fourth year	3.00%
Fifth year	2.00%
Sixth year	1.00%
Thereafter	none

## CDSC waivers

The fund's CDSC may be waived in the following cases:

- permitted exchanges of shares, except if shares acquired by exchange are then redeemed within the period during which a CDSC would apply to the initial shares purchased
- redemptions made within one year of death or disability of the shareholder
- redemptions due to receiving required minimum distributions from retirement accounts upon reaching age 70½
- redemptions made through the fund's Automatic Withdrawal Plan, if such redemptions do not exceed 12% of the value of the account annually
- redemptions from qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans

## Valuing Shares

**Dreyfus generally calculates fund NAVs** as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on days the NYSE is open for regular business. Your order will be priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in proper form by the fund's transfer agent or other authorized entity. When calculating NAVs, Dreyfus values equity investments on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Dreyfus generally values fixed income investments based on values supplied by an independent pricing service approved by the fund's board. The pricing service's procedures are reviewed under the general supervision of the board. If market quotations or prices from a pricing service are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, the fund may value those investments at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the fund's board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. Under certain circumstances, the fair value of foreign equity securities will be provided by an independent pricing service. Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from a security's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Funds that seek tax-exempt income are not recommended for purchase in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans. Foreign securities held by a fund may trade on days when the fund does not calculate its NAV and thus may affect the fund's NAV on days when investors have no access to the fund.

Investments in certain types of thinly traded securities may provide short-term traders arbitrage opportunities with respect to the fund's shares. For example, arbitrage opportunities may exist when trading in a portfolio security or securities is halted and does not resume, or the market on which such securities are traded closes before the fund calculates its NAV. If short-term investors of the fund were able to take advantage of these arbitrage opportunities, they could dilute the NAV of fund shares held by long-term investors. Portfolio valuation policies can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that such valuation policies will prevent dilution of the fund's NAV by short-term traders. While the fund has a policy regarding frequent trading, it too may not be completely effective to prevent short-term NAV arbitrage trading, particularly in regard to omnibus accounts. Please see "Your Investment — Shareholder Guide — General Policies" for further information about the fund's frequent trading policy.

**Orders to buy and sell shares** received by dealers by the close of trading on the NYSE and transmitted to the distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m. Eastern time) will be based on the NAV determined as of the close of trading on the NYSE that day.

## How to Buy Shares

**By Mail.** To open a regular account, complete an application and mail, together with a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502  
Attn: Institutional Processing

To purchase additional shares in a regular account, mail a check payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds (with your account number on your check), together with an investment slip, to the above address.

**IRA Accounts.** To open an IRA account or make additional investments in an IRA account, be sure to specify the fund name and the year for which the contribution is being made. When opening a new account include a completed IRA application, and when making additional investments include an investment slip. Make checks payable to The Dreyfus Family of Funds, and mail to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568  
Attn: Institutional Processing

**Electronic Check or Wire.** To purchase shares in a regular or IRA account by wire or electronic check, please call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for more information.

**Dreyfus TeleTransfer.** To purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by Dreyfus TeleTransfer, which will transfer money from a pre-designated bank account, request the account service on your application. Call 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

**Automatically.** You may purchase additional shares in a regular or IRA account by selecting one of Dreyfus' automatic investment services made available to the fund on your account application or service application. See "Services for Fund Investors."

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

Minimum investments		
	Initial	Additional
Regular accounts	\$1,000	\$100
Traditional IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Spousal IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Roth IRAs	\$750	no minimum*
Educational Savings Accounts	\$500	no minimum*
Dreyfus automatic investment plans	\$100	\$100
All investments must be in U.S. dollars. Third-party checks, cash, travelers' checks or money orders will not be accepted. You may be charged a fee for any check that does not clear. Maximum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$150,000 per day.		
* Minimum Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase is \$100.		

## How to Sell Shares

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

**To keep your CDSC as low as possible,** each time you request to sell shares we will first sell shares that are not subject to a CDSC, and then those subject to the lowest charge. The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on fund shares you acquired by reinvesting your fund dividends. As described above in this prospectus, there are certain instances when you may qualify to have the CDSC waived. Consult your financial representative or refer to the SAI for additional details.

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

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

**By Mail.** To redeem shares of a regular account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes your name, your account number, the name of the fund, the share class, the dollar amount to be redeemed and how and where to send the proceeds. Mail your request to:

The Dreyfus Family of Funds  
P.O. Box 55268  
Boston, MA 02205-8502

**IRA Accounts.** To redeem shares of an IRA account by mail, send a letter of instruction that includes all of the same information for regular accounts and indicate whether the distribution is qualified or premature and whether the 10% TEFRA should be withheld. Mail your request to:

The Bank of New York Mellon, Custodian  
P.O. Box 55552  
Boston, MA 02205-8568

**Telephone or Online.** To sell shares in a regular account, call Dreyfus at 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) or visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com) to request your transaction.

A check will be mailed to your address of record or you may request a wire or electronic check (Dreyfus TeleTransfer) to be sent to the account information on file with the fund. For wires or Dreyfus TeleTransfer, be sure that the fund has your bank account information on file. Proceeds will be wired or sent by electronic check to your bank account.

Limitations on selling shares by phone or online through [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com)

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

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

**Automatically.** You may sell shares in a regular account by calling 1-800-554-4611 (inside the U.S. only) for instructions on how to establish the Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan. You may sell shares in an IRA account by calling the above number for instructions on the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

**In Person.** Visit a Dreyfus Financial Center. Please call us for locations.

A **signature guarantee** is required for some written sell orders. 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
- amounts of \$100,000 or more

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

## General policies

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

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

### **The fund also reserves the right to:**

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

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

Transactions made through Automatic Investment Plans, Automatic Withdrawal Plans, Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privileges, automatic non-discretionary rebalancing programs, and minimum required retirement distributions generally are not considered to be frequent trading. For employer-sponsored benefit plans, generally only participant-initiated exchange transactions are subject to the roundtrip limit.

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

Fund shares often are held through omnibus accounts maintained by financial intermediaries, such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Dreyfus' ability to monitor the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in

omnibus accounts is limited. However, the agreements between the distributor and financial intermediaries include obligations to comply with the terms of this prospectus and to provide Dreyfus, upon request, with information concerning the trading activity of investors whose shares are held in omnibus accounts. If Dreyfus determines that any such investor has engaged in frequent trading of fund shares, Dreyfus may require the intermediary to restrict or prohibit future purchases or exchanges of fund shares by that investor.

Certain retirement plans and intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts with the fund may have developed policies designed to control frequent trading that may differ from the fund's policy. At its sole discretion, the fund may permit such intermediaries to apply their own frequent trading policy. If you are investing in fund shares through an intermediary (or in the case of a retirement plan, your plan sponsor), please contact the intermediary for information on the frequent trading policies applicable to your account.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in foreign securities traded on markets that close before the fund calculates its NAV, events that influence the value of these foreign securities may occur after the close of these foreign markets and before the fund calculates its NAV. As a result, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these foreign securities at the time the fund calculates its NAV (referred to as price arbitrage). This type of frequent trading may dilute the value of fund shares held by other shareholders. Dreyfus has adopted procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign equity securities under certain circumstances to reflect what it believes to be their fair value.

To the extent that the fund significantly invests in thinly traded securities, certain investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of these securities (referred to as price arbitrage). Any such frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of the fund's portfolio to a greater degree than funds that invest in highly liquid securities, in part because the fund may have difficulty selling these portfolio securities at advantageous times or prices to satisfy large and/or frequent redemption requests. Any successful price arbitrage may also cause dilution in the value of fund shares held by other shareholders.

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

### **Small Account Policy**

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



## DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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**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 annually and capital gain distributions annually. Fund dividends and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in the fund unless you instruct the fund otherwise. There are no fees or sales charges on reinvestments.

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES FOR FUND INVESTORS

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### 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. If you purchase shares through a third party, the third party may impose different restrictions on these services and privileges, or may not make them available at all. For information, call your financial representative or 1-800-554-4611.

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#### For investing

**Dreyfus Automatic Asset Builder®**

For making automatic investments from a designated bank account.

**Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan**

For making automatic investments through a payroll deduction.

**Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege**

For making automatic investments from your federal employment, Social Security or other regular federal government check.

**Dreyfus Dividend Sweep**

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

#### For exchanging shares

**Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege**

For making regular exchanges from the fund into another Dreyfus Fund.

#### For selling shares

**Dreyfus Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

For making regular withdrawals from most Dreyfus Funds. There will be no CDSC, as long as the amount of any withdrawal does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the plan, or at the time of the subsequent withdrawal.

## **Exchange privilege**

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

## **Dreyfus TeleTransfer privilege**

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

## **Account Statements**

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

## **Reinvestment privilege**

**Upon written request, you can reinvest** up to the number of Class A or T shares you redeemed within 45 days of selling them at the current share price without any sales charge. If you paid a CDSC, it will be credited back to your account. This privilege may be used only once.

# For More Information

## **Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund**

**A series of Advantage Funds, Inc.**

**SEC file number: 811-7123**

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

### **Annual/Semiannual Report**

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

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

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

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Dreyfus funds generally disclose their complete schedule of portfolio holdings monthly with a 30-day lag at **www.dreyfus.com** under Mutual Fund Center – Dreyfus Mutual Funds – Mutual Fund Total Holdings. Complete holdings as of the end of the calendar quarter are disclosed 15 days after the end of such quarter. Dreyfus money market funds generally disclose their complete schedule of holdings daily. The schedule of holdings for a fund will remain on the website until the fund files its Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the dates of the posted holdings.

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

To obtain information:

**By telephone** Call 1-800-554-4611

**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:

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

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

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



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ADVANTAGE FUNDS, INC.

DREYFUS EMERGING LEADERS FUND  
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DREYFUS MIDCAP VALUE FUND  
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DREYFUS TECHNOLOGY GROWTH FUND  
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(*CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS I AND CLASS T SHARES*)

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
JANUARY 1, 2009

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This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectuses dated January 1, 2009 of each of the funds listed above, each of which is a separate series (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds") of Advantage Funds, Inc. (the "Company"), as each Prospectus may be revised from time to time. To obtain a copy of the Prospectus for Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund or Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund, please call your financial adviser, write to the Fund at 144 Glenn Curtiss Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11556-0144, visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com), or call one of the following numbers:

Call Toll Free 1-800-645-6561  
In New York City – Call 1-718-895-1206  
Outside the U.S. – Call 516-794-5452

To obtain a copy of the Prospectus for Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund, Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, Dreyfus International Value Fund, Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund or Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (collectively, the "Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds"), please call your financial adviser, write to the Fund at the above address, visit [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com), or call 1-800-554-4611.

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

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY AND FUNDS

The Company is a Maryland corporation formed on November 16, 1993. The Company is an open-end management investment company, known as a mutual fund. Each Fund is diversified, which means that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, the Fund will not invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any single issuer, nor hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any single issuer (other than, in each case, securities of other investment companies, and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities).

The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager" or "Dreyfus") serves as each Fund's investment adviser. The Manager has engaged Mellon Capital Management Corporation ("Mellon Capital") to serve as sub-investment adviser for Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund as of January 1, 2009. Mellon Capital provides day-to-day management of the Fund's investments, subject to the supervision of the Manager. Mellon Capital is referred to herein as a "Sub-Adviser."

MBSC Securities Corporation (the "Distributor") is the distributor of each Fund's shares.

### Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information supplements (except as noted) and should be read in conjunction with the relevant Fund's Prospectus.

Common and Preferred Stocks. Stocks represent shares of ownership in a company. Generally, preferred stock has a specified dividend and ranks after bonds and before common stocks in its claim on income for dividend payments and on assets should the company be liquidated. After other claims are satisfied, common stockholders participate in company profits on a pro-rata basis; profits may be paid out in dividends or reinvested in the company to help it grow. Increases and decreases in earnings are usually reflected in a company's stock price, so common stocks generally have the greatest appreciation and depreciation potential of all corporate securities. While most preferred stocks pay a dividend, a Fund may purchase preferred stock where the issuer has omitted, or is in danger of omitting, payment of its dividend. Such investments would be made primarily for their capital appreciation potential. Each Fund may purchase trust preferred securities which are preferred stocks issued by a special purpose trust subsidiary backed by subordinated debt of the corporate parent. These securities typically bear a market rate coupon comparable to interest rates available on debt of a similarly rated company. Holders of the trust preferred securities have limited voting rights to control the activities of the trust and no voting rights with respect to the parent company.

Convertible Securities. Convertible securities may be converted at either a stated price or stated rate into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities have characteristics similar to both fixed-income and equity securities. Convertible securities generally are subordinated to other similar but non-convertible securities of the same issuer, although convertible bonds, as corporate debt obligations, enjoy seniority in right of payment to all equity securities, and convertible preferred stock is senior to common stock, of the same issuer.

Because of the subordination feature, however, convertible securities typically have lower ratings than similar non-convertible securities.

Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. A unique feature of convertible securities is that as the market price of the underlying common stock declines, convertible securities tend to trade increasingly on a yield basis, and so may not experience market value declines to the same extent as the underlying common stock. When the market price of the underlying common stock increases, the prices of the convertible securities tend to rise as a reflection of the value of the underlying common stock. While no securities investments are without risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than investments in common stock of the same issuer.

Convertible securities provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks, but there can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. A convertible security, in addition to providing fixed income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. There can be no assurance of capital appreciation, however, because securities prices fluctuate. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality because of the potential for capital appreciation.

Depository Receipts. Each Fund may invest in the securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares (collectively, "ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Shares (collectively, "GDRs") and other forms of depository receipts. These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a United States bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. GDRs are receipts issued outside the United States typically by non-United States banks and trust companies that evidence ownership of either foreign or domestic securities. Generally, ADRs in registered form are designed for use in the United States securities markets and GDRs in bearer form are designed for use outside the United States.

These securities may be purchased through "sponsored" or "unsponsored" facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depository. A depository may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the deposited security. Holders of unsponsored depository receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities, and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts in respect of the deposited securities. Purchases or sales of certain ADRs may result, indirectly, in fees being paid to the Depository Receipts Division of The Bank of New York Mellon, an affiliate of the Manager, by brokers executing the purchases or sales.



Warrants. A warrant is a form of derivative that gives the holder the right to subscribe to a specified amount of the issuing corporation's capital stock at a set price for a specified period of time. Each Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in warrants, except that this limitation does not apply to warrants purchased by the Fund that are sold in units with, or attached to, other securities.

Investment Companies. Each Fund may invest in securities issued by registered and unregistered investment companies, including exchange-traded funds described below. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), a Fund's investment in such securities, subject to certain exceptions, currently is limited to (i) 3% of the total voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of the Fund's total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Fund's total assets in the aggregate. As a shareholder of another investment company, each Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its pro rata portion of the other investment company's expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses would be in addition to the advisory fees and other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations. Each Fund also may invest its uninvested cash reserves or cash it receives as collateral from borrowers of its portfolio securities in connection with the Fund's securities lending program, in shares of one or more money market funds advised by the Manager. Such investments will not be subject to the limitations described above. See "Lending Portfolio Securities."

Exchange-Traded Funds. Each Fund may invest in shares of exchange-traded funds (collectively, "ETFs"), which are designed to provide investment results corresponding to a securities (or commodities) index. These may include Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipts ("SPDRs"), DIAMONDS, Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock (also referred to as "Nasdaq 100 Shares") and iShares exchange-traded funds ("iShares"), such as iShares Russell 2000 Growth Index Fund. ETFs usually are units of beneficial interest in an investment trust or represent undivided ownership interests in a portfolio of securities, in each case with respect to a portfolio of all or substantially all of the component securities of, and in substantially the same weighting as, the relevant benchmark index. The benchmark indices of SPDRs, DIAMONDS and Nasdaq-100 Shares are the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq-100 Index, respectively. The benchmark index for iShares varies, generally corresponding to the name of the particular iShares fund. ETFs are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the component securities (or commodities) of the benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis.

The values of ETFs are subject to change as the values of their respective component securities (or commodities) fluctuate according to market volatility. Investments in ETFs that are designed to correspond to an equity index, for example, involve certain inherent risks generally associated with investments in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks, including the risk that the general level of stock prices may decline, thereby adversely affecting the value of ETFs invested in by a Fund. Moreover, a Fund's investments in ETFs may not exactly match the performance of a direct investment in the respective indices to which they are intended to correspond due to the temporary unavailability of certain index securities in the secondary market or other extraordinary circumstances, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of securities.

Real Estate Investment Trusts. Each Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). A REIT is a corporation, or a business trust that would otherwise be taxed as a corporation, which meets the definitional requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Code permits a qualifying REIT to deduct dividends paid, thereby effectively eliminating corporate level Federal income tax and making the REIT a pass-through vehicle for Federal income tax purposes. To meet the definitional requirements of the Code, a REIT must, among other things, invest substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate (including mortgages and other REITs) or cash and government securities, derive most of its income from rents from real property or interest on loans secured by mortgages on real property, and distribute to shareholders annually a substantial portion of its otherwise taxable income.

REITs are characterized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs and hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which may include operating or finance companies, own real estate directly and the value of, and income earned by, the REITs depends upon the income of the underlying properties and the rental income they earn. Equity REITs also can realize capital gains (or losses) by selling properties that have appreciated (or depreciated) in value. Mortgage REITs can make construction, development or long-term mortgage loans and are sensitive to the credit quality of the borrower. Mortgage REITs derive their income from interest payments on such loans. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both equity and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate. The value of securities issued by REITs are affected by tax and regulatory requirements and by perceptions of management skill. They also are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or tenants, self-liquidation and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free status under the Code or to maintain exemption from the 1940 Act.

Illiquid Securities. Each Fund may invest up to 15% of the value of its net assets in securities as to which a liquid trading market does not exist, provided such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objective. These securities may include securities that are not readily marketable, such as securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice, and certain privately negotiated, non-exchange traded options and securities used to cover such options. As to these securities, the Fund is subject to a risk that should it 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.

Money Market Instruments. When the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) determines that adverse market conditions exist, a Fund may adopt a temporary defensive position and invest up to 100% of its assets in money market instruments, including U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements, bank obligations and commercial paper. A Fund also may purchase money market instruments when it has cash reserves or in anticipation of taking a market position.

## Investment Techniques

The following information supplements (except as noted) and should be read in conjunction with the relevant Fund's Prospectus.

**Foreign Currency Transactions.** A Fund may enter into foreign currency transactions for a variety of purposes, including: to fix in U.S. dollars, between trade and settlement date, the value of a security the Fund has agreed to buy or sell; to hedge the U.S. dollar value of securities the Fund already owns, particularly if it expects a decrease in the value of the currency in which the foreign security is denominated; or to gain exposure to the foreign currency in an attempt to realize gains.

Foreign currency transactions may involve, for example, a Fund's purchase of foreign currencies for U.S. dollars or the maintenance of short positions in foreign currencies. A short position would involve the Fund agreeing to exchange an amount of a currency it did not currently own for another currency at a future date in anticipation of a decline in the value of the currency sold relative to the currency the Fund contracted to receive. A Fund's success in these transactions may depend on the ability of the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) to predict accurately the future exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

A Fund also may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("forward contracts") for the purchase or sale of a specified currency at a specified future date. The cost to the Fund on engaging in forward contracts varies with factors such as the currency involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing. Because forward contracts are usually entered into on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved. Generally, secondary markets do not exist for forward contracts, with the result that closing transactions can be made for forward contracts only by negotiating directly with the counterparty to the contract.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention, or failure to intervene, by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad.

**Short-Selling.** In these transactions, a Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. The Fund may make short-sales to hedge positions, for duration and risk management, to maintain portfolio flexibility or to enhance returns. To complete a short-sale transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing it subsequently at the market price at the time of replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Fund, which would result in a loss or gain, respectively.

A Fund will not sell securities short if, after effect is given to any such short sale, the total market value of all securities sold short would exceed 25% of the value of a Fund's net assets. A Fund may not make a short sale, which results in the Fund having sold short in the aggregate more than 5% of the outstanding securities of any class of an issuer.

A Fund also may make short sales "against the box," in which the Fund enters into a short sale of a security it owns or has the immediate and unconditional right to acquire at no additional cost at the time of the sale. At no time will more than 15% of the value of a Fund's net assets be in deposits on short sales against the box.

Until the Fund closes its short position or replaces the borrowed security, it will: (a) segregate permissible liquid assets in an amount that, together with the amount provided as collateral, always equals the current value of the security sold short; or (b) otherwise cover its short position.

Borrowing Money. Each Fund is permitted to borrow to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, which permits an investment company to borrow in an amount up to 33-1/3% of the value of its total assets. Each of Dreyfus International Value Fund, Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund, Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund, however, currently intends to borrow money 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.

Leverage. (All Funds, except Dreyfus International Value Fund, Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund, Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund) Leveraging (buying securities using borrowed money) exaggerates the effect on net asset value of any increase or decrease in the market value of a Fund's portfolio. These borrowings will be subject to interest costs, which may or may not be recovered by appreciation of the securities purchased; in certain cases, interest costs may exceed the return received on the securities purchased. For borrowings for investment purposes, the 1940 Act requires a Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage (total assets including borrowings, less liabilities exclusive of borrowings) of 300% of the amount borrowed. If the required coverage should decline as a result of market fluctuations or other reasons, the Fund may be required to sell some of its portfolio holdings within three days to reduce the amount of its borrowings and restore the 300% asset coverage, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to sell securities at that time. The Fund also may be required to maintain minimum average balances in connection with such borrowing or pay a commitment or other fee to maintain a line of credit; either of these requirements would increase the cost of borrowing over the stated interest rate.

Each of these Funds may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks, broker/dealers or other financial institutions. This form of borrowing involves the transfer by the Fund of an underlying debt instrument in return for cash proceeds based on a percentage of the value of the security. The Fund retains the right to receive interest and principal payments on the security. At an agreed upon future date, the Fund repurchases the security at principal plus accrued interest. As a result of these transactions, the Fund is exposed to greater potential

fluctuations in the value of its assets and its net asset value per share. To the extent the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the aggregate amount of its reverse repurchase obligations, plus accrued interest, in certain cases, in accordance with releases promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The SEC views reverse repurchase transactions as collateralized borrowings by a Fund. Except for these transactions, the Fund's borrowings generally will be unsecured.

Derivatives. Each Fund may invest in, or enter into, derivatives for a variety of reasons, including to hedge certain market or interest rate risks, to provide a substitute for purchasing or selling particular securities or to increase potential income gain. Generally, a derivative is a financial contract whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, commodities, and related indexes. Derivatives may provide a cheaper, quicker or more specifically focused way for a Fund to invest than "traditional" securities would. Examples of derivative instruments a Fund may use include options contracts, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward currency contracts, structured notes, and swap agreements. A portfolio manager may decide not to employ any of these strategies and there is no assurance that any derivatives strategy used by a Fund will succeed. Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund currently does not intend to engage in futures and options transactions.

Derivatives can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risk, depending upon the characteristics of the particular derivative and the portfolio as a whole. Derivatives permit a Fund to increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, to which its portfolio is exposed in much the same way as the Fund can increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, of its portfolio by making investments in specific securities. However, derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in derivatives could have a large potential impact on the Fund's performance.

If a Fund invests in derivatives at inopportune times or judges market conditions incorrectly, such investments may lower the Fund's return or result in a loss. The Fund also could experience losses if its derivatives were poorly correlated with its other investments, or if the Fund were unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market. The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives.

Derivatives may be purchased on established exchanges or through privately negotiated transactions referred to as over-the-counter derivatives. Exchange-traded derivatives generally are guaranteed by the clearing agency that is the issuer or counterparty to such derivatives. This guarantee usually is supported by a daily variation margin system operated by the clearing agency in order to reduce overall credit risk. As a result, unless the clearing agency defaults, there is relatively little counterparty credit risk associated with derivatives purchased on an exchange. In contrast, no clearing agency guarantees over-the-counter derivatives. Therefore, each party to an over-the-counter derivative bears the risk that the counterparty will default. Accordingly, the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) will consider the creditworthiness of counterparties to over-the-counter derivatives in the same

manner as it would review the credit quality of a security to be purchased by a Fund. Over-the-counter derivatives are less liquid than exchange-traded derivatives since the other party to the transaction may be the only investor with sufficient understanding of the derivative to be interested in bidding for it.

Some derivatives the Funds may use may involve leverage (e.g., an instrument linked to the value of a securities index may return income calculated as a multiple of the price movement of the underlying index). This economic leverage will increase the volatility of these instruments as they may increase or decrease in value more quickly than the underlying security, index, futures contract, currency or other economic variable. Pursuant to regulations and/or published positions of the SEC, the Fund may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets, or engage in other measures approved by the SEC or its staff, to "cover" the Fund's obligations relating to its transactions in derivatives. For example, in the case of futures contracts or forward contracts that are not contractually required by cash settle, a Fund must set aside liquid assets equal to such contracts' full notional value (generally the total numerical value of the asset underlying a future or forward contract at the time of valuation) while the positions are open. With respect to futures contracts or forward contracts that are contractually required to cash settle, however, the Fund is permitted to set aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Fund's daily marked-to-market net obligation (i.e., the Fund's daily net liability) under the contracts, if any, rather than such contracts' full notional value. By setting aside assets equal to only its net obligations under cash-settled futures and forward contracts, a Fund may employ leverage to a greater extent than if the Fund were required to segregate assets equal to the full notional value of such contracts.

Neither the Company nor any of the Funds will be a commodity pool. The Company has filed notice with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and National Futures Association of its eligibility as a registered investment company for an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator and that neither the Company nor any of the Funds is subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

**Futures Transactions--In General.** A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security or commodity for a set price on a future date. These contracts are traded on exchanges, so that, in most cases, either party can close out its position on the exchange for cash, without delivering the security or commodity. An option on a futures contract gives the holder of the option the right to buy from or sell to the writer of the option a position in a futures contract at a specified price on or before a specified expiration date. To the extent described in its Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, a Fund may invest in futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including those with respect to interest rates, commodities, and security or commodity indexes. To the extent a Fund may invest in foreign currency-denominated securities, it also may invest in foreign currency futures contracts and options thereon.

Although some futures contracts call for making or taking delivery of the underlying securities or commodities, generally these obligations are closed out before delivery by offsetting purchases or sales of matching futures contracts (same exchange, underlying security or index, and delivery month). Closing out a futures contract sale is effected by purchasing a futures contract for the same aggregate amount of the specific type of financial instrument or commodity with the same delivery date. If an offsetting purchase price is less than the original sale price, the

Fund realizes a capital gain, or if it is more, the Fund realizes a capital loss. Conversely, if an offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, the Fund realizes a capital gain, or if it is less, the Fund realizes a capital loss. Transaction costs also are included in these calculations.

Each Fund may enter into futures contracts in U.S. domestic markets or, if applicable, on exchanges located outside the United States. Foreign markets may offer advantages such as trading opportunities or arbitrage possibilities not available in the United States. Foreign markets, however, may have greater risk potential than domestic markets. For example, some foreign exchanges are principal markets so that no common clearing facility exists and an investor may look only to the broker for performance of the contract. In addition, any profits a Fund might realize in trading could be eliminated by adverse changes in the currency exchange rate, or the Fund could incur losses as a result of those changes. Transactions on foreign exchanges may include commodities, which are traded on domestic exchanges or those, which are not. Unlike trading on domestic commodity exchanges, trading on foreign commodity exchanges is not regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss to a Fund, which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's net assets. Although each of these Funds intends to purchase or sell futures contracts only if there is an active market for such contracts, no assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular contract at any particular time. Many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and potentially subjecting the Fund to substantial losses.

Successful use of futures and options with respect thereto by a Fund also is subject to the ability of the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant market and, to the extent the transaction is entered into for hedging purposes, to ascertain the appropriate correlation between the securities being hedged and the price movements of the futures contract. For example, if a Fund uses futures to hedge against the possibility of a decline in the market value of securities held in its portfolio and the prices of such securities instead increase, the Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of securities which it has hedged because it will have offsetting losses in its futures positions. Furthermore, if in such circumstances the Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell securities to meet daily variation margin requirements. A Fund may have to sell such securities at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so.

Specific Futures Transactions. Each Fund may invest in futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including those with respect to securities indexes, interest rates and currencies.

A Fund may purchase and sell stock index futures contracts and options thereon. A stock index future obligates a Fund to pay or receive an amount of cash equal to a fixed dollar amount specified in the futures contract multiplied by the difference between the settlement price of the contract on the contract's last trading day and the value of the index based on the stock prices of

the securities that comprise it at the opening of trading in such securities on the next business day.

A Fund may purchase and sell interest rate futures contracts and options thereon. An interest rate future obligates the Fund to purchase or sell an amount of a specific debt security at a future date at a specific price.

A Fund may purchase and sell currency futures and options thereon. A foreign currency future obligates the Fund to purchase or sell an amount of a specific currency at a future date at a specific price.

Options--In General. Each Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets, represented by the premium paid, in the purchase of call and put options. Each Fund may write (i.e., sell) covered call and put option contracts to the extent of 20% of the value of its net assets at the time such option contracts are written. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and obligates the writer to sell, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date. Conversely, a put option gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and obligates the writer to buy, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date.

A covered call option written by a Fund is a call option with respect to which the Fund owns the underlying security or otherwise covers the transaction such as by segregating permissible liquid assets. A put option written by a Fund is covered when, among other things, the Fund segregates permissible liquid assets having a value equal to or greater than the exercise price of the option to fulfill the obligation undertaken or otherwise covers the transaction. The principal reason for writing covered call and put options is to realize, through the receipt of premiums, a greater return than would be realized on the underlying securities alone. A Fund receives a premium from writing covered call or put options, which it retains whether or not the option is exercised.

There is no assurance that sufficient trading interest to create a liquid secondary market on a securities exchange will exist for any particular option or at any particular time, and for some options no such secondary market may exist. A liquid secondary market in an option may cease to exist for a variety of reasons. In the past, for example, higher than anticipated trading activity or order flow, or other unforeseen events, at times have rendered certain of the clearing facilities inadequate and resulted in the institution of special procedures, such as trading rotations, restrictions on certain types of orders or trading halts or suspensions in one or more options. There can be no assurance that similar events, or events that may otherwise interfere with the timely execution of customers' orders, will not recur. In such event, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options. If, as a covered call option writer, the Fund is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction in a secondary market, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or it delivers the underlying security upon exercise or it otherwise covers its position.



Specific Options Transactions. A Fund may purchase and sell call and put options in respect of specific securities (or groups or "baskets" of specific securities), including equity securities (including convertible securities), U.S. Government securities, foreign sovereign debt, corporate debt securities, and Eurodollar instruments that are traded on U.S. or foreign securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market, or securities indices, currencies or futures.

An option on an index is similar to an option in respect of specific securities or commodities, except that settlement does not occur by delivery of the securities or commodities comprising the index. Instead, the option holder receives an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the option is based is greater than in the case of a call, or less than in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option. Thus, the effectiveness of purchasing or writing index options will depend upon price movements in the level of the index rather than the price of a particular stock or commodity.

A Fund may purchase and sell call and put options on foreign currency. These options convey the right to buy or sell the underlying currency at a price which is expected to be lower or higher than the spot price of the currency at the time the option is exercised or expires.

A Fund may purchase cash-settled options on swaps, described below, denominated in U.S. dollars or foreign currency in pursuit of its investment objective. A cash-settled option on a swap gives the purchaser the right, but not the obligation, in return for the premium paid, to receive an amount of cash equal to the value of the underlying swap as of the exercise date.

Successful use by a Fund of options will be subject to the ability of the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) to predict correctly movements in the prices of individual stocks, the stock market generally or foreign currencies. To the extent such predictions are incorrect, the Fund may incur losses.

Swap Transactions. A Fund may engage in swap transactions, including currency swaps, index swaps and interest rate swaps. A Fund may enter into swaps for both hedging purposes and to seek to increase total return. A Fund also may enter into options on swap agreements, sometimes called "swaptions."

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few week to more than one year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a "notional amount," i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a "basket" of swaps or securities representing a particular index. The "notional amount" of the swap agreement is only used on a basis upon which to calculate the obligations that the parties to a swap agreement have agreed to exchange.

Most swap agreements entered into by the Funds are cash settled and calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a "net basis." Thus, a Fund's current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement generally will be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to

the agreement (the "net amount"). A Fund's current obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amount owed to the Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterparty will be covered by the segregation of permissible liquid assets of the Fund.

A swap option is a contract that gives a counterparty the right (but not the obligation) in return for payment of a premium, to enter into a new swap agreement or to shorten, extend, cancel or otherwise modify an existing swap agreement, at some designated future time on specified terms. A cash-settled option on a swap gives the purchaser the right to return for the premium paid, to receive an amount of cash equal to the value of the underlying swap as of the exercise date. These options typically are purchased in privately negotiated transaction from financial institutions, including securities brokerage firms. Depending on the terms of the particular option agreement, a Fund generally will incur a greater degree of risk when it writes a swap option than it will incur when it purchases a swap option. When a Fund purchases a swap option, it risks losing only the amount of the premium it has paid should it decide to let the option expire unexercised. However, when a Fund writes a swap option, upon exercise of the option the Fund will become obligated according to the terms of the underlying agreement.

The use of swap agreements is a highly specialized activity which involves strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transaction. If the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) is incorrect in its forecasts of applicable market factors, or a counterparty defaults, the investment performance of the Fund would diminish compared with that it would have been if these techniques were not used. In addition, it is possible that developments in the swap market, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements.

A Fund will enter into swap agreements only when the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) believes it would be in the best interests of the Fund to do so. In addition, a Fund will enter into swap agreements only with counterparties that meet certain standards of creditworthiness (generally, such counterparties would have to be eligible counterparties under the terms of the Funds' repurchase agreement guidelines).

Combined Transactions. A Fund may enter into multiple transactions, including multiple options transactions, multiple futures transactions, multiple currency transactions including forward currency contracts and multiple interest rate transactions, structured notes and any combination of futures, options, currently and interest rate transactions ("component transactions"), instead of a single transaction, as part of a single or combined strategy when, in the opinion of the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund), it is in the best interests of the Fund to do so. A combined transaction will usually contain elements of risk that are present in each of its component transactions. Although combined transactions are normally entered into based on the judgment the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund) that the combined strategies will reduce risk or otherwise more effectively achieve the desired portfolio management goal, it is possible that the combination will instead increase such risks or hinder achievement of the portfolio management objective.

Future Developments. A Fund may take advantage of opportunities in options and futures contracts and options on futures contracts and any other derivatives which are not presently contemplated for use by the Fund or which are not currently available but which may be developed, to the extent such opportunities are both consistent with the Fund's investment objective and legally permissible for the Fund. Before a Fund enters into such transactions or makes any such investment, the Fund will provide appropriate disclosure in its Prospectus or this Statement of Additional Information.

Lending Portfolio Securities. Each Fund may lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions needing to borrow securities to complete certain transactions. In connection with such loans, the Fund remains the owner of the loaned securities and continues to be entitled to payments in amounts equal to the interest, dividends or other distributions payable on the loaned securities. The Fund also has the right to terminate a loan at any time. The Fund may call the loan to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Fund's investment is to be voted upon. Loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the value of all assets received as collateral for the loan). The Fund will receive collateral consisting of cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. If the collateral consists of a letter of credit or securities, the borrower will pay the Fund a loan premium fee. If the collateral consists of cash, the Fund will reinvest the cash and pay the borrower a pre-negotiated fee or "rebate" from any return earned on the investment. The Fund may participate in a securities lending program operated by The Bank of New York Mellon, as lending agent (the "Lending Agent"). The Lending Agent will receive a percentage of the total earnings of the Fund derived from lending its portfolio securities. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Fund may experience delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the Manager to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, the Fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. A Fund will minimize this risk by limiting the investment of cash collateral to money market funds advised by the Manager, repurchase agreements or other high quality instruments with short maturities.

Forward Commitments. Each Fund may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, which means that delivery and payment take place in the future after the date of the commitment to purchase or sell. The payment obligation and the interest rate receivable on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery 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.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are subject to changes in value (generally changing in the same way, i.e., appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may expose the Fund to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis can involve the additional risk that the yield available in the market when the delivery takes place actually may be higher than that obtained in the transaction itself. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis when the Fund is fully or almost fully invested may result in greater potential fluctuation in the value of the Fund's net assets and its net asset value per share.

#### Certain Investment Considerations and Risks

Equity Securities. Equity securities, including common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities and warrants, fluctuate in value, often based on factors unrelated to the value of the issuer of the securities, and such fluctuations can be pronounced. Changes in the value of a Fund's investments will result in changes in the value of its shares and thus the Fund's total return to investors.

Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund, Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund and Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund each may purchase securities of small capitalization companies, and Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund, Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund may purchase securities of mid-capitalization companies. The stock prices of these companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than the stocks of larger, more established companies, because these securities typically are traded in lower volume and the issuers typically are more subject to changes in earnings and prospects. These Funds, as well as Dreyfus International Value Fund, may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings ("IPOs") or shortly thereafter. An IPO is a corporation's first offering of stock to the public. Shares are given a market value reflecting expectations for the corporation's future growth. Special rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") apply to the distribution of IPOs. Corporations offering stock in IPOs generally have limited operating histories and may involve greater investment risk. The prices of these companies' securities may be very volatile, rising and falling rapidly, sometimes based solely on investor perceptions rather than economic reasons.

A Fund may purchase securities of companies which have no earnings or have experienced losses. A Fund generally will make these investments based on a belief that actual anticipated products or services will produce future earnings. If the anticipated event is delayed or does not occur, or if investor perception about the company change, the company's stock price may decline sharply and its securities may become less liquid.

Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund invests in, and the other Funds may invest in, securities issued by companies in the technology sector, which has been among the most volatile sectors of the stock market. Technology companies involve greater risk because their revenues and earnings tend to be less predictable (and some companies may be experiencing significant losses) and their share prices tend to be more volatile. Certain technology companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. In addition, these companies are strongly affected by worldwide technological developments, and their products and services may not be economically successful or may

quickly become outdated. Investor perception may play a greater role in determining the day-to-day value of technology stocks than it does in other sectors. Fund investments made in anticipation of future products and services may decline dramatically in value if the anticipated products or services are delayed or canceled.

Fixed-Income Securities. (Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund only) The Fund may invest in corporate debt obligations and other fixed-income securities when management believes that such securities offer opportunities for capital growth. Even though interest-bearing securities are investments which promise a stable stream of income, the prices of such securities are inversely affected by changes in interest rates and, therefore, are subject to the risk of market price fluctuations. The values of fixed-income securities also may be affected by changes in the credit rating or financial condition of the issuer. Certain securities purchased by the Fund, such as those rated Baa or lower by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and BBB or lower by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), may be subject to such risks with respect to the issuing entity and to greater market fluctuations than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities. Once the rating of a portfolio security has been changed, the Fund will consider all circumstances deemed relevant in determining whether to continue to hold the security. See "Lower Rated Securities" below and the "Appendix."

Lower Rated Securities. (Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund only) The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in higher yielding (and, therefore, higher risk) debt securities such as those rated Ba by Moody's or BB by S&P or as low as Caa by Moody's or CCC by S&P (commonly known as "junk" bonds). They may be subject to greater risks and market fluctuations than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities. See the "Appendix" for a general description of the ratings of Moody's and S&P for fixed-income securities. The retail secondary market for these securities may be less liquid than that of higher rated securities; adverse conditions could make it difficult at times for the Fund to sell certain securities or could result in lower prices than those used in calculating the Fund's net asset value. Although ratings may be useful in evaluating the safety of interest and principal payments, they do not evaluate the market value risk of these securities. The Fund will rely on the Manager's judgment, analysis and experience in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer.

You should be aware that the market values of many of these securities tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than are higher rated securities and will fluctuate over time. These securities generally are considered by Moody's and S&P to be, on balance, predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation and generally will involve more credit risk than securities in the higher rating categories.

Companies that issue certain of these securities often are highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. Therefore, the risk associated with acquiring the securities of such issuers generally is greater than is the case with the higher rated securities. For example, during an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of these securities may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. The issuer's ability to service its debt obligations also may be affected adversely by specific corporate developments, forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. The risk of loss because of default by the issuer is significantly greater for

the holders of these securities because such securities generally are unsecured and often are subordinated to other obligations of the issuer.

Because there is no established retail secondary market for many of these securities, the Fund anticipates that such securities could be sold only to a limited number of dealers or institutional investors. To the extent a secondary trading market for these securities does exist, it generally is not as liquid as the secondary market for higher rated securities. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price and yield and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular issues when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. The lack of a liquid secondary market for certain securities also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing the Fund's portfolio and calculating its net asset value. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of these securities. In such cases, the Manager's judgment may play a greater role in valuation.

These securities may be particularly susceptible to economic downturns. An economic recession could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of lower rated bonds to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default for such securities. It is likely that an economic recession also could disrupt severely the market for such securities and have an adverse impact on their value.

The Fund may acquire these securities during an initial offering. Such securities may involve special risks because they are new issues. The Fund has no arrangement with any person concerning the acquisition of such securities, and the Manager will review carefully the credit and other characteristics pertinent to such new issues.

The credit risk factors pertaining to lower rated securities also apply to lower rated zero coupon bonds, pay-in-kind bonds and step-up bonds. In addition to the risks associated with the credit rating of the issuers, the market prices of these securities may be very volatile during the period no interest is paid.

Foreign Securities. Investing in the securities of foreign issuers, as well as instruments that provide investment exposure to foreign securities and markets, involves risks that are not typically associated with investing in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of domestic issuers. Investments in foreign issuers may be affected by changes in currency rates, changes in foreign or U.S. laws or restrictions applicable to such investments and in exchange control regulations (e.g., currency blockage). A decline in the exchange rate of the currency (i.e., weakening of the currency against the U.S. dollar) in which a portfolio security is quoted or denominated relative to the U.S. dollar would reduce the value of the portfolio security. A change in the value of such foreign currency against the U.S. dollar also will result in a change in the amount of income a Fund has available for distribution. Because a portion of a Fund's investment income may be received in foreign currencies, the Fund will be required to compute its income in U.S. dollars for distribution to shareholders, and therefore the Fund will absorb the cost of currency fluctuations. After the Fund has distributed income, subsequent foreign currency losses may result in the Fund having distributed more income in a particular fiscal period than was available from investment income, which could result in a return of capital to shareholders. In addition, if

the exchange rate for the currency in which the Fund receives interest payments declines against the U.S. dollar before such income is distributed as dividends to shareholders, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities to obtain sufficient cash to enable the Fund to pay such dividends. Commissions on transactions in foreign securities may be higher than those for similar transactions on domestic stock markets and foreign custodial costs are higher than domestic custodial costs. In addition, clearance and settlement procedures may be different in foreign countries and, in certain markets, such procedures have on occasion been unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, thus making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Foreign securities markets generally are not as developed or efficient as those in the United States. Securities of some foreign issuers are less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign securities markets are less than in the United States and, at times, volatility of price can be greater than in the United States.

Because evidences of ownership of foreign securities usually are held outside the United States, by investing in foreign securities a Fund will be subject to additional risks which include possible adverse political and economic developments, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits and adoption of governmental restrictions which might adversely affect or restrict the payment of principal and interest on the foreign securities to investors located outside the country of the issuer, whether from currency blockage or otherwise. Moreover, foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on days when the Fund does not calculate its net asset value and thus may affect the Fund's net asset value on days when investors have no access to the Fund.

Developing countries have economic structures that are generally less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable than those of developed countries. The markets of developing countries may be more volatile than the markets of more mature economies; however, such markets may provide higher rates of return to investors. Many developing countries providing investment opportunities for the Fund have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had and may continue to have adverse effects on the economies and securities markets of certain of these countries.

### Investment Restrictions

Under normal circumstances, each of Dreyfus International Value Fund and Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics). Under normal circumstances, each of Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund, Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in mid-cap stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics) as described in its Prospectus. Under normal circumstances, Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in small-cap stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics) as described in its Prospectus. Under normal circumstances, Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics) of companies the Manager believes

to be emerging leaders: companies characterized by new or innovative products, services or processes having the potential to enhance earnings or revenue growth. Under normal circumstances, Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks (or other instruments with similar economic characteristics) of growth companies of any size that the Manager believes to be leading producers or beneficiaries of technological innovation. Each Fund has adopted a policy to provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in its policy to so invest 80% of its assets.

Each 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 such Fund's outstanding voting shares. In addition, each Fund (except as otherwise noted) has adopted investment restrictions numbered 1 through 10 as fundamental policies. Investment restrictions numbered 11 through 16 are not fundamental policies and may be changed, as to a Fund, by a vote of a majority of the Company's Board members at any time. No Fund may:

1. Invest more than 5% of its assets in the obligations of any single issuer, except that up to 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be invested, and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, or its agencies or instrumentalities may be purchased, without regard to any such limitation.

2. Hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any single issuer. This investment restriction applies only with respect to 75% of the Fund's total assets.

3. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry, provided that there shall be no limitation on the purchase of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. For purposes of this investment restriction with respect to Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, the technology sector in general is not considered an industry.

4. Invest in commodities, except that the Fund may purchase and sell options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices. (This investment restriction shall not prohibit a Fund, subject to restrictions described in its Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, from purchasing, selling or entering into futures contracts, options on futures contracts, foreign currency forward contracts, foreign currency options, or any interest rate, securities-related or foreign currency-related hedging instrument, including swap agreements and other derivative instruments, subject to compliance with any applicable provisions of the Federal securities or commodities law.)

5. Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, or oil, gas or other mineral leases or exploration or development programs, but the Fund may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate or issued by companies that invest or deal in real estate or real estate investment trusts.



6. 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). For purposes of this investment restriction, the entry into options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices shall not constitute borrowing.

7. Make loans to others, except through the purchase of debt obligations and the entry into repurchase agreements. However, 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 SEC and the Company's Board. **With respect to Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund, however, this Investment Restriction No. 7 was adopted as follows:** The Fund may not lend any securities or make loans to others, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (which currently limits such loans to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets) or as otherwise permitted by the SEC. For purposes of this investment restriction, the purchase of debt obligations (including acquisitions of loans, loan participations or other forms of debt instruments) and the entry into repurchase agreements shall not constitute loans by the Fund. Any loans of portfolio securities will be made according to guidelines established by the SEC and the Company's Board.

8. Act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by virtue of disposing of portfolio securities.

9. Issue any senior security (as such term is defined in Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act), except to the extent the activities permitted in Investment Restriction Nos. 4, 6, 13 and 14 may be deemed to give rise to a senior security.

10. Purchase securities on margin, but the Fund may make margin deposits in connection with transactions in options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices.

11. Purchase securities of any company having less than three years' continuous operations (including operations of any predecessor) if such purchase would cause the value of the Fund's investments in all such companies to exceed 5% of the value of its total assets. (This investment restriction has not been adopted with respect to Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund.)

12. Invest in the securities of a company for the purpose of exercising management or control, but the Fund will vote the securities it owns in its portfolio as a shareholder in accordance with its views. (This investment restriction has not been adopted with respect to Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund.)

13. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and to the extent related to the purchase of securities on a when-issued or forward commitment basis and the deposit of assets in escrow in connection with writing covered put and call options and collateral and initial or variation margin arrangements

with respect to options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices.

14. Purchase, sell or write puts, calls or combinations thereof, except as described in the relevant Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

15. 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 15% of the value of the Fund's net assets would be so invested.

16. Purchase securities of other investment companies, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act.

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. 6, however, if borrowings exceed 33-1/3% of the value of a Fund's total assets as a result of a change in values or assets, the Fund must take steps to reduce such borrowings at least to the extent of such excess.

Dreyfus International Value Fund has adopted a policy prohibiting it from operating as a fund-of-funds in reliance on Section 12(d)(1)(F) or Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

The Company's Board is responsible for the management and supervision of the Funds, and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Funds. These companies are as follows:

The Dreyfus Corporation	Investment Adviser
Mellon Capital Management Corporation	Sub-Investment Adviser to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund
MBSC Securities Corporation	Distributor
Dreyfus Transfer, Inc.	Transfer Agent
The Bank of New York Mellon	Custodian

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

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

<b>Name (Age) Position with Company (Since)</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</b>
Joseph S. DiMartino (65) Chairman of the Board (1995)	Corporate Director and Trustee	The Muscular Dystrophy Association, <i>Director</i> Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, <i>Director</i> The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, <i>Director</i> Sunair Services Corporation, a provider of certain outdoor-related services to homes and businesses, <i>Director</i>
Peggy C. Davis (65) Board Member (2006)	Shad Professor of Law, New York University School of Law (1983 – present) Writer and teacher in the fields of evidence, constitutional theory, family law, social sciences and the law, legal process and professional methodology and training	None
David P. Feldman (68) Board Member (1996)	Corporate Director and Trustee	BBH Mutual Funds Group (11 funds), <i>Director</i> The Jeffrey Company, a private investment company, <i>Director</i>
James F. Henry (78) Board Member (2006)	President, The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a non-profit organization principally engaged in the development of alternatives to business litigation (Retired 2003) Advisor to The Elaw Forum, a consultant on managing corporate legal costs Advisor to John Jay Homstead (the restored home of the first U.S. Chief Justice) Individual Trustee of several trusts	Director, advisor and mediator involved in several non-profit organizations, primarily engaged in domestic and international dispute resolution, and historic preservation
Ehud Houminer (67) Board Member (1993)	Executive-in-Residence at the Columbia Business School, Columbia University	Avnet Inc., an electronics distributor, <i>Director</i> International Advisory Board to the MBA Program School of Management, Ben Gurion University, <i>Chairman</i>

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

<b>Name (Age)</b> <b>Position with Company</b> <b>(Since)</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b> <b>During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Other Board Memberships and Affiliations</b>
Gloria Messinger (78) Board Member (1993)	Arbitrator for American Arbitration Association (from 1994 to present) Arbitrator for FINRA (formerly National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.) (from 1994 to present) Consultant in Intellectual Property	Theater for a New Audience, Inc., <i>Director</i> Brooklyn Philharmonic, <i>Director</i>
Dr. Martin Peretz (69) Board Member (2006)	Editor-in-Chief of The New Republic Magazine Director of TheStreet.com, a financial information service on the web	American Council of Trustees and Alumni, <i>Director</i> Pershing Square Capital Management, <i>Member of Board of Advisers</i> Montefiore Investments, <i>General Partner</i> Harvard Center for Blood Research, <i>Trustee</i> Bard College, <i>Trustee</i> Board of Overseers of YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, <i>Chairman</i>
Anne Wexler (78) Board Member (1996)	Chairperson of the Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, consultants specializing in government relations and public affairs from January 1981 to present	The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, <i>Director</i> Member of the Council of Foreign Relations WETA-DC's Public TV and Radio Station, <i>Vice Chairman</i>

Board members are elected to serve for an indefinite term. The Company has standing audit, nominating and compensation committees, each comprised of its Board members who are not "interested persons" of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act. The function of the audit committee is (i) to oversee the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Funds' financial statements and (ii) to assist in the Board's oversight of the integrity of the Funds' financial statements, the Funds' compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence and performance. The Company's nominating committee is responsible for selecting and nominating persons as members of the Board for election or appointment by the Board and for election by shareholders. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the committee takes into consideration various factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of each Fund and its shareholders. The nominating committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Company, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor East, New York, New York 10166, which includes information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the nominating committee charter. The function of the compensation committee is to establish the appropriate compensation for serving on the Board. The Company also has a standing pricing committee comprised of any one Board member. The function of the pricing committee is to assist in valuing the Funds' investments. The audit committee met four times, the compensation committee met once and the pricing committee met three times during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008. The nominating committee did not meet during the last fiscal year.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Joseph S. DiMartino</u>	<u>Peggy C. Davis</u>	<u>David P. Feldman</u>	<u>James F. Henry</u>	<u>Ehud Houminer</u>	<u>Gloria Messinger</u>	<u>Martin Peretz</u>	<u>Anne Wexler</u>
Dreyfus International Value Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	None	None	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None	None	None	None	None
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	None	None	None	None	None	Over \$100,000	None	None
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	None	None	10,001 - \$50,000	None	\$1 - \$10,000	\$1 - \$10,000	None	None
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	None	None	None	None	\$10,001 - \$50,000	None	None	None
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Aggregate Holdings of Funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which responsible as a Board Member	Over \$100,000	None	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	\$10,001 - \$50,000	None

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Board member's ownership of Fund shares and shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which he or she is a Board member, in each case as of December 31, 2007:

As of December 31, 2007, none of the Board members or their immediate family members owned securities of the Manager, the Sub-Adviser, the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Manager, the Sub-Adviser, or the Distributor.

Currently, the Company and 12 other funds (comprised of 35 portfolios) in the Dreyfus Family of Funds pay each Board member their respective allocated portion of an annual retainer of \$85,000, and a fee of \$10,000 for each regularly scheduled Board meeting attended, \$2,000 for separate in-person committee meetings attended which are not held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board meeting and \$1,000 for Board meetings and separate committee meetings attended that are conducted by telephone. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation and the audit committee chairman receives an additional \$15,000 per annum. The Company also reimburses each Board member for travel and out of pocket expenses in connection with attending Board or committee meetings. Emeritus Board members 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 Company for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, and by all funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds for which such person was a Board member (the number of

portfolios of such funds is set forth in parenthesis next to each Board member's total compensation) during the year ended December 31, 2007, were as follows:

Name of Board Member	Aggregate Compensation From the Company*	Total Compensation From the Company and Fund Complex Paid to Board Member(**)
Joseph S. DiMartino	\$23,359	\$819,865 (196)
Peggy C. Davis	\$18,682	\$243,500 (72)
David P. Feldman	\$20,547	\$204,713 (58)
John M. Fraser, Jr.+	\$ 2,333	\$ 32,500 (49)
James F. Henry	\$18,024	\$138,000 (49)
Ehud Houminer	\$18,682	\$223,500 (79)
Paul A. Marks++	\$13,828	\$69,500 (49)
Gloria Messinger	\$18,682	\$140,000 (49)
Martin Peretz	\$15,969	\$130,000 (49)
Anne Wexler	\$17,418	\$193,213 (58)

\* Amount does not include the cost of office space, secretarial services and health benefits for the Chairman and expenses reimbursed to Board members for attending Board meetings, which in the aggregate amounted to \$7,697.

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

+ Emeritus Board member since May 24, 2000.

++ Emeritus Board member since December 31, 2006.

### Officers of the Company

J. DAVID OFFICER, President since December 2006. Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chairman and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 77 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1, 1998.

PHILLIP N. MAISANO, Executive Vice President since July 2007. Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director of the Manager, and an officer of 77 investment companies (comprised of 180 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Maisano also is an officer and/or board member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon), each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 61 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 2006. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr. Maisano served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EACM Advisors, an affiliate of the Manager, since August 2004, and served as Chief Executive Officer of Evaluation Associates, a leading institutional investment consulting firm, from 1988 until 2004.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001. Director-Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005. Assistant General Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon and Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 42 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1996.

JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 53 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 47 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 2000.

JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Assistant General Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 46 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1983.

JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005. Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2008. Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since 1982.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005. Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 40 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1991.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since August 2005. Senior Accounting Manager – Fixed Income Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002. Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 78 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 41 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since October 2002. Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 74 investment companies (comprised of 197 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 38 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004. Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (78 investment companies, comprised of 201 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. He is 51 years old and has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

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

The Company's Board members and officers, as a group, owned less than 1% of each Fund's voting securities outstanding on December 11, 2008. See "Information About the Company and Funds" for a list of shareholders known by the Company to own of record 5% or more of a Fund's outstanding voting securities as of December 11, 2008.



## MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Investment Adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon, a global financial services company focused on helping clients move and manage their financial assets, operating in 34 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing asset and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team.

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

The following persons are officers and/or directors of the Manager: Jonathan Little, Chair of the Board; Jonathan Baum, Chief Executive Officer and a director; J. Charles Cardona, President and a director; Diane P. Durnin, Vice Chair and a director; Phillip N. Maisano, Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chair and a director; J. David Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chair and a director; Dwight Jacobsen, Executive Vice President, Patrice M. Kozlowski, Senior Vice President – Corporate Communications; Jill Gill, Vice President – Human Resources; Anthony Mayo, Vice President – Information Systems; Theodore A. Schachar, Vice President – Tax; John E. Lane, Vice President; Jeanne M. Login, Vice President; Gary Pierce, Controller; Joseph W. Connolly, Chief Compliance Officer; James Bitetto, Secretary; and Mitchell E. Harris, Ronald P. O'Hanley III, and Scott Wennerholm, directors.

The Manager maintains office facilities on behalf of the Funds, and furnishes statistical and research data, clerical help, accounting, data processing, bookkeeping and internal auditing and certain other required services to the Funds. The Manager may pay the Distributor for shareholder services from the Manager's own assets, including past profits but not including the management fees paid by the Funds. The Distributor may use part or all of such payments to pay certain financial institutions (which may include banks), securities dealers ("Selected Dealers") and other industry professionals (collectively, "Service Agents") in respect of these services. The Manager also may make such advertising and promotional expenditures, using its own resources, as it from time to time deems appropriate.

Sub-Investment Adviser. With respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund, the Manager has entered into a Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement with Mellon Capital (the "Mellon Capital Sub-Advisory Agreement"). The Mellon Capital Sub-Advisory Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Company's Board or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, as the case may be, 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 Company or Mellon Capital, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Mellon Capital Sub-Advisory Agreement is terminable without penalty (i) by the Manager on 60 days' notice, (ii) by the Company's Board or by vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities on 60 days' notice, or (iii) by Mellon Capital upon not less than 90 days' notice. The Mellon Capital Sub-Advisory Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The following persons are officers and/or directors of Mellon Capital: Thomas Loeb, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Charles Jacklin, President, Chief Executive Officer and a director; Gabriela F. Parcella, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; James R. Tufts, Executive Vice President and Head of Client Service, Sales and Marketing; Brenda Oakley, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer; Thomas Hazuka, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer; Vikas Oswal, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Strategist; Polly Shouse, Executive Vice President and Indexing Strategist; and Phillip N. Maisano, William L. Fouse, John J. Nagorniak, Ronald P. O'Hanley III and Scott E. Wennerholm, directors.

Portfolio Management. The Manager manages each Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Company's Board. Mellon Capital provides day-to day management of Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund's investments, subject to the supervision of the Manager and the Company's Board. Each Fund's adviser is responsible for investment decisions, and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Board to execute purchases and sales of securities.

The Funds' portfolio managers are as follows:

Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	David A. Daglio Mark P. Dishop James Boyd Dale Dutile
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	David A. Daglio James Boyd Mark Dishop Dale Dutile
Dreyfus International Value Fund	D. Kirk Henry Clifford A. Smith
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	Oliver Buckley Kristin Crawford Langton C. Garvin
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	Brian C. Ferguson John Bailer

Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund

Mark Herskovitz  
Barry K. Mills  
Peter Vogel

Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund

Fred A. Kuehndorf  
Terence J. McLaughlin  
Deborah C. Ohl

Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund

Oliver Buckley  
Michael F. Dunn  
Patrick M. Slattery

The Manager and Mellon Capital each maintain research departments with professional portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide research services for the Funds and for other funds advised by the Manager or Mellon Capital.

BNY Mellon and its affiliates may have deposit, loan and commercial banking or other relationships with the issuers of securities purchased by a Fund. The Manager has informed the Company that in making its investment decisions it does not obtain or use material inside information that BNY Mellon or its affiliates may possess with respect to such issuers.

The Company, the Manager, Mellon Capital and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics that permits its personnel, subject to such respective Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by a Fund. The Code of Ethics subjects the employees' personal securities transactions of employees to various restrictions to ensure that such trading does not disadvantage any fund advised by the Manager. In that regard, portfolio managers and other investment personnel of the Manager must preclear and report their personal securities transactions and holdings, which are reviewed for compliance with the Manager's Code of Ethics and also are subject to the oversight of BNY Mellon's Investment Ethics Committee. Portfolio managers and other investment personnel who comply with the preclearance and disclosure procedures of the Manager's Code of Ethics and the requirements of the Committee may be permitted to purchase, sell or hold securities which also may be or are held in fund(s) they manage or for which they otherwise provide investment advice.

Portfolio Manager Compensation. (Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund and Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund) Portfolio managers responsible for mutual funds and other accounts are generally eligible for compensation consisting of base salary, bonus, and payments under Mellon Capital's long-term incentive compensation program. All compensation is paid by Mellon Capital and not by the mutual funds.

Mutual fund portfolio managers are also eligible for the standard retirement benefits and health and welfare benefits available to all Mellon Capital employees. Certain portfolio managers may be eligible for additional retirement benefits under several supplemental retirement plans that Mellon Capital provides to restore dollar-for-dollar the benefits of management employees that had been cut back solely as a result of certain limits due to the tax laws. These plans are structured to provide the same retirement benefits as the standard retirement benefits. In addition, mutual fund portfolio managers whose compensation exceeds

certain limits may elect to defer a portion of their salary and/or bonus under the BNY Mellon deferred compensation plan.

A portfolio manager's base salary is determined by the manager's experience and performance in the role, taking into account the ongoing compensation benchmark analyses. A portfolio manager's base salary is generally a fixed amount that may change as a result of an annual review, upon assumption of new duties, or when a market adjustment of the position occurs.

A portfolio manager's bonus is determined by a number of factors. One factor is performance of the mutual fund relative to expectations for how the mutual fund should have performed, given its objectives, policies, strategies and limitations, and the market environment during the measurement period. Additional factors include the overall financial performance of Mellon Capital, the performance of all accounts (relative to expectations) for which the portfolio manager has responsibility, the portfolio manager's contributions to the investment management functions within the sub-asset class, contributions to the development of other investment professionals and supporting staff, and overall contributions to strategic planning and decisions for the investment group. The target bonus is expressed as a percentage of base salary. The actual bonus paid may be more or less than the target bonus, based on how well the manager satisfies the objectives stated above. The bonus is paid on an annual basis.

Under the long-term incentive compensation program, certain portfolio managers are eligible to receive a payment from Mellon Capital's long-term incentive compensation plan based on their years of service, job level and, if applicable, management responsibilities. Each year, a portion of the firm's profits is allocated to the long-term incentive compensation award. The annual awards are paid after three years.

Portfolio Manager Compensation. (Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund, Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund, Dreyfus International Value Fund, Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund) With the exception of the most senior portfolio managers of TBCAM (described separately below), the portfolio managers' cash compensation is comprised primarily of a market-based salary and incentive compensation, including both annual and long-term retention incentive awards. Portfolio managers are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the Annual Incentive Plan, and annual incentive opportunities are pre-established for each individual based upon competitive industry compensation benchmarks. Actual individual awards are determined based on TBCAM's financial performance, individual investment performance, individual contribution and other qualitative factors.

Select senior portfolio managers: Select senior portfolio managers participate in a more formal structured compensation plan. This plan is designed to compensate our top investment professionals for superior investment performance and business results. It is a two stage model: an opportunity range is determined based on level of current business (assets under management, revenue) and an assessment of long term business value (growth, retention, development). A significant portion of the opportunity awarded is structured and based upon the one-year, three-year, and five-year (three-year and five-year weighted more heavily) pre-tax performance of the portfolio manager's accounts relative to the performance of the appropriate peer groups. Other

factors considered in determining the award are individual qualitative performance based on seven discretionary factors (e.g. leadership, teamwork, etc.), and the asset size and revenue growth or retention of the products managed. In addition, awards for portfolio managers that manage alternative strategies are partially based on a portion of the fund's realized performance fee.

**Research analysts:** For research analysts and other investment professionals, incentive pools are distributed to the respective product teams (in the aggregate) based upon product performance relative to firm-wide performance measured on the same basis as described above. Further allocations are made to specific team members by the product portfolio manager based upon sector contribution and other qualitative factors.

**Long Term Retention Incentive Plan:** All portfolio managers and analysts are also eligible to participate in TBCAM's Long Term Retention Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in cash and/or BNY Mellon restricted stock (three-year cliff vesting period for both). The value of the cash portion of the award earns interest during the vesting period based upon the growth in TBCAM's net income (capped at 20% and with a minimum payout of The Bank of New York Mellon 3-year CD rate).

Incentive compensation awards are generally subject to management discretion and pool funding availability. Funding for TBCAM's Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Retention Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of overall TBCAM's profitability. Awards are paid in cash on an annual basis. However, some portfolio managers may receive a portion of their annual incentive award in deferred vehicles.

**Additional Information about Portfolio Managers.** The following table lists the number and types of other accounts advised by each Fund's primary portfolio manager and assets under management in those accounts as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

<b><u>Portfolio Manager</u></b>	<b><u>Registered Investment Company Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>Assets Managed</u></b>	<b><u>Pooled Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>Assets Managed</u></b>	<b><u>Other Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>Assets Managed</u></b>
David A. Daglio	3	882M	6	296M	21***	1.7B
Mark P. Dishop	3	882M	6	296M	21***	1.7B
D. Kirk Henry	9	4.74B	11	3.63B	43**	7.36B
Brian C. Ferguson	6	1.83B	2	104M	58*	3.03B
Mark Herskovitz	2	232M	0	0	1	853.9B
Barry K. Mills	2	243M	0	0	0	0
Fred A. Kuehndorf	3	985M	0	0	21	628M
Oliver Buckley	13	5.2B	3	627.3M	82	15.5B
Michael F. Dunn	7	2.9B	3	663.4M	91	16.9B

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Kristin Crawford	12	5.1B	3	627.3M	82	15.5B
Langton C. Garvin	13	5.2B	3	627.3M	82	15.5B
Patrick Slattery	9	3.2B	3	627.3M	82	15.5B

\* The advisory fees for two of these accounts, which have total assets of approximately \$759 million, are based on the performance of the accounts.

\*\* The advisory fee for one of these accounts, which has total assets of approximately \$282 million, is based on the performance of the account.

\*\*\* The advisory fee for two of these accounts, which has total assets of approximately \$330 million, is based on the performance of the account.

The dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by the primary portfolio manager is as follows as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Dollar Range of Fund Shares Beneficially Owned</b>
David A. Daglio	Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$Over \$100,000
	Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	\$10,001-50,000
Mark P. Dishop	Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$0
D. Kirk Henry	Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$0
Brian C. Ferguson	Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Mark Herskovitz	Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Barry K. Mills	Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$0
Fred A. Kuehndorf	Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$1 - \$10,000
Oliver Buckley	Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$0
	Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$0
Michael F. Dunn	Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$0
Kristin Crawford	Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$0
Langton C. Garvin	Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$0
Patrick Slattery	Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$0

Portfolio managers may manage multiple accounts for a diverse client base, including mutual funds, separate accounts (assets managed on behalf of institutions such as pension funds, insurance companies and foundations), bank common trust accounts and wrap fee programs ("Other Accounts").

Potential conflicts of interest may arise because of Dreyfus' management of the Funds and Other Accounts. For example, conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities, as Dreyfus may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase Dreyfus' overall allocation of securities in that offering, or to increase Dreyfus' ability to participate in future offerings by the same underwriter or issuer. Allocations of bunched trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as Dreyfus may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to preferred accounts. Initial public offerings, in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. Additionally, portfolio managers may be perceived to have a conflict of interest if there are a large number of Other Accounts, in addition to the Fund, that they are managing on behalf of Dreyfus. Dreyfus periodically reviews each portfolio manager's overall responsibilities to ensure that he or she is able to allocate the necessary time and resources to effectively manage the Fund. In addition, Dreyfus could be viewed as having a conflict of interest to the extent that Dreyfus or its affiliates and/or portfolio managers have a materially larger investment in Other Accounts than their investment in the Fund.

Other Accounts may have investment objectives, strategies and risks that differ from those of the Funds. For these or other reasons, the portfolio managers may purchase different securities for a Fund and the Other Accounts, and the performance of securities purchased for the Fund may vary from the performance of securities purchased for Other Accounts. The portfolio managers may place transactions on behalf of Other Accounts that are directly or indirectly contrary to investment decisions made for the Fund, which could have the potential to adversely impact the Fund, depending on market conditions.

A potential conflict of interest may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in another account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by the other account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account.

Conflicts of interest similar to those described above arise when portfolio managers are employed by a sub-investment adviser or are dual employees of the Manager and an affiliate entity and such portfolio managers also manage other accounts.

Dreyfus' goal is to provide high quality investment services to all of its clients, while meeting Dreyfus' fiduciary obligation to treat all clients fairly. Dreyfus has adopted and implemented policies and procedures, including brokerage and trade allocation policies and procedures, that it believes address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients. In addition, Dreyfus monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with Fund guidelines, the allocation of IPOs, and compliance with the Dreyfus' Code of Ethics.

Furthermore, senior investment and business personnel at Dreyfus periodically review the performance of the portfolio managers for Dreyfus-managed funds.

Expenses. All expenses incurred in the operation of the Company with respect to the Funds, are borne by the Company, except to the extent specifically assumed by the Manager (or Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund). The expenses borne by the Company, with respect to the Funds include: organizational costs, taxes, interest, loan commitment fees, interest and distributions paid on securities sold short, brokerage fees and commissions, if any, fees of Board members who are not officers, directors, employees or holders of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Manager or its affiliates, SEC fees, state Blue Sky qualification fees, advisory fees, charges of custodians, transfer and dividend disbursing agents' fees, certain insurance premiums, industry association fees, outside auditing and legal expenses, costs of maintaining the Company's existence, costs of independent pricing services, costs attributable to investor services (including, without limitation, telephone and personnel expenses), costs of preparing and printing prospectuses and statements of additional information for regulatory purposes and for distribution to existing shareholders, costs of shareholders' reports and meetings, and any extraordinary expenses. In addition, each class of shares bears any class specific expenses allocated to such class, such as expenses related to the distribution and/or shareholder servicing of such class. The Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds' Class B, Class C and Class T shares are subject to an annual distribution fee, and Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares of the Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds and shares of the other Funds are subject to an annual shareholder services fee. See "Distribution Plan and Shareholder Services Plan." Expenses attributable to a particular Fund are charged against the assets of that Fund; other expenses of the Company are allocated among the Funds on the basis determined by the Board, including, but not limited to, proportionately in relation to the net assets of each Fund. All fees and expenses are accrued daily and deducted before the declaration of dividends to shareholders.

As compensation for its services, the Company has agreed to pay the Manager a monthly fee at the annual rate set forth below as a percentage of the relevant Fund's average daily net assets. The effective annual rate of the monthly investment advisory fee the Company paid the Manager pursuant to any undertaking in effect for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 as a percentage of the relevant Fund's average daily net assets also is set forth below:



Name of Fund	Annual Rate of Investment Advisory Fee Payable	Effective Annual Rate of Investment Advisory Fee Paid
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	.90%	.90%
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	.75%	.75%
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	.75%	.75%
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	.75%	.69%
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	.75%	.75%
Dreyfus International Value Fund	1.00%	1.00%
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	.50%	.62%
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	.75%	.75%

For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 (except as indicated), the management fees payable by each indicated Fund, the amounts waived by the Manager and the net fee paid by the Fund were as follows:

Name of Fund	2008			2007			2006		
	Fee Payable	Reduction In Fee	Net Fee	Fee Payable	Reduction In Fee	Net Fee	Fee Payable	Reduction In Fee	Net Fee
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$2,857,307	\$0	\$2,857,307	\$4,984,796	\$0	\$4,984,776	\$6,392,843	\$1,238,655	\$5,154,188
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$6,683,984	\$0	\$6,683,984	\$8,994,161	\$0	\$8,994,161	\$9,675,225	\$0	\$9,675,225
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	817,427	\$0	817,427	\$1,006,530	\$0	\$1,006,530	\$1,193,915	\$0	\$1,193,915
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$4,978,804	\$0	\$4,978,804	\$8,279,429	\$0	\$8,279,427	\$8,102,413	\$0	\$8,102,413
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	2,799,290	\$232,070	\$2,567,220	\$3,509,635	\$211,664	\$3,297,971	\$6,880,334	\$0	\$6,880,334
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$4,294,976	\$0	\$4,294,976	3,014,050	\$0	3,014,050	\$1,848,650	\$0	\$1,848,650
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$1,318,025	\$0	\$1,318,025	\$999,293	\$11,474	\$987,819	\$462,732	\$38,640	\$424,092
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$191,930	\$32,844	\$159,086	\$32,048	\$32,08	\$0	\$27,095	\$27,095	\$0

The sub-investment advisory fee Dreyfus has agreed to pay Mellon Capital, with respect to the Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund, pursuant to the Mellon Capital Sub-Advisory Agreement, and the effective annual rate of sub-investment advisory fee paid by Dreyfus for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, are set forth below:

	Annual Fee as a Percentage of Average Daily Net <u>Assets</u>	Effective Annual Rate of Sub-Investment Advisory Fee Paid in <u>2008</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		
0 up to \$100 million	0.25%	.25%
\$100 million up to \$1 billion	0.20%	
\$1 billion up to \$1.5 billion	0.16%	
\$1.5 billion or more	0.10%	

The fee paid by the Manager to Mellon Capital (or its predecessor) with respect to the Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008 amounted to \$632,652.

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 a Fund's net assets increases.

Distributor. The Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, serves as each Fund's distributor on a best efforts basis pursuant to an agreement with the Company which is renewable annually. The Distributor also serves as distributor for the other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds and BNY Mellon Funds Trust. Before June 30, 2007, the Distributor was known as "Dreyfus Service Corporation."

The Distributor compensates Service Agents for selling Class A shares and Class T shares subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC"), and Class C shares at the time of purchase from its own assets. The Distributor also compensated certain Service Agents for selling Class B shares at the time of purchase from its own assets when the Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds (other than Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund) offered Class B shares; the Dreyfus Funds no longer offer Class B shares except in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges. The proceeds of the CDSC and fees pursuant to the Company's Distribution Plan (described below), in part, are used to defray the expenses incurred by the Distributor in connection with the sale of the applicable class of Fund shares. The Distributor also may act as a

Service Agent and retain sales loads and CDSCs and Distribution Plan fees. For purchases of Class A shares and Class T shares subject to a CDSC, the Distributor generally will pay Service Agents on new investments made through such Service Agents a commission of up to 1% of the amount invested. The Distributor generally will pay Service Agents 1% on new investments of Class C shares made through such Service Agents and generally paid Service Agents 4% on new investments of Class B shares made through such Service Agents, of the net asset value of such shares purchased by their clients. With respect to Fund shares subject to a CDSC or Distribution Plan issued to shareholders in exchange for shares originally issued by a series of The Bear Stearns Funds (the "Acquired Fund"), the proceeds of any CDSC and fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan with respect to such Class B shares are payable to the Acquired Fund's former distributor to defray the expenses it incurred in connection with the sale of such shares when originally issued by the Acquired Fund.

The amounts retained on the sale of Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund shares by the Distributor from sales loads and from CDSCs, as applicable, with respect to Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares, are set forth below.

<b>Name of Fund</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended 2008</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended 2007</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended 2006</b>
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	Class A	\$7,214	\$7,566	\$13,723
	Class B	\$31,114	\$111,856	\$311,874
	Class C	\$3,043	\$21,498	\$7,001
	Class T	\$39	\$244	\$1,352
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	Class A	\$0		
	Class C	\$0		
	Class T	\$0		
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	Class A	\$106,944	\$41,778	\$36,526
	Class B	\$38,986	\$29,775	\$19,104
	Class C	\$9,305	\$6,047	\$3,670
	Class T	\$2,141	\$107	\$311
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	Class A	\$8,494	\$16,834	\$22,275
	Class B	\$12,484	\$14,369	\$19,783
	Class C	\$6,860	\$6,070	\$6,484
	Class T	\$77	\$1,022	\$71
Dreyfus International Value Fund	Class A	\$3,415	\$20,057	\$26,446
	Class B	\$38,249	\$34,855	\$40,631
	Class C	\$6,309	\$11,332	\$15,510
	Class T	\$62	\$211	\$53
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	Class A	\$868	\$3,071	\$1,490
	Class B	\$3,155	\$1,232	\$1,291
	Class C	\$380	\$1,044	\$113
	Class T	\$0	\$39	\$12

The Distributor may pay Service Agents that have entered into agreements with the Distributor a fee based on the amount invested through such Service Agents in Fund shares by employees participating in qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans, including pension, profit-sharing and other deferred compensation plans, whether established by corporations,

partnerships, non-profit entities, trade or labor unions, or state and local governments ("Retirement Plans"), or other programs. The term "Retirement Plans" does not include IRAs, IRA "Rollover Accounts" or IRAs set up under Simplified Employee Pension Plans ("SEP-IRAs"). Generally, the Distributor may pay such Service Agents a fee of up to 1% of the amount invested through the Service Agents. The Distributor, however, may pay Service Agents a higher fee and reserves the right to cease paying these fees at any time. The Distributor will pay such fees from its own funds, other than amounts received from a Fund, including past profits or any other source available to it. Sponsors of such Retirement Plans or the participants therein should consult their Service Agent for more information regarding any such fee payable to the Service Agent.

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

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent and Custodian. Dreyfus Transfer, Inc. (the "Transfer Agent"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, located at 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, is the transfer and dividend disbursing agent for each Fund. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Company, the Transfer Agent arranges for the maintenance of shareholder account records for each Fund, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Fund and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund. For these services, the Transfer Agent receives a monthly fee computed on the basis of the number of shareholder accounts it maintains for each Fund during the month, and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

The Bank of New York Mellon, located at One Mellon Bank Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258, an affiliate of the Manager, acts as custodian for the investments of each Fund, except Dreyfus International Value Fund. The Bank of New York located at One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286, acts as custodian for the investments of Dreyfus International Value Fund. Neither custodian has any part in determining the investment policies of the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Fund. Under a custody

agreement with the Company, the relevant custodian holds the Fund's securities and keeps all necessary accounts and records. For its custody services, the custodian receives a monthly fee based on the market value of each respective Fund's assets held in custody and receives certain securities transaction charges.

## HOW TO BUY SHARES

Fund Shares—General. Stock certificates are issued only upon your written request. No certificates are issued for fractional shares. You will be charged a fee if an investment check is returned unpayable.

The Company reserves the right to reject any purchase order. No Fund will establish an account for a "foreign financial institution," as that term is defined in Department of the Treasury rules implementing section 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Foreign financial institutions include: foreign banks (including foreign branches of U.S. depository institutions); foreign offices of U.S. securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, and mutual funds; non-U.S. entities that, if they were located in the United States, would be securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants or mutual funds; and non-U.S. entities engaged in the business of currency dealer or exchanger or money transmitter. No Fund will accept cash, travelers' checks, or money orders as payment for shares.

Service Agents may receive different levels of compensation for selling different Classes of shares. Management understands that some Service Agents may impose certain conditions on their clients which are different from those described in a Fund's Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, and to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authority, may charge their clients direct fees. You should consult your Service Agent in this regard. As discussed under "Management Arrangements - Distributor," Service Agents may receive revenue sharing payments from the Manager or the Distributor. The receipt of such payments could create an incentive for a Service Agent to recommend or sell shares of a Fund instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Please contact your Service Agent for details about any payments it may receive in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Funds.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes various limitations on the amount that may be contributed to certain Retirement Plans. These limitations apply with respect to participants at the plan level and, therefore, do not directly affect the amount that may be invested in a Fund by a Retirement Plan. Participants and plan sponsors should consult their tax advisers for details.

A Fund may, in its discretion, accept securities in payment for Fund shares. Securities may be accepted in payment for shares only if they are, in the judgment of the Manager, appropriate investments for the Fund. These securities are valued by the same method used to value the Fund's existing portfolio holdings. The contribution of securities to the Fund may be a taxable transaction to the shareholder.

For certain institutions that have entered into agreements with the Distributor, payment for the purchase of Fund shares may be transmitted, and must be received by the Transfer Agent,

within three business days after the order is placed. If such payment is not received within three business days after the order is placed, the order may be canceled and the institution could be held liable for resulting fees and/or losses.

All Funds, except the Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--General. Fund shares may be purchased through the Distributor or Service Agents that have entered into service agreements with the Distributor.

The minimum initial investment is \$2,500, or \$1,000 if you are a client of a Service Agent which maintains an omnibus account in the Fund and has made an aggregate minimum initial purchase for its customers of \$2,500. Subsequent investments must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, IRAs set up under 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 Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing, the minimum initial investment is \$1,000. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements to Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Company's Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation for serving in that capacity automatically invested in a Fund. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain qualified or non-qualified employee benefit plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

Shares of these Funds also are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder<sup>®</sup>, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan pursuant to the Dreyfus Step Program described under "Shareholder Services." These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Shares of these Funds 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 is open for regular business. For purposes of determining net asset value, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Net asset value per share is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets (i.e., the value of its assets less

liabilities) by the total number of Fund shares outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Funds' investments, see "Determination of Net Asset Value."

Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund only. Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund closed to new investors on June 30, 2000. Shareholders of the Fund on that date may continue to buy shares in accounts existing on that date. Investors who did not own shares of the Fund on June 30, 2000 generally will not be allowed to buy shares of the Fund, except that new accounts may be established: (1) by participants in most group employer retirement plans (and their successor plans) if the Fund had been established as an investment option under the plans (or under another plan sponsored by the same employer) by June 30, 2000; and (2) 401(k) plans sponsored by financial institutions approved by the Manager on or about June 30, 2000. Shareholders whose accounts were closed before or after June 30, 2000 may not reactivate their accounts or open new accounts. These restrictions generally will apply to investments made directly with the Manager and investments made through intermediaries. Investors may be required to demonstrate eligibility to buy shares of the Fund before a purchase order is accepted.

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds --General. Class A shares, Class C shares and Class T shares of the Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds may be purchased only by clients of Service Agents, including the Distributor. Subsequent purchases may be sent directly to the Transfer Agent or your Service Agent.

As of June 1, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), Class B shares of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund (other than Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund) are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds, advised by Dreyfus or shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. held in an Exchange Account (as defined under "Shareholder Services--Fund Exchanges") as a result of a previous exchange of Class B shares. No new or subsequent investments, including thorough automatic investment plans, are allowed in Class B shares of any Fund, except through dividend reinvestment or permitted exchanges. If you hold Class B shares and make a subsequent investment in Fund shares, unless you specify the Class of shares you wish to purchase, such subsequent investment will be made in Class A shares and will be subject to any applicable sales load. For Class B shares outstanding on the Effective Date and Class B shares acquired upon reinvestment of dividends, all Class B share attributes, including associated CDSC schedules, conversion to Class A features and Distribution Plan and Shareholder Services Plan fees, will continue in effect.

Class I shares are offered only to (i) bank trust departments, trust companies and insurance companies that have entered into agreements with the Distributor to offer Class I shares to their clients, (ii) institutional investors acting in a fiduciary, advisory, agency, custodial or similar capacity for Retirement Plans and SEP-IRAs (Class I shares may be purchased for a Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA only by a custodian, trustee, investment manager or other entity authorized to act on behalf of such Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor to offer Class I shares to such Retirement Plan or SEP-IRA), (iii) law firms or attorneys acting as trustees or executors/administrators, (iv) foundations and endowments that make an initial investment in the Fund of at least \$1 million, (v) sponsors of college savings plans that qualify for tax-exempt treatment under Section 529 of the Code, that maintain an omnibus account with the Fund and do not require shareholder tax reporting or 529

account support responsibilities from the Distributor, (vi) advisory fee-based accounts offered through financial intermediaries who, depending on the structure of the selected advisory platform, make Class I shares available, and (vii) certain funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds. Institutions effecting transactions in Class I shares for the accounts of their clients may charge their clients direct fees in connection with such transactions. In addition, holders of Class I shares of a Fund who have held their shares since June 5, 2003 may continue to purchase Class I shares of the Fund for their existing accounts whether or not they would otherwise be eligible to do so. Institutions effecting transactions in Class I shares for the accounts of their clients may charge their clients direct fees in connection with such transactions.

When purchasing shares of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund, you must specify which Class is being purchased. Your Service Agent can help you choose the share class that is appropriate for your investment. The decision as to which Class of shares is most beneficial to you depends on a number of factors, including the amount and the intended length of your investment in the Fund. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for a further discussion of these factors.

In many cases, neither the Distributor nor the Transfer Agent will have the information necessary to determine whether a quantity discount or reduced sales charge is applicable to a purchase. You or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor whenever a quantity discount or reduced sales charge is applicable to a purchase and must provide the Distributor with sufficient information at the time of purchase to verify that each purchase qualifies for the privilege or discount.

For Class A, C, I and T shares of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund, the minimum initial investment is \$1,000. Subsequent investments must be at least \$100. However, the minimum initial investment is \$750 for Dreyfus-sponsored Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, and rollover IRAs) and 403(b)(7) Plans with only one participant and \$500 for Dreyfus-sponsored Education Savings Accounts, with no minimum for subsequent purchases. The initial investment must be accompanied by the Account Application. For full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries who elect to have a portion of their pay directly deposited into their Fund accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$50. Fund shares are offered without regard to the minimum initial investment requirement to Board members of a fund advised by the Manager, including members of the Company's Board, who elect to have all or a portion of their compensation of serving in that capacity automatically invested in a Fund. The Company reserves the right to offer Fund shares without regard to minimum purchase requirements to employees participating in certain Retirement Plans or other programs where contributions or account information can be transmitted in a manner and form acceptable to the Company. The Company reserves the right to vary further the initial and subsequent investment minimum requirements at any time.

The minimum initial investment through an exchange for Class B shares of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund is \$1,000. Subsequent exchanges for Class B shares of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund must be at least \$500.

Class A, C, I and T shares of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund also may be purchased through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or



Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan as described under "Shareholder Services." These services enable you to make regularly scheduled investments and may provide you with a convenient way to invest for long-term financial goals. You should be aware, however, that periodic investment plans do not guarantee a profit and will not protect an investor against loss in a declining market.

Shares of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund are sold on a continuous basis. Net asset value per share of each class is determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business. For purposes of determining net asset value, certain options and futures contracts may be valued 15 minutes after the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Net asset value per share of each Class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets represented by such Class (i.e., the value of its assets less liabilities) by the total number of shares of such Class outstanding. For information regarding the methods employed in valuing the Funds' investments, see "Determination of Net Asset Value."

If an order is received in proper form by the Transfer Agent or other entity authorized to receive orders on behalf of the Fund by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on a business day, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the closing of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on the next business day, except where shares are purchased through a dealer as provided below.

Orders for the purchase of Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund shares received by dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee by the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m., Eastern time) will be based on the public offering price per share determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, the orders will be based on the next determined public offering price. It is the dealer's responsibility to transmit orders so that they will be received by the Distributor or its designee before the close of its business day. For certain institutions that have entered into agreements with the Distributor, payment for the purchase of Fund shares may be transmitted, and must be received by the Transfer Agent, within three business days after the order is placed. If such payment is not received within three business days after the order is placed, the order may be canceled and the institution could be held liable for resulting fees and/or losses.

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--Class A Shares. The public offering price for Class A shares is the net asset value per share of that Class plus (except for shareholders beneficially owning Class A shares of a Fund on the date indicated below) a sales load as shown below:

<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Total Sales Load – Class A Shares*</u>		<u>Dealers' reallowance as a % of offering price</u>
	<u>As a % of offering price per share</u>	<u>As a % of net asset value per share</u>	
Less than \$50,000	5.75	6.10	5.00
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.50	4.70	3.75
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.50	3.60	2.75
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.50	2.60	2.25
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

\* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

Class A shares purchased without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of \$1,000,000 or more will be assessed at the time of redemption a 1% CDSC if redeemed within one year of purchase. A CDSC will not be assessed such Class A shares purchased by a shareholder of a Fund who beneficially owned Class A shares of such Fund on the date indicated below. The Distributor may pay Service Agents an up-front commission of up to 1% of the net asset value of Class A shares purchased by their clients as part of a \$1,000,000 or more investment in Class A shares that are subject to a CDSC. See "Management Arrangements--Distributor."

For shareholders of a Multi-Class Fund listed below who beneficially owned Class A shares of such Fund on the date indicated next to the Fund, the public offering price for Class A shares of such Fund is the net asset value per share of that Class, and such shares will not be subject to the CDSC described above:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Date of Beneficial Ownership</u>
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	April 15, 1999
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	May 31, 2001
Dreyfus International Value Fund	November 14, 2002
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	May 29, 2008

The scale of sales loads applies to purchases of Class A shares made by any "purchaser," which term includes an individual and/or spouse purchasing securities for his, her or their own account or for the account of any minor children, or a trustee or other fiduciary purchasing securities for a single trust estate or a single fiduciary account (including a pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit trust created pursuant to a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Code) although more than one beneficiary is involved; or a group of accounts established by

or on behalf of the employees of an employer or affiliated employers pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (including accounts established pursuant to Sections 403(b), 408(k) and 457 of the Code); or an organized group which has been in existence for more than six months, provided that it is not organized for the purpose of buying redeemable securities of a registered investment company and provided, that the purchases are made through a central administration or a single dealer, or by other means which result in economy of sales effort or expense.

Set forth below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund's Class A shares. The example assumes a purchase of Class A shares of the Fund aggregating less than \$50,000, subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth above at a price based upon the net asset value of the Fund's Class A shares as of August 31, 2008.

	Net Asset Value Per Share	Per Share Sales Charge-- Class A-5.75% of offering price (6.10% of net asset value per share)	Per Share Offering Price to the Public
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$24.63	\$1.50	\$26.13
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$28.42	\$1.73	\$30.15
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$17.80	\$1.09	\$18.89
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$12.30	\$0.75	\$13.05
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$18.44	\$1.12	\$19.56
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$25.95	\$1.58	\$27.53

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--Class B Shares. Class B shares of each Dreyfus Fund (other than Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund) are offered only in connection with dividend reinvestment and permitted exchanges of Class B shares of certain other funds. The public offering price for such Class B shares is the net asset value per share of that Class. No initial sales charge is imposed at the time of dividend reinvestment or exchange. A CDSC is imposed, however, on certain redemptions of Class B shares as described in the relevant Fund's Prospectus and in this Statement of Additional Information under "How to Redeem Shares--Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares."

Approximately six years after the date of purchase, Class B shares automatically will convert to Class A shares, based on the relative net asset values for shares of each such Class. Class B shares of a Fund that have been acquired through the Fund's reinvestment of dividends and distributions will be converted on a pro rata basis together with other Class B shares, in the proportion that a shareholder's Class B shares converting to Class A shares bears to the total Class B shares held by the shareholder not acquired through the reinvestment of the Fund's dividends and distributions.

Class B shares of a Fund acquired by shareholders in exchange for Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003 are subject to different CDSC and conversion to Class A schedules. See "How to Redeem Shares—Contingent Deferred Sales Charge—Class B Shares."

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--Class C Shares. The public offering price for Class C shares is the net asset value per share of that Class. No initial sales charge is imposed at the time of purchase. A CDSC is imposed, however, on redemptions of Class C shares made within the first year of purchase. See "How to Redeem Shares--Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class C Shares."

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--Class I Shares. The public offering price for Class I shares is the net asset value per share of that Class.

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds--Class T Shares. The public offering price for Class T shares is the net asset value per share of that Class plus a sales load as shown below:

Amount of Transactions	Total Sales Load – Class T Shares*		
	As a % of offering price per share	As a % of net asset value per share	Dealers' reallowance as a % of offering price
Less than \$50,000	4.50	4.70	4.00
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	4.00	4.20	3.50
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	3.00	3.10	2.50
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	2.00	2.00	1.75
\$500,000 to less than \$1,000,000	1.50	1.50	1.25
\$1,000,000 or more	-0-	-0-	-0-

\* Due to rounding, the actual sales load you pay may be more or less than that calculated using these percentages.

Class T shares purchased without an initial sales charge as part of an investment of at least \$1,000,000 will be assessed at the time of redemption a 1% CDSC if redeemed within one year of purchase. The Distributor may pay Service Agents an amount up to 1% of the net asset value of Class T shares purchased by their clients that are subject to a CDSC. See "Management Arrangements—Distributor." Because the expenses associated with Class A shares will be lower than those associated with Class T shares, purchasers investing \$1,000,000 or more in a Fund will find it beneficial to purchase Class A shares rather than Class T shares.

The scale of sales loads applies to purchases of Class T shares made by any "purchaser," as defined above under "Class A Shares."

Set forth below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund's Class T shares. The example assumes a purchase of Class T shares of the Fund aggregating less than \$50,000, subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth

above at a price based upon the net asset value of the Fund's Class T shares as of August 31, 2008:

	Net Asset Value Per Share	Per Share Sales Charge— Class T-4.50% of offering price (4.70% of net asset value per share)	Per Share Offering Price to the Public
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$23.71	\$1.12	\$24.83
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$27.59	\$1.30	\$28.89
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$17.51	\$0.82	\$18.33
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$11.80	\$0.56	\$12.36
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$18.17	\$0.86	\$19.03
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$25.91	\$1.22	\$27.13

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds—Dealers' Reallowance—Class A and Class T Shares. The dealer reallowance provided with respect to Class A and Class T shares may be changed from time to time but will remain the same for all dealers.

Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds—Class A or Class T Shares Offered at Net Asset Value. Full-time employees of member firms of FINRA and full-time employees of other financial institutions which have entered into an agreement with the Distributor pertaining to the sale of Fund shares (or which otherwise have a brokerage related or clearing arrangement with a FINRA member firm or financial institution with respect to the sale of such shares) may purchase Class A shares for themselves directly or pursuant to an employee benefit plan or other program (if Fund shares are offered to such plans or programs), or for their spouses or minor children, at net asset value without a sales load, provided that they have furnished the Distributor with such information as it may request from time to time in order to verify eligibility for this privilege. This privilege also applies to full-time employees of financial institutions affiliated with FINRA member firms whose full-time employees are eligible to purchase Class A shares at net asset value. In addition, Class A shares are offered at net asset value to full-time or part-time employees of the Manager or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, directors of the Manager, Board members of a fund advised by the Manager or its affiliates, including members of the Company's Board, or the spouse or minor child of any of the foregoing.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value without a sales load through certain broker-dealers, including the Distributor's, and other financial institutions which have entered into an agreement with the Distributor, which includes a requirement that such shares be sold for the benefit of clients participating in a "wrap account" or a similar program under which such clients pay a fee to such broker-dealer or other financial institution.

Class A shares also may be purchased at net asset value without a sales load, subject to appropriate documentation, by (i) qualified separate accounts maintained by an insurance company pursuant to the laws of any State or territory of the United States, (ii) a State, county or city or instrumentality thereof, (iii) a charitable organization (as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of

the Code) investing \$50,000 or more in Fund shares, and (iv) a charitable remainder trust (as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code).

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value without a sales load by qualified investors who (i) purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, and (ii) have, or whose spouse or minor children have, beneficially owned shares and continuously maintained an open account directly through the Distributor in a Dreyfus managed fund since on or before February 28, 2006.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value without a sales load with the cash proceeds from an investor's exercise of employment-related stock options, whether invested in the Fund directly or indirectly through an exchange from a Dreyfus-managed money market fund, provided that the proceeds are processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor specifically relating to processing stock options. Upon establishing the account in the Fund or Dreyfus-managed money market fund, the investor and the investor's spouse or minor children become eligible to purchase Class A shares of the Fund at net asset value, whether or not using the proceeds of the employment-related stock options.

Class A shares may be purchased at net asset value without a sales load by members of qualified affinity groups who purchase Class A shares directly through the Distributor, provided that the qualified affinity group has entered into an affinity agreement with the Distributor.

Class A and Class T shares are offered at net asset value without a sales load to employees participating in Retirement Plans. Class A and Class T shares also may be purchased (including by exchange) at net asset value without a sales load for Dreyfus-sponsored IRA "Rollover Accounts" with the distribution proceeds from a Retirement Plan or a Dreyfus-sponsored 403(b)(7) plan, provided that, in the case of a Retirement Plan, the rollover is processed through an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Distributor specifically relating to processing rollovers. Upon establishing the Rollover Account in the Fund, the shareholder becomes eligible to make subsequent purchases of Class A or Class T shares of the Fund at the net asset value in such account.

In addition, for shareholders of Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund, Dreyfus International Value Fund and Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund who beneficially owned Class A shares of such Fund on April 15, 1999, May 31, 2001, November 14, 2002 and May 29, 2008, respectively, the public offering price for Class A shares of such Fund is the net asset value per share of that Class.

Dreyfus Mult-Class Funds--Right of Accumulation--Class A and Class T Shares.  
Reduced sales loads apply to any purchase of Class A and Class T shares by you and any related "purchaser" as defined above, where the aggregate investment including such purchase is \$50,000 or more. If, for example, you previously purchased and still hold shares of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund or shares of certain other funds advised by the Manager that are subject to a front-end sales load or a CDSC or shares acquired by a previous exchange of such shares (hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Funds"), or combination thereof, with an aggregate current market value of \$40,000 and subsequently purchase Class A or Class T shares of such Fund having a current value of \$20,000, the sales load applicable to the subsequent purchase would be

reduced to 4.50% of the offering price in the case of Class A shares or 4.00% of the offering price in the case of Class T shares. All present holdings of Eligible Funds may be combined to determine the current offering price of the aggregate investment in ascertaining the sales load applicable to each subsequent purchase.

To qualify at the time of purchase, you or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor if orders are made by wire, or the Transfer Agent if orders are made by mail. The reduced sales load is subject to confirmation of your holdings through a check of appropriate records.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. (All Funds) You may purchase Fund shares by telephone or online if you have checked the appropriate box and supplied the necessary information on the Account Application or have filed a Shareholder Services Form with the Transfer Agent. The proceeds will be transferred between the bank account designated in one of these documents and your Fund account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an Automated Clearing House ("ACH") member may be so designated.

Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase orders may be made at any time. If purchase orders are received by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on that day. If purchase orders are made after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any day the Transfer Agent and the New York Stock Exchange are open for regular business, or made on Saturday, Sunday or any Fund holiday (e.g., when the New York Stock Exchange is not open for business), Fund shares will be purchased at the public offering price determined on the next bank business day following such purchase order. To qualify to use the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, the initial payment for purchase of shares must be drawn on, and redemption proceeds paid to, the same bank and account as are designated on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form on file. If the proceeds of a particular redemption are to be sent to an account at any other bank, the request must be in writing and signature-guaranteed. See "How to Redeem Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege."

Reopening an Account. (All Funds) You may reopen an account with a minimum investment of \$100 without filing a new Account Application during the calendar year the account is closed or during the following calendar year, provided the information on the old Account Application is still applicable.

Converting Shares. Under certain circumstances, Fund shares may be converted from one Class of shares to another Class of the shares of the Fund. The aggregate dollar value of the shares of the Class received upon any such conversion will equal the aggregate dollar value of the converted shares on the date of the conversion. An investor whose Fund shares are converted from one Class to another Class of the Fund will not realize taxable gain or loss as a result of the conversion.

## DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PLAN

Class B, Class C and Class T shares, as applicable, of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund are subject to a Distribution Plan, and Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares, as applicable, of

each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund and the shares of each other Fund are subject to a Shareholder Services Plan.

Distribution Plan. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) Rule 12b-1 (the "Rule") adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act provides, among other things, that an investment company may bear expenses of distributing its shares only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule. The Company's Board has adopted such a plan (the "Distribution Plan") with respect to Class B, Class C and Class T shares, as applicable, of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund pursuant to which the Fund pays the Distributor for distributing its Class B, Class C and Class T shares at an annual rate of 0.75% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class B and Class C shares and 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class T shares. The Distributor may pay one or more Service Agents in respect of advertising, marketing and other distribution services, and determines the amounts, if any, to be paid to Service Agents and the basis on which such payments are made. The Company's Board believes that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Distribution Plan will benefit each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund and the holders of its Class B, Class C and Class T shares.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Distribution Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Board for its review. In addition, the Distribution Plan provides that it may not be amended to increase materially the costs which holders of Class B, Class C or Class T shares may bear pursuant to the Distribution Plan without the approval of the holders of such shares and that other material amendments of the Distribution Plan must be approved by the Board, and by the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. As to each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund, the Distribution Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote of the Board cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Distribution Plan. As to the relevant Class of shares of the Fund, the Distribution Plan may be terminated at any time by vote of a majority of the Board members who are not "interested persons" and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution Plan or by vote of the holders of a majority of such Class of shares.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, the amount paid by each indicated Fund to the Distributor pursuant to the Distribution Plan was as follows:



Name of Fund/Class	Amount Paid To the Distributor
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	
Class B	\$ 92,982
Class C	\$257,529
Class T	\$ 5,983
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	
Class C	\$ 25
Class T	
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	
Class B	\$103,854
Class C	\$278,923
Class T	\$ 29,660
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	
Class B	\$ 36,504
Class C	\$196,397
Class T	\$ 33,678
Dreyfus International Value Fund	
Class B	\$108,051
Class C	\$354,452
Class T	\$ 4,943
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	
Class B	\$ 6,021
Class C	\$ 9,208
Class T	\$ 122

**Shareholder Services Plan.** (All Funds) The Company has adopted a Shareholder Services Plan as to Class A, Class B, Class C and Class T shares, as applicable, of each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund, and as to the shares of each other Fund. Under the Plan, the Company pays the Distributor for the provision of certain services to the holders of such shares a fee at the annual rate of 0.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of the shares. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund and providing reports and other information, and services related to the maintenance of such shareholder accounts. Under the Shareholder Services Plan, the Distributor may make payments to certain Service Agents in respect of these services.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Shareholder Services Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Board for its review. In addition, the Shareholder Services Plan provides that material amendments must be approved by the Company's Board, and by the Board members who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Shareholder Services Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Shareholder Services Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. As to each Fund, 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 with respect to each Fund and relevant class of shares at any time by vote of a majority of the Board members who are not "interested persons" and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Shareholder Services Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Shareholder Services Plan.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, the amount paid by each indicated Fund to the Distributor pursuant to the Shareholder Services Plan was as follows:

<u>Name of Fund/Class</u>	<u>Amount Paid To the Distributor</u>
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 793,696
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund Class A	\$2,227,974
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	\$ 272,476
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	
Class A	\$ 765,017
Class B	\$ 30,994
Class C	\$ 85,843
Class T	\$ 5,983
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	
Class A	\$1,244,172
Class B	\$ 34,618
Class C	\$ 92,974
Class T	\$ 29,660
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	
Class A	\$ 230,530
Class B	\$ 12,168
Class C	\$ 65,466
Class T	\$ 33,678
Dreyfus International Value Fund	
Class A	\$ 916,817
Class B	\$ 36,017
Class C	\$ 118,151
Class T	\$ 4,943
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	
Class A	\$ 6,875
Class B	\$ 2,007
Class C	\$ 23,070
Class T	\$ 122

## HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

General. (All Funds) Each Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by the rules of the SEC. However, if you have purchased Fund shares by check, by Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege or through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder<sup>®</sup>, and subsequently submit a written redemption request to the Transfer Agent, the Fund may delay sending the redemption proceeds for up to eight business days after the purchase of such shares. In addition, the Fund will reject requests to redeem shares by wire or telephone, online or pursuant to the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, for a period of up to eight business days after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the purchase check, the Dreyfus TeleTransfer purchase or the Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder order against which such redemption is requested. These procedures will not apply if your shares were purchased by wire payment, or if you otherwise have a sufficient collected balance in your account to cover the redemption request. Fund shares may not be redeemed until the Transfer Agent has received your Account Application.

If you hold shares of more than one Class of a Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund, any request for redemption must specify the Class of shares being redeemed. If you fail to specify the Class of shares to be redeemed or if you own fewer shares of the Class than specified to be redeemed, the redemption request may be delayed until the Transfer Agent receives further instructions from you or your Service Agent.

Redemption Fee. (Dreyfus International Value Fund only) Dreyfus International Value Fund may deduct a redemption fee as described in the prospectus. The redemption fee will be charged and retained by the Fund on shares sold before the end of the 60-day holding period. The Fund will use the "first-in, first-out" method to determine the holding period for the shares sold. Under this method, shares held the longest will be redeemed or exchanged first. The holding period commences on the day after your purchase order is effective. For example, the holding period for shares purchased on April 10 (trade date) begins on April 11, and the 59th day of the holding period would be June 8. Thus, if you redeemed these shares on June 8, you would be assessed the fee, but you would not be assessed the fee if you redeemed on or after June 9.

The redemption fee generally is collected from the redemption proceeds, but may be imposed by billing you if the fee is not imposed as part of the redemption transaction.

The Fund may postpone the effective date of the assessment of the redemption fee on the underlying shareholder accounts within an omnibus account if an intermediary is unable to collect the Fund's redemption fee.

The Fund may impose the redemption fee at the plan level for employee benefit plans that hold shares on behalf of a limited number of employees. Plan sponsors of such benefit plans that opt to impose redemption fees at the employee account level, rather than at the plan level, must enter into agreements with Dreyfus that obligate the sponsor to collect and remit redemption fees at the employee level and to provide to the Fund, at its request, shareholder identity and transaction information.

The Fund's Prospectus contains information on transactions for which the redemption fee is waived. The Fund reserves the right to exempt additional transactions from the redemption fee.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds, other than Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund) A CDSC payable to the Distributor is imposed on any redemption of Class B shares which reduces the current net asset value of your Class B shares to an amount which is lower than the dollar amount of all payments by you for the purchase of Class B shares of the Fund held by you at the time of redemption. No CDSC will be imposed to the extent that the net asset value of the Class B shares of the Fund redeemed does not exceed (i) the current net asset value of Class B shares of the Fund acquired through reinvestment of Fund dividends or capital gain distributions, plus (ii) increases in the net asset value of your Class B shares above the dollar amount of all your payments for the purchase of Class B shares of the Fund held by you at the time of redemption.

If the aggregate value of Class B shares redeemed has declined below their original cost as a result of the Fund's performance, a CDSC may be applied to the then-current net asset value rather than the purchase price.

In circumstances where the CDSC is imposed, the amount of the charge will depend on the number of years from the time you purchased the Class B shares until the time of redemption of such shares. Solely for purposes of determining the number of years from the time of any payment for the purchase of Class B shares, all payments during a month will be aggregated and deemed to have been made on the first day of the month.

The following table sets forth the rates of the CDSC and the conversion to Class A schedule for Class B shares of a Fund, except for certain Class B shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund described below:

<u>Year Since Purchase Payment Was Made</u>	<u>CDSC as a % of Amount Invested or Redemption Proceeds (whichever is less)</u>
First	4.00
Second	4.00
Third	3.00
Fourth	3.00
Fifth	2.00
Sixth	1.00*

\* These Class B shares will automatically convert into Class A shares approximately six years after the date of purchase.

The following table sets forth the rates of the CDSC payable to the Acquired Fund's former distributor and the conversion to Class A schedule for Class B shares of a Fund issued in exchange for Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003:

<u>Year Since Purchase Payment Was Made</u>	<u>CDSC as a % of Amount Invested or Redemption Proceeds (whichever is less)</u>
First	5.00
Second	4.00
Third	3.00
Fourth	3.00
Fifth	2.00
Sixth	1.00
Seventh	0.00
Eighth	0.00*

\* These Class B shares will automatically convert into Class A shares at the end of the calendar quarter that is eight years after the initial purchase of the Class B shares of the Acquired Fund (applies to such Class B shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund before December 1, 2003).

In determining whether a CDSC is applicable to a redemption, the calculation will be made in a manner that results in the lowest possible rate. It will be assumed that the redemption is made first of amounts representing Class B shares of the Fund acquired pursuant to the reinvestment of Fund dividends and distributions; then, of amounts representing the increase in net asset value of Class B shares above the total amounts of payments for the purchase of Class B shares made during the preceding six years (eight years for certain shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund); and finally, of amounts representing the cost of shares held for the longest period.

For example, assume an investor purchased 100 shares of the Fund at \$10 per share for a cost of \$1,000. Subsequently, the shareholder acquired five additional Fund shares through the reinvestment of Fund dividends. During the second year after the purchase the investor decided to redeem \$500 of the investment. Assuming at the time of the redemption the net asset value had appreciated to \$12 per share, the value of the investor's shares would be \$1,260 (105 shares at \$12 per share). The CDSC would not be applied to the value of the reinvested dividend shares and the amount which represented appreciation (\$260). Therefore, \$240 of the \$500 redemption proceeds (\$500 minus \$260) would be charged at a rate of 4% (the applicable rate in the second year after purchase) for a total CDSC of \$9.60.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class C Shares. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) A CDSC of 1% payable to the Distributor is imposed on any redemption of Class C shares within one year of the date of purchase. The basis for calculating the payment of any such CDSC will be the method used in calculating the CDSC for Class B shares. See "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge--Class B Shares" above.

Waiver of CDSC. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) The CDSC may be waived in connection with (a) redemptions made within one year after the death or disability, as defined in Section 72(m)(7) of the Code, of the shareholder, (b) redemptions by employees participating in Retirement Plans, (c) redemptions as a result of a combination of any investment company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets or otherwise, (d) a distribution following retirement under a tax-deferred retirement plan or upon attaining age 70-1/2 in the case of an IRA or Keogh plan or custodial account pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Code, and (e) redemptions pursuant

to the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, as described below. If the Company's Board determines to discontinue the waiver of the CDSC, the disclosure herein will be revised appropriately. Any Fund shares subject to a CDSC which were purchased prior to the termination of such waiver will have the CDSC waived as provided in the relevant Fund's Prospectus or this Statement of Additional Information at the time of the purchase of such shares.

To qualify for a waiver of the CDSC, at the time of redemption you must notify the Transfer Agent or your Service Agent must notify the Distributor. Any such qualification is subject to confirmation of your entitlement.

Redemption Through a Selected Dealer. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) If you are a customer of a Selected Dealer, you may make redemption requests to your Selected Dealer. If the Selected Dealer transmits the redemption request so that it is received by the Transfer Agent prior to the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on a day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular business, the redemption request will be effective on that day. If a redemption request is received by the Transfer Agent after the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, the redemption request will be effective on the next business day. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit a request so that it is received in a timely manner. The proceeds of the redemption are credited to your account with the Selected Dealer. See "How to Buy Shares" for a discussion of additional conditions or fees that may be imposed upon redemption.

In addition, the Distributor or its designee will accept orders from Selected Dealers with which the Distributor has sales agreements for the repurchase of shares held by shareholders. Repurchase orders received by dealers by the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on any business day and transmitted to the Distributor or its designee prior to the close of its business day (usually 5:15 p.m., Eastern time), are effected at the price determined as of the close of trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on that day. Otherwise, the shares will be redeemed at the next determined net asset value. It is the responsibility of the Selected Dealer to transmit orders on a timely basis. The Selected Dealer may charge the shareholder a fee for executing the order. This repurchase arrangement is discretionary and may be withdrawn at any time.

Reinvestment Privilege. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) Upon written request, you may reinvest up to the number of Class A or Class T shares you have redeemed, within 45 days of redemption, at the then-prevailing net asset value without a sales load, or reinstate your account for the purpose of exercising Fund Exchanges. Upon reinstatement, if such shares were subject to a CDSC, your account will be credited with an amount equal to the CDSC previously paid upon redemption of the shares reinvested. The Reinvestment Privilege may be exercised only once.

Wire Redemption Privilege. (All Funds) By using this Privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephone, letter or online redemption instructions from any person representing himself or herself to be you (or a representative of your Service Agent for a Dreyfus Fund) and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Ordinarily, the Company will initiate payment for shares redeemed pursuant to this Privilege on the next business day after receipt by the Transfer Agent of the redemption request in proper form. Redemption proceeds

(\$1,000 minimum) will be transferred by Federal Reserve wire only to the commercial bank account specified by you on the Account Application or Shareholder Services Form, or to a correspondent bank if your bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System. Fees ordinarily are imposed by such bank and borne by the investor. Immediate notification by the correspondent bank to your bank is necessary to avoid a delay in crediting the funds to your bank account.

To change the commercial bank or account designated to receive wire redemption proceeds, a written request must be sent to the Transfer Agent. This request must be signed by each shareholder, with each signature guaranteed as described below under "Share Certificates; Signatures."

Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. (All Funds) You may request by telephone or online that redemption proceeds be transferred between your Fund account and your bank account. Only a bank account maintained in a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be designated. You should be aware that if you have selected the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege, any request for a Dreyfus TeleTransfer transaction will be effected through the ACH system unless more prompt transmittal specifically is requested. Redemption proceeds will be on deposit in your account at an ACH member bank ordinarily two business days after receipt of the redemption request. Shares held in an IRA or Education Savings Account may not be redeemed through the Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege. See "How to Buy Shares--Dreyfus TeleTransfer Privilege."

Share Certificates; Signatures. (All Funds) Any certificates representing Fund shares to be redeemed must be submitted with the redemption request. A fee may be imposed to replace lost or stolen certificates, or certificates that were never received. Written redemption requests must be signed by each shareholder, including each holder of a joint account, and each signature must be guaranteed. Signatures on endorsed certificates submitted for redemption also must be guaranteed. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards and procedures pursuant to which signature-guarantees in proper form generally will be accepted from domestic banks, brokers, dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations, as well as from participants in the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program, the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program. Guarantees must be signed by an authorized signatory of the guarantor and "Signature-Guaranteed" must appear with the signature. The Transfer Agent may request additional documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, and may accept other suitable verification arrangements from foreign investors, such as consular verification. For more information with respect to signature-guarantees, please call one of the telephone numbers listed on the cover.

Redemption Commitment. (All Funds) The Company has committed itself to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record of a Fund, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of such Fund's net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the SEC. In the case of requests for redemption from a Fund 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 would be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. (All Funds) The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed (a) during any period when the New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (b) when trading in the markets the relevant Fund ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of the Fund's investments or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable, or (c) for such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect the Fund's shareholders.

## SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

Fund Exchanges. (All Funds) You may purchase, in exchange for shares of a Fund, shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Multi-Class Family of Funds or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and with respect to Class T shares of the Fund, Class A shares of certain fixed-income funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, to the extent such shares are offered for sale in your state of residence. Shares of other funds purchased by exchange will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Exchanges for shares of funds offered without a sales load will be made without a sales load.
- B. Shares of funds purchased without a sales load may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load may be exchanged without a sales load for shares of other funds sold without a sales load.
- D. Shares of funds purchased with a sales load, shares of funds acquired by a previous exchange from shares purchased with a sales load and additional shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends or distributions of any such funds (collectively referred to herein as "Purchased Shares") may be exchanged for shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load that could have been imposed in connection with the Purchased Shares (at the time the Purchased Shares were acquired), without giving effect to any reduced loads, the difference may be deducted.
- E. Shares of funds subject to a CDSC exchanged for shares of another fund will be subject to the higher applicable CDSC of the two funds and, for purposes of calculating CDSC rates and conversion periods, if any, will be deemed to have been held since the date the shares being exchanged were initially purchased.

To accomplish an exchange under item D above, you or, with respect to a Dreyfus Fund, your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must notify the Transfer Agent of your prior ownership of Fund shares and your account number.



As of the Effective Date, you also may exchange your Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund Class B shares for Class B shares of General Money Market Fund, Inc. (the "General Fund"), a money market fund advised by the Manager. The shares so purchased will be held in a special account created solely for this purpose ("Exchange Account"). Exchanges of shares from an Exchange Account only can be made into Class B shares of funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds. No CDSC is charged when an investor exchanges into an Exchange Account; however, the applicable CDSC will be imposed when shares are redeemed from an Exchange Account or other applicable fund account. Upon redemption, the applicable CDSC will be calculated, taking into account the time such shares were held in the General Fund's Exchange Account. In addition, the time Class B shares are held in the General Fund's Exchange Account will be taken into account for purposes of calculating when such shares convert to Class A shares. If your Class B shares are held in the General Fund's Exchange Account at the time such shares are scheduled to convert to Class A shares, you will receive Class A shares of the General Fund. Prior to the Effective Date, shareholders were permitted to exchange their Class B shares for shares of Dreyfus Worldwide Dollar Money Market Fund, Inc. ("Worldwide Dollar Fund"), and such shares were held in an Exchange Account. Shareholders who held shares of Worldwide Dollar Fund in an Exchange Account on the Effective Date may continue to hold those shares and upon redemption from the Exchange Account or other applicable fund account, the applicable CDSC and conversion to Class A schedule will be calculated, except for Fund shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund, without regard to the time such shares were held in Worldwide Dollar Fund's Exchange Account; for Fund shares issued in exchange for shares originally issued by the Acquired Fund, the applicable CDSC and conversion to Class A schedule will be calculated taking into account the time such shares were held in the Worldwide Dollar Fund's Exchange Account. Exchanges of shares from an Exchange Account in Worldwide Dollar Fund only can be made into Class B shares of funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds and the General Fund. See "How to Redeem Shares." Redemption proceeds for Exchange Account shares are paid by Federal wire or check only. Exchange Account shares also are eligible for the Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege and the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, as described below.

To request an exchange, you or your Service Agent acting on your behalf, must give exchange instructions to the Transfer Agent in writing, by telephone or online. The ability to issue exchange instructions by telephone or online is given to all Fund shareholders automatically, unless you check the applicable "No" box on the Account Application, indicating that you specifically refuse this privilege. By using this privilege, you authorize the Transfer Agent to act on telephonic and online instructions (including over the Dreyfus Express<sup>®</sup> voice response telephone system) from any person representing himself or herself to be you or a representative of your Service Agent and reasonably believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. Exchanges may be subject to limitations as to the amount involved or the number of exchanges permitted. Shares issued in certificate form are not eligible for telephone or online exchange. No fees currently are charged shareholders directly in connection with exchanges, although the Company reserves the right, upon not less than 60 days' written notice, to charge shareholders a nominal administrative fee in accordance with rules promulgated by the SEC.

Exchanges of Class I shares held by a Retirement Plan may be made only between the investor's Retirement Plan account in one fund and such investor's Retirement Plan account in another fund.

To establish a personal retirement plan by exchange, shares of the fund being exchanged must have a value of at least the minimum initial investment required for the fund into which the exchange is being made.

During times of drastic economic or market conditions, the Company may suspend Fund Exchanges temporarily without notice and treat exchange requests based on their separate components--redemption orders with a simultaneous request to purchase the other fund's shares. In such a case, the redemption request would be processed at the Fund's next determined net asset value but the purchase order would be effective only at the net asset value next determined after the fund being purchased receives the proceeds of the redemption, which may result in the purchase being delayed.

Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege. (All Funds) Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege permits you to purchase (on a semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis), in exchange for shares of a Fund, shares of the same Class of a fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and, with respect to Class T shares of the Fund, Class A shares of certain fixed-income funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, of which you are a shareholder (including, for Class B shares, Class B shares of the General Fund held in an Exchange Account). This Privilege is available only for existing accounts. With respect to Class I shares held by a Retirement Plan, exchanges may be made only between the investor's Retirement Plan account in one fund and such investor's Retirement Plan account in another fund. Shares will be exchanged on the basis of relative net asset value as described above under "Fund Exchanges." Enrollment in or modification or cancellation of this Privilege is effective three business days following notification by you. You will be notified if your account falls below the amount designated to be exchanged under this Privilege. In this case, your account will fall to zero unless additional investments are made in excess of the designated amount prior to the next Auto-Exchange transaction. Shares held under IRA and other retirement plans are eligible for this Privilege. Exchanges of IRA shares may be made between IRA accounts and from regular accounts to IRA accounts, but not from IRA accounts to regular accounts. With respect to all other retirement accounts, exchanges may be made only among those accounts.

Shareholder Services Forms and prospectuses of the other funds may be obtained by calling 1-800-645-6561, or visiting [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com). The Company reserves the right to reject any exchange request in whole or in part. Shares may be exchanged only between accounts having certain identical identifying designations. The Fund Exchanges service or Dreyfus Auto-Exchange Privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder®. (All Funds) Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder® permits you to purchase 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. (All Funds) 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. (All Funds, except Dreyfus Select Growth Fund and Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund) 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. (All Funds, except the Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds) Dreyfus Step Program enables you to purchase Fund shares without regard to the Fund's minimum initial investment requirements through Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder<sup>®</sup>, Dreyfus Government Direct Deposit Privilege or Dreyfus Payroll Savings Plan. To establish a Dreyfus Step Program account, you must supply the necessary information on the Account Application and file the required authorization form(s) with the Transfer Agent. For more information concerning this Program, or to request the necessary authorization form(s), please call toll free 1-800-782-6620. You may terminate your participation in this Program at any time by discontinuing participation in Dreyfus-Automatic Asset Builder<sup>®</sup>, 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 rollover IRAs.

Dreyfus Dividend Options. (All Funds) Dreyfus Dividend Sweep allows you to invest automatically your dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from a Fund in shares of the same Class of another fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds or shares of certain other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, and with respect to Class T shares of a Fund, Class A shares of certain fixed-income funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds, of which you are a shareholder. Shares of other funds and of the same Class of other funds purchased pursuant to this privilege will be purchased on the basis of relative net asset value per share as follows:

- A. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested without a sales load in shares of other funds offered without a sales load.
- B. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that does not charge a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load, and the applicable sales load will be deducted.
- C. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund that charges a sales load may be invested in shares of other funds sold with a sales load (referred to herein as "Offered Shares"), but if the sales load applicable to the Offered Shares exceeds the maximum sales load charged by a fund from which dividends or distributions are being swept (without giving effect to any reduced loads), the difference may be deducted.
- D. Dividends and distributions paid by a fund may be invested in shares of other funds that impose a CDSC and the applicable CDSC, if any, will be imposed upon redemption of such shares.

Dreyfus Dividend ACH permits you to transfer electronically dividends or dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, from a Fund to a designated bank account. Only an account maintained at a domestic financial institution which is an ACH member may be so designated. Banks may charge a fee for this service.

Automatic Withdrawal Plan. (All Funds) The Automatic Withdrawal Plan permits you to request withdrawal of a specified dollar amount (minimum of \$50) on either a monthly or quarterly basis if you have a \$5,000 minimum account. Withdrawal payments are the proceeds from sales of Fund shares, not the yield on the shares. If withdrawal payments exceed reinvested dividends and distributions, your shares will be reduced and eventually may be depleted. The Automatic Withdrawal Plan may be terminated at any time by you, the Company or the Transfer Agent. Shares for which certificates have been issued may not be redeemed through the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

No CDSC with respect to Class B shares (including Class B shares held in an Exchange Account) or Class C shares will be imposed on withdrawals made under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, provided that any amount withdrawn under the plan does not exceed on an annual basis 12% of the greater of (1) the account value at the time of the first withdrawal under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan, or (2) the account value at the time of the subsequent withdrawal. Withdrawals with respect to Class B shares or Class C shares under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan that exceed such amounts will be subject to a CDSC. Withdrawals of Class A and Class T shares subject to a CDSC and Class C shares under the Automatic Withdrawal Plan will be subject to any applicable CDSC. Purchases of additional Class A and Class T shares where the sales load is imposed concurrently with withdrawals of Class A and Class T shares generally are undesirable.

Certain Retirement Plans, including Dreyfus-sponsored retirement plans, may permit certain participants to establish an automatic withdrawal plan from such Retirement Plans. Participants should consult their Retirement Plan sponsor and tax adviser for details. Such a withdrawal plan is different than the Automatic Withdrawal Plan.

Letter of Intent--Class A and Class T Shares. (Dreyfus Multi-Class Funds only) By signing a Letter of Intent form, you become eligible for the reduced sales load on purchases of Class A and Class T shares based on the total number of shares of Eligible Funds (as defined under "Right of Accumulation" above) purchased by you and any related "purchaser" (as defined above) in a 13-month period pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Intent. Shares of any Eligible Fund purchased within 90 days prior to the submission of the Letter of Intent may be used to equal or exceed the amount specified in the Letter of Intent. A minimum initial purchase of \$5,000 is required. You can obtain a Letter of Intent form by calling 1-800-554-4611.

Each purchase you make during the 13-month period (which begins on the date you submit the Letter of Intent) will be at the public offering price applicable to a single transaction of the aggregate dollar amount you select in the Letter of Intent. The Transfer Agent will hold in escrow 5% of the amount indicated in the Letter of Intent, which may be used for payment of a higher sales load if you do not purchase the full amount indicated in the Letter of Intent. When you fulfill the terms of the Letter of Intent by purchasing the specified amount the escrowed

amount will be released and additional shares representing such amount credited to your account. If your purchases meet the total minimum investment amount specified in the Letter of Intent within the 13-month period, an adjustment will be made at the conclusion of the 13-month period to reflect any reduced sales load applicable to shares purchased during the 90-day period prior to submission of the Letter of Intent. If your purchases qualify for a further sales load reduction, the sales load will be adjusted to reflect your total purchase at the end of 13 months. If total purchases are less than the amount specified, the offering price of the shares you purchased (including shares representing the escrowed amount) during the 13-month period will be adjusted to reflect the sales load applicable to aggregate purchases you actually made (which will reduce the number of shares in your account), unless you have redeemed the shares in your account, in which case the Transfer Agent, as attorney-in-fact pursuant to the terms of the Letter of Intent, will redeem an appropriate number of Class A or Class T shares of the Fund held in escrow to realize the difference between the sales load actually paid and the sales load applicable to the aggregate purchases actually made and any remaining shares will be credited to your account. Signing a Letter of Intent does not bind you to purchase, or the Fund to sell, the full amount indicated at the sales load in effect at the time of signing, but you must complete the intended purchase to obtain the reduced sales load. At the time you purchase Class A or Class T shares, you must indicate your intention to do so under a Letter of Intent. Purchases pursuant to a Letter of Intent will be made at the then-current net asset value plus the applicable sales load in effect at the time such Letter of Intent was submitted.

Corporate Pension/Profit-Sharing and Retirement Plans. (All Funds) The Company makes available to corporations a variety of prototype pension and profit-sharing plans, including a 401(k) Salary Reduction Plan. In addition, the Company makes available Keogh Plans, IRAs (including regular IRAs, spousal IRAs for a non-working spouse, Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, and rollover IRAs), Education Savings Accounts, 401(k) Salary Reduction Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans. Plan support services also are available.

If you wish to purchase Fund shares in conjunction with a Keogh Plan, a 403(b)(7) Plan or an IRA, including a SEP-IRA, you may request from the Distributor forms for adoption of such plans.

The entity acting as custodian for Keogh Plans, 403(b)(7) Plans or IRAs may charge a fee, payment of which could require the liquidation of shares. All fees charged are described in the appropriate form.

Shares may be purchased in connection with these plans only by direct remittance to the entity acting as custodian. Purchases for these plans may not be made in advance of receipt of funds.

You should read the prototype retirement plan and the appropriate form of custodial agreement for further details on eligibility, service fees and tax implications, and should consult a tax adviser.

#### DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Valuation of Portfolio Securities. Each Fund's investments are valued on the basis of market quotations or official closing prices. Each Fund's portfolio securities, including covered call options written by the Fund, are valued at the last sale price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities primarily are traded. Securities listed on the Nasdaq National Market System for which market quotations are available are valued at the official closing price or, if there is no official closing price on that day, at the last sale price. Securities not listed on an exchange or national securities market, or securities in which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices, except that open short positions are valued at the asked price. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Any assets or liabilities initially expressed in terms of foreign currency will be translated into U.S. dollars at the midpoint of the New York interbank market spot exchange rate as quoted on the day of such translation or, if no such rate is quoted on such date, such other quoted market exchange rate as may be determined to be appropriate by the Manager (or the Sub-Adviser with respect to Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund). Forward currency contracts will be valued at the current cost of offsetting the contract. If a Fund has to obtain prices as of the close of trading on various exchanges throughout the world, the calculation of net asset value may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of prices of certain of the Fund's securities. Short-term investments may be carried at amortized cost, which approximates value. Expenses and fees, including the management fee and fees pursuant to the Distribution Plan, and the Shareholder Services Plan, if applicable, are accrued daily and taken into account for the purpose of determining the net asset value of the relevant Fund's shares. Because of the differences in operating expenses incurred by each Class of shares of the Funds, the per share net asset value of each Class of shares of the Funds will differ.

Restricted securities, as well as securities or other assets for which recent market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available or are determined by the Company not to reflect accurately fair value such as when the value of a security has been materially effected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market but before the company calculates its NAV) and that is determined by the Company to have changed the value of the security, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith based on procedures approved by the Company's Board. Fair value of investments may be determined by the Company's Board, its pricing committee or its valuation committee in good faith using such information as it deems appropriate. The factors that may be considered when fair valuing a security include fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased or sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. Fair value of foreign equity securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of foreign securities and indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs and futures contracts. The valuation of a security based on fair value procedures may differ from the security's most recent closing price, and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their net asset values. Foreign securities held by the Fund may trade on days that the Fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Fund's assets on days when Fund investors have no access to the Fund. Restricted securities which are, or are convertible into, securities of the same class of other securities for which a public market exists usually will be valued at such market value less the same percentage discount at which the restricted securities were purchased. This

discount will be revised periodically by the Board if the Board members believe that it no longer reflects the value of the restricted securities. Restricted securities not of the same class as securities for which a public market exists usually will be valued initially at cost. Any subsequent adjustment from cost will be based upon considerations deemed relevant by the Board.

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

## DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Management of the Company believes that each Fund has qualified for treatment as a "regulated investment company" under the Code for its most recent fiscal year. Each Fund intends to continue to so qualify if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders. As a regulated investment company, the Fund will pay no federal income tax on net investment income and net realized securities gains to the extent such income and gains are distributed to shareholders. To qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must distribute at least 90% of its net income (consisting of net investment income and net short-term capital gain) to its shareholders and meet certain asset diversification and other requirements. If a 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 elect to receive dividends and distributions in cash, and your dividend or distribution check is returned to the Fund as undeliverable or remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to reinvest such dividends or distributions and all future dividends and distributions payable to you in additional Fund shares at net asset value. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks.

Any dividend or distribution paid shortly after your purchase may have the effect of reducing the aggregate net asset value of your shares below the cost of your investment. Such a dividend or distribution would be a return of capital in an economic sense, although taxable as stated in the relevant Fund's Prospectus. In addition, if a shareholder holds shares of a Fund for six months or less and has received a capital gain distribution with respect to such shares, any loss incurred on the sale of such shares will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain distribution received.

A Fund may qualify for and may make an election under which shareholders may be eligible to claim a credit or deduction on their Federal income tax returns for, and will be required to treat as part of the amounts distributed to them, their pro rata portion of qualified taxes paid or incurred by the Fund to foreign countries. A Fund may make such election provided that more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of the taxable year consists of securities in foreign corporations, and the Fund satisfies the applicable

distribution requirements. The foreign tax credit available to shareholders is subject to certain limitations.

Investment income that may be received by a Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign taxes withheld at the source. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If the Fund qualifies as a registered investment company, the Fund satisfies the 90% distribution requirement and more than 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stocks or securities of foreign corporations, then the Fund may elect to "pass through" to its shareholders the amount of foreign taxes paid by the Fund. If the Fund so elects, each shareholder would be required to include in gross income, even though not actually received, his or her pro rata share of the foreign taxes paid by the Fund, but would be treated as having paid his or her pro rata share of such foreign taxes and therefore would be allowed to either deduct such amount in computing taxable income or use such amount (subject to various Code limitations) as a foreign tax credit against Federal income tax (but not both). For purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation rules of the Code, each shareholder would treat as foreign source income his or her pro rata share of such foreign taxes plus the portion of dividends received from the Fund representing income derived from foreign sources. No deduction for foreign taxes could be claimed by an individual shareholder who does not itemize deductions. In certain circumstances, a shareholder that (i) has held Fund shares for less than a specified minimum period during which it is not protected from risk of loss, (ii) is obligated to make payments related to the dividends or (iii) holds Fund shares in arrangements in which the shareholder's expected economic profits after non-U.S. taxes are insubstantial, will not be allowed a foreign tax credit for foreign taxes deemed imposed on dividends paid on such shares. Additionally, the Fund also must meet this holding period requirement with respect to its foreign stock and securities in order for "creditable" taxes to flow-through. Each shareholder should consult his or her own tax adviser regarding the potential application of foreign tax credits.

Ordinarily, gains and losses realized from portfolio transactions will be treated as capital gains and losses. However, a portion of the gain or loss realized from the disposition of foreign currencies (including foreign currency denominated bank deposits) and non-U.S. dollar denominated securities (including debt instruments and certain futures or forward contracts and options) may be treated as ordinary income or loss. In addition, all or a portion of any gains realized from the sale or other disposition of certain market discount bonds will be treated as ordinary income. Finally, all or a portion of the gain realized from engaging in "conversion transactions" (generally including certain transactions designed to convert ordinary income into capital gain) may be treated as ordinary income.

Gain or loss, if any, realized by a Fund from certain financial futures or forward contracts and options transactions ("Section 1256 contracts") will be treated as 60% long-term capital gain or loss and 40% short-term capital gain or loss. Gain or loss will arise upon exercise or lapse of such Section 1256 contract as well as from closing transactions. In addition, any Section 1256 contracts remaining unexercised at the end of the Fund's taxable year will be treated as sold for its then fair market value, resulting in additional gain or loss to such Fund.

Offsetting positions held by a Fund involving certain financial futures or forward contracts or options transactions may constitute "straddles." To the extent the straddle rules



apply to positions established by the Fund, losses realized by the Fund may be deferred to the extent of unrealized gain in the offsetting position. In addition, short-term capital loss on straddle positions may be recharacterized as long-term capital loss, and long-term capital gains on straddle positions may be treated as short-term capital gains or ordinary income. Certain of the straddle positions held by the Fund may constitute "mixed straddles." The Fund may make one or more elections with respect to the treatment of "mixed straddles," resulting in different tax consequences. In certain circumstances, the provisions governing the tax treatment of straddles override or modify certain of the provisions discussed above.

If a Fund either (1) holds an appreciated financial position with respect to stock, certain debt obligations, or partnership interests ("appreciated financial position") and then enters into a short sale, futures or forward contract, or offsetting notional principal contract (collectively, a "Contract") with respect to the same or substantially identical property or (2) holds an appreciated financial position that is a Contract and then acquires property that is the same as, or substantially identical to, the underlying property, the Fund generally will be taxed as if the appreciated financial position were sold at its fair market value on the date the Fund enters into the financial position or acquires the property, respectively.

If a Fund enters into certain derivatives (including forward contracts, long positions under notional principal contracts, and related puts and calls) with respect to equity interests in certain pass-thru entities (including other regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, partnerships, real estate mortgage investment conduits and certain trusts and foreign corporations), long-term capital gain with respect to the derivative may be recharacterized as ordinary income to the extent it exceeds the long-term capital gain that would have been realized had the interest in the pass-thru entity been held directly by the Fund during the term of the derivative contract. Any gain recharacterized as ordinary income will be treated as accruing at a constant rate over the term of the derivative contract and may be subject to an interest charge. The Treasury has authority to issue regulations expanding the application of these rules to derivatives with respect to debt instruments and/or stock in corporations that are not pass-thru entities.

Investment by a Fund in securities issued or acquired at a discount, or providing for deferred interest or for payment of interest in the form of additional obligations, could under special tax rules affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders by causing the Fund to recognize income prior to the receipt of cash payments. For example, the Fund could be required each year to accrue a portion of the discount (or deemed discount) at which the securities were issued and to distribute such income in order to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company. In such case, the Fund may have to dispose of securities which it might otherwise have continued to hold in order to generate cash to satisfy the distribution requirements.

If a Fund invests in an entity that is classified as a "passive foreign investment company" ("PFIC") for Federal income tax purposes, the operation of certain provisions of the Code applying to PFICs could result in the imposition of certain federal income taxes on the Fund. In addition, gain realized from the sale or other disposition of PFIC securities held beyond the end of the Fund's taxable year may be treated as ordinary income.

Federal regulations require that you provide a certified taxpayer identification number ("TIN") upon opening or reopening an account. See the Account Application for further information concerning this requirement. Failure to furnish a certified TIN to the Company could subject you to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General. The Manager assumes general supervision over the placement of securities purchase and sale orders on behalf of the funds it manages. Funds managed by dual employees of the Manager and an affiliated entity, and funds with a sub-investment adviser, execute portfolio transactions through the trading desk of the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser, as applicable (the "Trading Desk"). Those funds use the research facilities, and are subject to the internal policies and procedures, of applicable affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser.

The Trading Desk generally has the authority to select brokers (for equity securities) or dealers (for fixed income securities) and the commission rates or spreads to be paid. Allocation of brokerage transactions is made in the best judgment of the Trading Desk and in a manner deemed fair and reasonable. In choosing brokers or dealers, the Trading Desk evaluates the ability of the broker or dealer to execute the transaction at the best combination of price and quality of execution.

In general, brokers or dealers involved in the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of a fund are selected on the basis of their professional capability and the value and quality of their services. The Trading Desk attempts to obtain best execution for the funds by choosing brokers or dealers to execute transactions based on a variety of factors, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) price; (ii) liquidity; (iii) the nature and character of the relevant market for the security to be purchased or sold; (iv) the quality and efficiency of the broker's or dealer's execution; (v) the broker's or dealer's willingness to commit capital; (vi) the reliability of the broker or dealer in trade settlement and clearance; (vii) the level of counter-party risk (i.e., the broker's or dealer's financial condition); (viii) the commission rate or the spread; (ix) the value of research provided; (x) the availability of electronic trade entry and reporting links; and (xi) the size and type of order (e.g., foreign or domestic security, large block, illiquid security). In selecting brokers or dealers no factor is necessarily determinative; however, at various times and for various reasons, certain factors will be more important than others in determining which broker or dealer to use. Seeking to obtain best execution for all trades takes precedence over all other considerations.

Investment decisions for one fund or account are made independently from those for other funds or accounts managed by the portfolio managers. Under the Trading Desk's procedures, portfolio managers and their corresponding Trading Desks may seek to aggregate (or "bunch") orders that are placed or received concurrently for more than one fund or account. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by a fund or an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. As noted above, certain brokers or dealers may be selected because of their ability to handle special executions such as those involving large

block trades or broad distributions, provided that the primary consideration of best execution is met. Generally, when trades are aggregated, each fund or account within the block will receive the same price and commission. However, random allocations of aggregate transactions may be made to minimize custodial transaction costs. In addition, at the close of the trading day, when reasonable and practicable, the completed securities of partially filled orders will generally be allocated to each participating fund and account in the proportion that each order bears to the total of all orders (subject to rounding to "round lot" amounts and other relevant factors).

Portfolio turnover may vary from year to year as well as within a year. In periods in which extraordinary market conditions prevail, the portfolio managers will not be deterred from changing a Fund's investment strategy as rapidly as needed, in which case higher turnover rates can be anticipated which would result in greater brokerage expenses. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid is evaluated by the Trading Desk based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services. Higher portfolio turnover rates usually generate additional brokerage commissions and transaction costs, and any short-term gains realized from these transactions are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

To the extent that a fund invests in foreign securities, certain of such fund's transactions in those securities may not benefit from the negotiated commission rates available to funds for transactions in securities of domestic issuers. For funds that permit foreign exchange transactions, such transactions are made with banks or institutions in the interbank market at prices reflecting a mark-up or mark-down and/or commission.

The portfolio managers may deem it appropriate for one fund or account they manage to sell a security while another fund or account they manage is purchasing the same security. Under such circumstances, the portfolio managers may arrange to have the purchase and sale transactions effected directly between the funds and/or accounts ("cross transactions"). Cross transactions will be effected in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

Funds and accounts managed by the Manager, an affiliated entity or a sub-investment adviser may own significant positions in portfolio companies which, depending on market conditions, may affect adversely the ability to dispose of some or all of such positions.

Brokerage Commissions. The Company contemplates that, consistent with the policy of obtaining the most favorable net price, brokerage transactions may be conducted through the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) or their affiliates. The Company's Board has adopted procedures in conformity with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act to ensure that all brokerage commissions paid to the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) are reasonable and fair.

For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the amounts paid by the Funds for total brokerage commissions in the amount indicated below, none of which was paid to the Distributor. The amounts paid for brokerage commissions do not include gross spreads and concessions on principal transactions, none of which was paid to the Distributor.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Brokerage Commissions Paid</u>		
	2008	2007	2006
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 620,432	\$1,227,095	\$1,543,524
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$3,403,608	\$4,997,622	\$7,023,392
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	\$ 756,077	\$959,432	\$1,315,531
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$ 833,086	\$1,766,441	\$1,451,621
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$1,020,699	\$528,132	\$1,395,634
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$1,061,916	\$556,525	\$438,621
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$ 223,760	\$312,683	\$122,979
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$ 24,059	\$4,009	\$3,654

The brokerage commissions for certain Funds fluctuated significantly from year-to-year because of increased market volatility and increased cash flows into and out of such Funds.

For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the following amounts were the concessions paid on principal transactions.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Concessions Paid</u>		
	2008	2007	2006
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$0	\$531,145	\$1,456,937
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	\$140,592	\$212,040	\$686,443
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$9,877	\$82,541	\$140,376
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$373,842	\$291,663	\$0
Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

There were no commissions paid to affiliates of the Manager for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Soft Dollars. The term "soft dollars" is commonly understood to refer to arrangements where an investment adviser uses client (or fund) brokerage commissions to pay for research and other services to be used by the investment adviser. Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides a "safe harbor" that permits investment advisers to enter into soft dollar arrangements if the investment adviser determines in good faith that the amount of the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. Eligible products and services under Section 28(e) include those that provide lawful and appropriate assistance to the investment adviser in the performance of its investment decision-making responsibilities.

Subject to the policy of seeking best execution, Dreyfus-managed funds may execute transactions with brokerage firms that provide research services and products, as defined in Section 28(e). Any and all research products and services received in connection with brokerage commissions will be used to assist the applicable affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser in its investment decision-making responsibilities, as contemplated under Section 28(e). Under certain conditions, higher brokerage commissions may be paid in connection with certain transactions in return for research products and services.

The products and services provided under these arrangements permit the Trading Desk to supplement its own research and analysis activities, and provide it with information from individuals and research staffs of many securities firms. Such services and products may include, but are not limited to the following: fundamental research reports (which may discuss, among other things, the value of securities, or the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, or the availability of securities or the purchasers or sellers of securities, or issuers, industries, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and performance); current market data and news; technical and portfolio analyses; economic forecasting and interest rate projections; and historical information on securities and companies. The Trading Desk also may defray the costs of certain services and communication systems that facilitate trade execution (such as on-line quotation systems, direct data feeds from stock exchanges and on-line trading systems with brokerage commissions generated by client transactions) or functions related thereto (such as clearance and settlement). Some of the research products or services received by the Trading Desk may have both a research function and a non-research administrative function (a "mixed use"). If the Trading Desk determines that any research product or service has a mixed use, the Trading Desk will allocate in good faith the cost of such service or product accordingly. The portion of the product or service that the Trading Desk determines will assist it in the investment decision-making process may be paid for in soft dollars. The non-research portion is paid for by the Trading Desk in hard dollars.

The Trading Desk generally considers the amount and nature of research, execution and other services provided by brokerage firms, as well as the extent to which such services are relied on, and attempts to allocate a portion of the brokerage business of its clients on the basis of that consideration. Neither the services nor the amount of brokerage given to a particular brokerage firm are made pursuant to any agreement or commitment with any of the selected firms that would bind the Trading Desk to compensate the selected brokerage firm for research provided. The Trading Desk endeavors, but is not legally obligated, to direct sufficient commissions to broker/dealers that have provided it with research and other services to ensure

continued receipt of research the Trading Desk believes is useful. Actual commissions received by a brokerage firm may be more or less than the suggested allocations.

There may be no correlation between the amount of brokerage commissions generated by a particular fund or client and the indirect benefits received by that fund or client. The affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser may receive a benefit from the research services and products that is not passed on to a fund in the form of a direct monetary benefit. Further, research services and products may be useful to the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser in providing investment advice to any of the funds or clients it advises. Likewise, information made available to the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser from brokerage firms effecting securities transactions for a fund may be utilized on behalf of another fund or client. Information so received is in addition to, and not in lieu of, services required to be performed by the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser and fees are not reduced as a consequence of the receipt of such supplemental information. Although the receipt of such research services does not reduce the normal independent research activities of the affiliated entity or sub-investment adviser, it enables them to avoid the additional expenses that might otherwise be incurred if it were to attempt to develop comparable information through its own staff.

For each Fund, the aggregate amount of transactions during the last fiscal year in securities effected on an agency basis through a broker for, among others things, research services, and the commissions and concessions related to such transactions were as follows:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Transaction Amount</u>	<u>Commissions and Concessions</u>
Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund	\$741,892,162	\$1,065,799
Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund	\$36,815,513	\$91,423
Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund	\$14,754,964	\$14,366
Dreyfus International Value Fund	\$13,759,885	\$20,467
Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund	\$194,864,121	\$213,860
Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund	\$255,079,699	\$341,223
Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund	\$24,972,786	\$21,304

IPO Allocations. Certain funds advised by the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) may participate in IPOs. In deciding whether to purchase an IPO, the Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) generally considers the capitalization characteristics of the security, as well as other characteristics of the security, and identifies funds and accounts with investment objectives and strategies consistent with such a purchase. Generally, as more IPOs involve small- and mid-cap companies, the funds and accounts with a small- and mid-cap focus may participate in more IPOs than funds and accounts

with a large-cap focus. The Manager (and where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate), when consistent with the fund's and/or account's investment guidelines, generally will allocate shares of an IPO on a pro rata basis. In the case of "hot" IPOs, where the Manager (and if applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate) only receives a partial allocation of the total amount requested, those shares will be distributed fairly and equitably among participating funds or accounts managed by the Manager (or where applicable, a sub-adviser or Dreyfus affiliate). "Hot" IPOs raise special allocation concerns because opportunities to invest in such issues are limited as they are often oversubscribed. The distribution of the partial allocation among funds and/or accounts will be based on relevant net asset values. Shares will be allocated on a pro rata basis to all appropriate funds and accounts, subject to a minimum allocation based on trading, custody, and other associated costs. International hot IPOs may not be allocated on a pro rata basis due to transaction costs, market liquidity and other factors unique to international markets.

With respect to Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund, Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund, Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund, Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund, Dreyfus International Value Fund and Dreyfus Strategic Value, there were no brokerage commissions paid to the Manager or its affiliates for such Fund's most current fiscal years.

Regular Broker-Dealers. A Fund may acquire securities issued by one or more of its "regular brokers or dealers," as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act. Rule 10b-1 provides that a "regular broker or dealer" is one of the ten brokers or dealers that, during the Fund's most recent fiscal year (i) received the greatest dollar amount of brokerage commissions from participating, either directly or indirectly, in the Fund's portfolio transactions, (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amount of the Fund's portfolio transactions or (iii) sold the largest dollar amount of the Fund's securities. Listed below for each Fund that acquired securities of its regular brokers or dealers for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, the issuer of the securities and the aggregate value per issuer, as of August 31, 2008, of such securities:

Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund - JP Morgan Chase & Co. \$22, 292,000  
Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. \$10, 824,000  
Morgan Stanley \$3,495,000  
Goldman Sachs & Co. \$8,390,000  
Wachovia Securities, LLC \$7,467,000  
Piper Jaffray & Co. \$6,852,000.

Dreyfus International Value Fund – UBS Warburg LLC, \$3,180,000.

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings. It is the policy of the Dreyfus to protect the confidentiality of fund portfolio holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. Each fund, or its duly authorized service providers, publicly discloses its holdings in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as periodic portfolio disclosure in filings with the SEC. Each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose its complete schedule of portfolio holdings, at month-end, with a one-month lag, on the Dreyfus website at [www.dreyfus.com](http://www.dreyfus.com). In addition fifteen days following the end of each calendar quarter, each non-money market fund, or its duly authorized service providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the end of such quarter. Each money market fund or its duly authorized service

providers, may publicly disclose on the website its complete schedule of holdings twice a month, on the 15th day of the month and the last business day of the month, with a 15-day lag. Portfolio holdings will remain available on the website until the date on which the fund files a Form N-CSR of Form N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

If a fund's portfolio holdings are released pursuant to an ongoing arrangement with any party, such fund must have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and neither the Fund, nor Dreyfus or its affiliates, may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make available information about the fund's portfolio holdings. Funds may distribute portfolio holdings to mutual fund evaluation services such as Standard & Poor's, Morningstar or Lipper Analytical Services; due diligence departments of broker-dealers and wirehouses that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure; and broker-dealers that may be used by the fund, for the purpose of efficient trading and receipt of relevant research, provided that: (a) the recipient does not distribute the portfolio holdings to persons who are likely to use the information for purposes of purchasing or selling fund shares or fund portfolio holdings before the portfolio holdings become public information; and (b) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement.

Funds may also disclose any and all portfolio information to their service providers and others who generally need access to such information in the performance of their contractual duties and responsibilities and are subject to duties of confidentiality, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law and/or contract. These service providers include the fund's custodian, independent registered public accounting firm, investment adviser, administrator, and each of their respective affiliates and advisers.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings may be authorized only by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer, and any exceptions to this policy are reported quarterly to the fund's Board.

## SUMMARY OF THE PROXY VOTING POLICY, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE DREYFUS FAMILY OF FUNDS

The Board of each fund in the Dreyfus Family of Funds has delegated to the Manager the authority to vote proxies of companies held in the fund's portfolio. The Manager, through its participation on the BNY Mellon Proxy Policy Committee (the "PPC"), applies BNY Mellon's Proxy Voting Policy, related procedures, and voting guidelines when voting proxies on behalf of the funds.

The Manager recognizes that an investment adviser is a fiduciary that owes its clients, including funds it manages, a duty of utmost good faith and full and fair disclosure of all material facts. An investment adviser's duty of loyalty requires an adviser to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of its clients and precludes the adviser from subrogating the clients' interests to its own. In addition, an investment adviser voting proxies on behalf of a fund must do so in a manner consistent with the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.



The Manager seeks to avoid material conflicts of interest by participating in the PPC, which applies detailed, pre-determined written proxy voting guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines") in an objective and consistent manner across client accounts, based on internal and external research and recommendations provided by a third party vendor, and without consideration of any client relationship factors. Further, the Manager and its affiliates engage a third party as an independent fiduciary to vote all proxies of funds managed by BNY Mellon or its affiliates (including the Dreyfus Family of Funds), and may engage an independent fiduciary to vote proxies of other issuers at its discretion.

All proxies received by the funds are reviewed, categorized, analyzed and voted in accordance with the Voting Guidelines. The guidelines are reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect new issues and any changes in BNY Mellon's or the Manager's policies on specific issues. Items that can be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are voted in accordance with any applicable guidelines or referred to the PPC, if the applicable guidelines so require. Proposals that cannot be categorized under the Voting Guidelines are referred to the PPC for discussion and vote. Additionally, the PPC reviews proposals where it has identified a particular company, industry or issue for special scrutiny. With regard to voting proxies of foreign companies, the Manager weighs the cost of voting and potential inability to sell the securities (which may occur during the voting process) against the benefit of voting the proxies to determine whether or not to vote. With respect to securities lending transactions, the Manager seeks to balance the economic benefits of continuing to participate in an open securities lending transaction against the inability to vote proxies.

When evaluating proposals, the PPC recognizes that the management of a publicly-held company may need protection from the market's frequent focus on short-term considerations, so as to be able to concentrate on such long-term goals as productivity and development of competitive products and services. In addition, the PPC generally supports proposals designed to provide management with short-term insulation from outside influences so as to enable them to bargain effectively with potential suitors to the extent such proposals are discrete and not bundled with other proposals. The PPC believes that a shareholder's role in the governance of a publicly-held company is generally limited to monitoring the performance of the company and its management and voting on matters which properly come to a shareholder vote. However, the PPC generally opposes proposals designed to insulate an issuer's management unnecessarily from the wishes of a majority of shareholders. Accordingly, the PPC generally votes in accordance with management on issues that the PPC believes neither unduly limit the rights and privileges of shareholders nor adversely affect the value of the investment.

On questions of social responsibility where economic performance does not appear to be an issue, the PPC attempts to ensure that management reasonably responds to the social issues. Responsiveness will be measured by management's efforts to address the particular social issue including, where appropriate, assessment of the implications of the proposal to the ongoing operations of the company. The PPC will pay particular attention to repeat issues where management has failed in its commitment in the intervening period to take actions on issues.

In evaluating proposals regarding incentive plans and restricted stock plans, the PPC typically employs a shareholder value transfer model. This model seeks to assess the amount of shareholder equity flowing out of the company to executives as options are exercised. After

determining the cost of the plan, the PPC evaluates whether the cost is reasonable based on a number of factors, including industry classification and historical performance information. The PPC generally votes against proposals that permit the repricing or replacement of stock options without shareholder approval or that are silent on repricing and the company has a history of repricing stock options in a manner that the PPC believes is detrimental to shareholders.

Information regarding how the Manager voted proxies for the Funds is available on the Dreyfus Family of Funds' website at <http://www.dreyfus.com> and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> on the Funds' Form N-PX filed with the SEC.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND FUNDS

Each Fund share has one vote and, when-issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, is fully paid and non-assessable. Fund shares have equal rights as to dividends and in liquidation. Shares have no preemptive or subscription rights and are freely transferable.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Company to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, shareholders may not consider each year the election of Board members or the appointment of auditors. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Company to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Board member from office. Shareholders may remove a Board member by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Board will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Board members if, at any time, less than a majority of the Board members then holding office have been elected by shareholders. The Company is a "series fund," which is a mutual fund divided into separate portfolios, each of which is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act and for other purposes. A shareholder of one portfolio is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other portfolio. For certain matters shareholders vote together as a group; as to others they vote separately by portfolio.

To date, the Board has authorized the creation of 11 series of shares. All consideration received by the Company for shares of a Fund, and all assets in which such consideration is invested, will belong to that Fund (subject only to the rights of creditors of the Company) and will be subject to the liabilities related thereto. The income attributable to, and the expenses of, a Fund will be treated separately from those of the other Funds of the Company. The Company has the ability to create, from time to time, new series without shareholder approval.

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted under the provisions of the 1940 Act or applicable state law or otherwise to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company, such as the Company, will not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series affected by such matter. Rule 18f-2 further provides that a series shall be deemed to be affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each series in the matter are identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of such series. Rule 18f-2 exempts the selection of independent accountants and the election of Board members from the separate voting requirements of the Rule.

Each Fund is intended to be a long-term investment vehicle and is not designed to provide investors with a means of speculating on short-term market movements. A pattern of frequent purchases and exchanges can be disruptive to efficient portfolio management and, consequently, can be detrimental to the Fund's performance and its shareholders. If Fund management determines that an investor is following an abusive investment strategy, it may reject any purchase request, or terminate the investor's exchange privilege, with or without prior notice. Such investors also may be barred from purchasing shares of other funds in the Dreyfus Family of Funds. Accounts under common ownership or control may be considered as one account for purposes of determining a pattern of excessive or abusive trading. In addition, a Fund may refuse or restrict purchase or exchange requests for Fund shares by any person or group if, in the judgment of the Fund's management, the Fund would be unable to invest the money effectively in accordance with its investment objective and policies or could otherwise be adversely affected or if the Fund receives or anticipates receiving simultaneous orders that may significantly affect the Fund. If an exchange request is refused, the Company will take no other action with respect to the Fund shares until it receives further instructions from the investor. While the Company will take reasonable steps to prevent excessive short term trading deemed to be harmful to a Fund, it may not be able to identify excessive trading conducted through certain financial intermediaries or omnibus accounts.

Effective May 2, 2006, the Company changed its name from "Dreyfus Advantage Funds, Inc." to its current name. Prior to March 15, 2006, the Company's name was "Dreyfus Growth and Value Funds, Inc."

Effective June 1, 2007, each Dreyfus Multi-Class Fund's "Class R" shares were redesignated as "Class I" shares. Effective December 1, 2008, the word "Premier" was omitted from each Multi-Class Fund's name, as applicable.

Each Fund will send annual and semi-annual financial statements to all its shareholders.

The following persons are known by the Company to own of record 5% or more of a Fund's outstanding voting securities as of December 11, 2008. A shareholder who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of a Fund's voting securities may be deemed a "control person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund.

#### **Dreyfus Emerging Leaders Fund**

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company Attn. Outside Funds PO Box 2600 Valley Forge, PA 19482-2600	15.14%
PIMS/Prudential Retirement As Nominee For The TTEE/CUST Komatsu America Corporation One Continental Towers 1701 West Golf Road Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-4227	9.12%

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. 6.46%  
Reinvest Account  
101 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

AIG Retirement Services Company 5.45%  
FBO AIGFSB (CUST) (TTEE) FBO  
2929 Allen Parkway, A6-20  
Houston, TX 77019-2118

**Dreyfus Midcap Value Fund (Class A)**

Fidelity Investments Institutional 11.86%  
Operations Co Inc (FIIOC) As Agent  
For Benzel-Busch Motor Car Corp  
401k Profit Sharing Plan  
100 Magellan Way  
Covington, KY 41015-1999

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 6.45%  
FMT CO Cust IRA  
FBO James D Brannen  
4541 Dogwood Tree Ct  
Haymarket, VA 20169-1949

JP Morgan Chase Bank as directed 18.47%  
TR FBO The Super Saver Employees Plan  
C/O JP Morgan American Century  
P.O. Box 419784  
Kansas City, MO 64141

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co. 14.00%  
Attn Outside Funds  
P.O. Box 2600  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-2600

**Dreyfus Small Company Value Fund**

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. 11.27%  
Reinvest Account  
101 Montgomery St.  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

National Financial Services LLC 10.72%  
FEBO William J Munig  
6850 Stratford BLVD  
Excelsior, MN 55331-9611

**Dreyfus International Value Fund (Class A)**

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 25.18%

FMTC Custodian - Simple  
Historical Resources Inc.  
FBO Paul R Spitzzeri  
1157 Carbon Canyon Rd  
Chino Hills, CA 91709-2384

SEI Private Trust Company 16.73%  
Attn: Mutual Fund Administrator  
One Freedom Valley Drive  
Oaks, PA 19456

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company 17.10%  
Attn: Outside Funds  
P.O. Box 2600  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-2600

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 9.04%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Drive – East Fl. 3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 6.09%  
Reinvest Account  
ATTN: Mutual Fund Dept  
101 Montgomery St.  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

**Dreyfus International Value Fund (Class B)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 21.71%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Dr. East FL-3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 15.51%  
Citizens Bank Regular IRA  
FBO Elizabeth Sortino  
309 Hill Rd  
Havertown, PA 19083-4832

Pershing LLC 7.78%  
P.O. Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303

**Dreyfus International Value Fund (Class C)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 60.17%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration

4800 Deer Lake Drive East – Fl. 3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 7.10%  
333 West 34th St – 3rd Fl  
New York, NY 10001-2402

Morgan Stanley & Co. 7.74%  
Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 2, 3rd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07311

**Dreyfus International Value Fund (Class I)**

Pershing LLC 14.71%  
PO BOX 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

SEI Private Trust Company 52.47%  
C/O Mellon  
ATTN: Mutual Funds  
One Freedom Valley Drive  
Oaks, PA 19456

Dreyfus Premier Diversified 10.46%  
International Fund  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
ATTN John Heinsohn  
200 Park Ave 7<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10166-0005

Us Bank FBO Wachovia Executive 12.94%  
Benefit Group  
PO BOX 1787  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1787

**Dreyfus International Value Fund (Class T)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 63.87%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Drive East – Fl. 3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 9.01%  
333 West 34<sup>th</sup> St. – 3rd FL  
New York, NY 10001-2402

**Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund (Class A)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 5.25%  
Benefit of its Customers

Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Drive East – Fl. 3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

National Financial Services LLC FEBO Jerry M Embry & Mary Agness Embry San Isidro Perez Zeledon, Costa Rica	10.31%
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Valic Retirement Services Company FBO City of West Sacramento Deferred Compensation Plan 2929 Allen Parkway, A6-20 Houston, TX 77019-2118	7.63%
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Pershing DIV of DLJ Cust FBO Sandra C. McConnell, IRA 1 Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	6.47%
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**Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund (Class B)**

National Financial Services LLC FEBO Cletus M Koenig and Barbara J Koenig 2424 County Road 146 Clearwater, MN 55320-1416	15.52%
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Pershing LLC PO Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	9.35%
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First Clearing Corporation LLC Sandra M Goldberg Roth IRA 41 Pine Road Gibbsboro, NJ 08026-1139	5.91%
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**Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund (Class C)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole Benefit of its Customers Attn: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Drive East FL 3 Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	19.62%
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Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 West 34 <sup>TH</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	16.90%
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First Clearing Corporation LLC David Sissom (IRA) FCC As Custodian	7.75%
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PO BOX 718  
Clinton, TN 37717-0718

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 6.07%  
National Financial Services FMTC SEP IRA  
FBO Helen M Biren  
87 PIZARRO AVE  
Novato, CA 94949-6159

UBS WM USA 8.75%  
499 Washington BLVD  
Jersey City, NJ 07310-1995

**Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund (Class I)**

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 8.99%  
Donna E Davies Cust  
Joseph A Sweeney UTMA De  
29 E Summit Ave  
Wilmington, DE 19804-1347

Pershing LLC 12.36%  
PO Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

MG Trust Company Cust. FBO 10.24%  
Keevily Spero Whitelaw Inc 401(K) P  
700 17th Street  
Suite 300  
Denver, CO 80202-3531

AIG Retirement Services Company 8.90%  
FBO AIGFSB YCUST YTTEE FBO  
Wayne Memorial Hospital  
2929 Allen Parkway, A6-20  
Houston, TX 77019-2118

Orchard Trust Company LLC Trustee 29.86%  
FBO Retirement Plans  
8515 E ORCHARD RD 2T2  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111-5002

Capital Bank & Trust Company FBO 11.80%  
The Carroll County Maryland  
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan  
8515 E Orchard Rd # 2t2  
Greenwood Vlg, CO 80111-5002

**Dreyfus Technology Growth Fund (Class T)**



Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole      10.93%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Drive East FL 3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

First Clearing LLC      9.82%  
Kimberly A Zborowski  
797 10TH Street West  
Lakehills, TX 78063-6930

MG Trust, Custodian      7.62%  
Machalek Communications 401(k) Plan  
700 17<sup>TH</sup> Street, Suite 150  
Denver, CO 80202-3502

Eugene H Kamemoto      5.31%  
321 N Kuakini St Ste 604  
Honolulu, HI 96817-2361

**Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund (Class A)**

Charles Schwab & Co Inc      14.68%  
Reinvest Account  
101 Montgomery St # Dept  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

Pershing LLC TTEE Cust      6.60%  
FBO Donna Kaye Miles Macola IRA  
1 Pershing Plaza  
ACAT Department 14th Fl  
Jersey City, NJ 07399-0001

National Financial Services LLC FEBO      6.17%  
Charles A Crudele And Maria Crudele  
1139 Pierce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148-1501

UBS WM USA      5.36%  
499 Washington Blvd  
Jersey City, NJ 07310-1995

UMB Bank NA      5.72%  
SFR FBO  
Fiduciary For Tax Deferred Accts  
One Security Benefit Place  
Topeka, KS 66636-1000

**Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund (Class B)**

National Financial Services LLC FEBO      13.52%

JPMorgan Chase Bank Trad Rollover  
IRA CUS IRA Of Yolanda Malave  
627 E 140th St  
Bronx, NY 10454-2308

Pershing LLC 10.49%  
P.O. Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303

**Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund (Class C)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 17.15%  
Benefit of its Customers  
Attn: Fund Administration  
4800 Deer Lake Drive East FL 3  
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Citigroup Global Markets Inc 14.84%  
333 West 34th St - 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10001-2402

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 9.64%  
Mr. Jan Geliebter Cust  
David M Geliebter UGMA NY  
1845 E 26th St  
Brooklyn, NY 11229-2437

Pershing LLC 5.47%  
Po Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

First Clearing, LLC 7.45%  
Daniel D Macey (IRA)  
FCC As Custodian  
1909 Brooke Drive  
New Hope, PA 18938-9437

**Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund (Class I)**

Fidelity Investments Institutional 35.44%  
Operations Co As Agent For  
Emser Tile 401(K)  
100 Magellan Way (KWIC)  
Covington, KY 41015-1999

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 13.05%  
David V Jaworski TTEE  
Law Off Of David V Jaworski  
401k Pl  
364 Grover Rd  
East Aurora, NY 14052-2106

Counsel Trust DBA MATC FBO 14.74%  
Thorsrud Cane & Paulich Inc Ps  
401(K) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
1251 Waterfront Place Suite 525  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4228

Reliance Trust Company FBO 7.75%  
Crystal Road D/B/A Pendleton Tool  
Company Inc 401k Plan  
Po Box 48529  
Atlanta, GA 30362

Orchard Trust Co TTEE 7.33%  
Employee Benefits Clients  
8515 E Orchard Rd 2t2  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111-5002

**Dreyfus Strategic Value Fund (Class T)**

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 8.01%  
Beatrice Rutkovsky  
2964 Clubhouse Rd  
Merrick, NY 11566-4806

Hartford Life Insurance Company 14.46%  
Separate Account  
Attn: UIT Operations  
Po Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

Charles Schwab & Co Inc 22.40%  
Special Custody Acct FBO Customers  
Attn Mutual Funds  
101 Montgomery St  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

**Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (Class A)**

John Hancock Life Insurance 12.67%  
Company (USA)  
RPS SEG Funds & Accounting Et-7  
601 Congress St  
Boston, MA 02210-2804

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 9.86%  
FMT Co Cust IRA  
FBO Timothy H Phipps  
101 Stoddard Dr  
N Attleboro, MA 02760-3437

Wells Fargo Bank Na TTEE 14.00%  
FBO Various Fascorp  
Recordkept Plans  
8515 E Orchard Rd # 2t2  
Greenwood Vlg, CO 80111-5002

Charles Schwab & Co Inc 9.14%  
Reinvest Account  
101 Montgomery St # Dept  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

LPL Financial Services 5.16%  
9785 Towne Centre Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121-1968

**Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (Class B)**

First Clearing LLC 6.14%  
Kevin R Brown  
3630 Annandale Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28269-0149

National Financial Services LLC FEBO 14.03%  
Katherine P Mosenthal  
TOD Benes On File  
Po Box 402  
Londonderry, VT 05148-0402

Pershing LLC 5.95%  
Po Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole 26.93%  
Benefit of its Customers  
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Janney Montgomery Scott LLC 5.89%  
Thomas J Johnson  
1801 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1628

Janney Montgomery Scott LLC 5.93%  
Dale L Howland (IRA)  
1801 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1628

Stifel Nicolaus & Co Inc	8.88%
Albert J Gaiser Jr	
501 North Broadway	
Saint Louis, MO 63102-2131	

**Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (Class C)**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner Smith, Inc. for the Sole Benefit of its Customers	40.80%
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Robert W Baird & Co. Inc.	5.37%
777 East Wisconsin Avenue	
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5300	

National Financial Services LLC FEBO	13.59%
NFS/FMTC Roth IRA	
FBO Donna M Kaminski	
16 Reservoir Place	
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1621	

UBS WM USA	7.58%
499 Washington Blvd	
Jersey City, NJ 07310-1995	

First Clearing, LLC	9.42%
Thomas W Clegg & Susan R Clegg	
24 Colonial Dr	
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087-1921	

**Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (Class I)**

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Co	9.69%
ATTN Outside Funds	
Po Box 2600	
Valley Forge, PA 19482-2600	

National Financial Services LLC FEBO	13.99%
State Street Bank Trust Co	
TTEE Various Retirement Plans	
4 Manhattanville Rd	
Purchase, NY 10577-2139	

Wilmington Trust Company TTEE FBO	5.48%
Mercy Medical CTR Qualified 401	
C/O Mutual Funds	
Po Box 8880	
Wilmington, DE 19899-8880	

State Street Bank As Trustee  
FBO Starwood Hotels &  
Resorts Worldwide  
One Lincoln St  
Boston, MA 02111-2901

39.90%

Wells Fargo Bank NA FBO  
Base Camp 401k  
Po Box 1533  
Minneapolis, MN 55480-1533

7.31%

Fidelity Investments Institutional  
Operations Co (FIIOC) As Agent For  
Certain Employee Benefit Plans  
100 Magellan Way # Kw1c  
Covington, KY 41015-1999

16.34%

**Dreyfus Structured Midcap Fund (Class T)**

AUL Group Retirement Annuity  
One American Square  
PO Box 1995  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

38.27%

MidAtlantic Capital Corporation (MACC)  
FBO Ruane & Co.  
P.O. Box 6437  
Ithaca, NY 14851

11.63%

County Bank Omnibus  
Wealth Management & Trust Services  
2625 Divisadero Street, 3rd Floor  
Fresno, CA 93721-1431

5.22%

**Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund (Class A)**

Morgan Stanley & Co  
Harborside Financial Center Plaza 2  
3rd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07311

18.56%

Pershing LLC  
Po Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

10.44%

First Clearing, LLC  
Bonnie Schut, Trustee for the BOOH  
Schut Co Defined Benefit PEN  
Studio City, CA 91604

7.01%

PIMS/Prudential Retirement,  
as Nominee For the Trustee  
Custodian PL  
Local Matters, Inc. Employee  
1221 Auraria Parkway  
Denver, CO 80204-1836

7.03%

Charles Schwab & Co Inc  
Reinvest Account  
101 Montgomery St # Dept  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4151

8.35%

**Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund (Class B)**

Morgan Stanley & Co.  
Harborside Financial Center,  
Plaza 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07311

39.61%

First Clearing, LLC  
Robert A Sherry IRA  
FCC As Custodian  
329 Lawndale Ave  
Aurora, IL 60506-3042

7.47%

National Financial Services LLC FEBO  
Kirk H Fonner  
TOD Angela M Fonner  
TOD Zachery M Stableton  
1979 Jared St  
Terre Haute, IN 47803-3593

10.72%

LPL Financial Services  
9785 Towne Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121

7.16%

**Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund (Class C)**

Morgan Stanley & Co.  
Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07311

6.58%

Pershing LLC  
PO Box 2052  
Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052

41.74%

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Benefit of its Customers  
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Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484

First Clearing, LLC      5.10%  
Joshua D. Gumbert IRA  
FCC As Custodian  
531 Hoge Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45226-1177

**Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund (Class I)**

SEI Private Trust, Co.      99.41%  
C/O Suntrust  
Attn: Mutual Funds Administrator  
One Freedom Valley Drive  
Oaks, PA 19456

**Dreyfus Select Midcap Growth Fund (Class T)**

Wells Fargo Investments LLC      53.00%  
FBO Customer Accounts  
Attn Mutual Fund Operations  
625 Marquette Ave S 13th Fl  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2323

The Bank Of New York Mellon Cust      15.15%  
FBO Erika David  
Waukesha, WI 53188-1220

AG Edwards & Sons      14.71%  
Daniel C Cohen  
IRA Account  
26 Mulberry Bluff Dr.  
Savannah, GA 31406-3269

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. for the Sole      14.02%  
Benefit of its Customers  
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Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484



## COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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

Ernst & Young LLP, 5 Times Square, New York, New York 10036, an independent registered public accounting firm, has been selected to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm for each Fund.

## APPENDIX

### Rating Categories

Description of certain ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"):

#### **S&P**

##### Long-term

#### **AAA**

An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

#### **AA**

An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest rated obligations only in small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

#### **A**

An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

#### **BBB**

An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

#### **BB, B, CCC, CC, and C**

Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

#### **BB**

An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

#### **B**

An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## **CCC**

An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## **R**

The symbol 'r' is attached to the ratings of instruments with significant noncredit risks. It highlights risks to principal or volatility of expected returns, which are not addressed in the credit rating. Examples include: obligations linked or indexed to equities, currencies, or commodities; obligations exposed to severe prepayment risk—such as interest-only or principal-only mortgage securities; and obligations with unusually risky interest terms, such as inverse floaters.

## **N.R.**

The designation 'N.R.' indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Note: The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

## **Short-term**

### **A-1**

A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are given a plus sign (+) designation. This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

### **A-2**

A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

### **A-3**

A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## **B**

A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## **C**

A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## **Moody's**

### Long-term

#### **Aaa**

Bonds rated 'Aaa' are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

#### **Aa**

Bonds rated 'Aa' are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the 'Aaa' group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in 'Aaa' securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the 'Aaa' securities.

#### **A**

Bonds rated 'A' possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.

#### **Baa**

Bonds rated 'Baa' are considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

#### **Ba**

Bonds rated 'Ba' are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

#### **B**

Bonds rated 'B' generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

## **Caa**

Bonds rated 'Caa' are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

Note: Moody's applies numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 in each generic rating classification from 'Aa' through 'Caa'. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

### Prime rating system (short-term)

Issuers rated Prime-1 (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics:

- Leading market positions in well-established industries.

- High rates of return on funds employed.

- Conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection.

- Broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation.

- Well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

Issuers rated **Prime-2** (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated **Prime-3** (or supporting institutions) have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and may require relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

Issuers rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

## **Fitch**

### Long-term investment grade

## **AAA**

**Highest credit quality.** 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

## **AA**

**Very high credit quality.** 'AA' ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

## **A**

**High credit quality.** 'A' ratings denote a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

## **BBB**

**Good credit quality.** 'BBB' ratings indicate that there is currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. This is the lowest investment-grade category.

## Long-term speculative grade

## **BB**

**Speculative.** 'BB' ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met. Securities rated in this category are not investment grade.

## **B**

**Highly speculative.** 'B' ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

## **CCC**

**High default risk.** Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments.

## Short-term

A short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 12 months for most obligations, or up to three years for U.S. public finance securities, and thus places greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

## **F1**

**Highest credit quality.** Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

## **F2**

**Good credit quality.** A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

**F3**

**Fair credit quality.** The capacity for timely payment of financial commitment is adequate; however, near-term adverse changes could result in a reduction non-investment grade.

**B**

**Speculative.** Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments plus vulnerability to near-term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

**C**

**High default risk.** Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

'NR' indicates that Fitch does not rate the issuer or issue in question.

Notes to long-term and short-term ratings: A plus (+) or minus (-) sign designation may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the 'AAA' long-term rating category, to categories below 'CCC', or to short-term ratings other than 'F1.'