

The NEW IRELAND Fund



*Annual Report
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The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

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Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholder,

Introduction

As may be seen in the Economic Review section below, the Irish economy remains strong with growth of 5.25% expected for the current year and a slightly higher rate of 5.5% being forecast for 2007. Although the overall growth rate of the Western European economies has shown an improvement over recent months, Ireland continues to grow at almost double the average of the Euro area.

Over the past 12 months, the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") rose by a very satisfactory 45.97%. This performance was stronger than the Irish market and significantly better than the U.S. markets, as a whole. As a result, the Fund continues to rank close to or at the top of its Western European peer group, in all time categories.

In early November, the Board of the Fund declared a distribution for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, in an amount of \$2.64 per share. This will be a stock distribution however, shareholders are being given the option of taking the distribution in cash, should they so wish. The \$2.64 per share is comprised of long-term capital gains of \$2.37, short-term capital gains of \$0.03 and net investment income of \$0.24. The distribution will be made under date of December 28, 2006 to all shareholders of record on November 14, 2006.

As set out in the notes to the financial statements, following the indication from the Securities and Exchange Commission that the Fund could re-submit its application for a managed distribution program, the Board re-considered the matter and has decided to withdraw the Application. The Board believes that this is in the best interest of shareholders due to the significant narrowing of the discount and the strong performance of the Fund in recent years.

A new Portfolio Manager, Peter O'Donoghue, has just been appointed to take over from Deirdre Kennedy, the current manager, who is moving to another position within Bank of Ireland Asset Management, the Fund's Advisor. Peter O'Donoghue has been with the Advisor for the past six years and, as a result, the Board does not expect that there will be any change in the approach to the management of the Fund's assets, going forward.

Performance

For the fiscal year just ended, the Fund's NAV rose 45.97% to \$32.55 compared to the 39.67% return of the Irish Equities Index ("ISEQ"), in US dollar terms. The Fund's performance was driven by its exposure to quality Irish companies, which are benefiting from the strong economic environment in their home market while, at the same time, exploiting growth opportunities in the U.S, U.K., and elsewhere.

As a result of the sharp correction due to lower energy prices and the easing of inflation and interest rate concerns, markets recovered strongly in the recent quarter. As a result, in the Fund's last fiscal quarter, the NAV increased by 17.0%, as compared to the 14.86% return of the ISEQ, in US dollar terms. Excluding Bank of Ireland, which the Fund is precluded from investing in, the Irish market was up 14.93% in US dollar terms. Over the same period the performance of the Irish market was well ahead of the broader European indices and the S&P 500.

The Euro rose by 0.2% and 6.6% against the dollar over the last three and twelve months respectively and this factor also helped the performance of the Fund.

During fiscal 2006, we continued to implement the Share Repurchase Program and over the 12 months, the Fund repurchased, and retired, 60,950 shares at a cost of \$1.46 million. These repurchases represent a reduction of 1.35% of the shares outstanding at October 31, 2005 and they positively impacted the Fund's NAV by 3 cents per share. Since commencement of the Program in fiscal 2000, repurchases have totalled 1,315,250 shares representing 22.1% of total shares, which have been issued by the Fund.

Economic Review

Irish economic growth continues at a strong pace with the Irish Central Bank forecasting 5.25% Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth for 2006, which is similar to the rate of growth achieved in 2005. Looking ahead to 2007, growth is expected to remain strong with current forecasts looking for an increase in GDP of 5.5%. The international backdrop also remains broadly supportive with strong growth, in Europe and Asia, expected to offset moderating U.S. growth. In the first half of 2006, Euro area GDP expanded at its fastest pace in six years and forecasts have been revised upwards to 2.6%, for the full year.

Although the outlook for the Irish economy remains relatively benign, some domestic risks are still evident. Strong increases in house price inflation have been a concern for some time, given affordability constraints. However, there have been some tentative signs from leading housing indicators that these price pressures are moderating. While consumer indebtedness remains high and is increasing, it is felt that there will be some moderation, over the coming months, as the full impact of recent European Central Bank rate increases begins to be felt. Potential external risks include rising worldwide inflationary pressures, a sharper than expected cooling of the U.S. housing market and continued uncertainty in global oil and commodity markets.

Irish consumer sentiment was largely unchanged in October. The overall Consumer Sentiment Index stood at 86.7 in October, compared to a figure of 86.5 in September. The corresponding figure for October 2005 was 85.0.

The economy remains close to full employment with the official unemployment rate, in September, being 4.4% and the number of people claiming unemployment benefit dropping to the lowest figure since mid-2003.

These statistics are all the more impressive given the recent surge in the labor force with almost 100,000 workers being added over the past 18 months.

In August, retail sales volume rose 1.6%, month-on-month, with year-on-year volumes running at 5.5%. Stripping out the volatile automobile component, retail sales are ahead by 7.2%, in volume terms, year-on-year. Forecasts are for a slight moderation in this rate to 6.5%, for the full year.

In October, due to the recent sharp drop in energy prices, the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") was 3.9%, down from levels above 4% in previous months. The European Area Consumer Price Index ("HCIP") for Ireland – which excludes mortgage related costs – was unchanged at 2.2%. As the latest oil price drop has effectively worked its way through the system, both the CPI and the HCIP are forecast to be closer to 5% and 3% respectively towards the year end. Underlying inflation is being driven by service inflation which hit an annual rate of 4.4% in October – its highest rate since December 2003.

September saw a modest decline in the annual growth rate of private sector credit ("PSC"), which came in at 28.1% down from 28.2% in August. The three month moving average of annual credit growth in this sector has been on a downtrend since June. Annual growth in residential mortgages eased to 26.9% in September, down from 27.1% in August. Non-mortgage credit continues to grow at a faster rate than both PSC and residential mortgages, with the annual rate of growth being 32% in September, up from 31.7% in August.

Equity Market Review

	<u>Quarter Ended October 31st, 2006</u>		<u>Year ended October 31st, 2006</u>	
	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>
Irish Equities (ISEQ)	+14.84%	+14.86%	31.10%	39.67%
S&P 500	+7.93%	+7.93%	14.16%	14.16%
NASDAQ	+13.16%	+13.16%	11.62%	11.62%
UK Equities (FTSE 100)	+3.39%	+5.60%	15.27%	24.35%
Japanese Equities	+6.10%	+4.20%	20.53%	20.24%
Euroland Equities Eurostoxx	+9.58%	+9.61%	24.54%	32.68%
German Equities (DAX)	+10.33%	+10.36%	27.18%	35.50%
French Equities (CAC 40)	+6.77%	+6.80%	20.56%	28.45%
Dutch Equities (AEX)	+7.16%	+7.19%	23.44%	31.52%

Most of the fund's holdings released interim or quarterly reports during the period – highlights were as follows:

CRH reported a strong set of interim numbers in line with the group's pre-close trading statement released in July. First half revenues rose 27% with

operating profit ahead 38% from the year earlier period. Operating performance was strong across the entire group with each of the group's six divisions posting an improved organic operating profit performance. CRH benefited from firmer demand in Europe across a number of previously lacklustre Central European economies, with the group's merchanting activities boosted by the successful integration of acquisitions completed in 2005 and 2006. A strong focus on pricing and the recovery of input costs produced an excellent result within the Group's North American Material's division while American products saw good non-residential and commercial demand. Acquisition activity has been very healthy in the current fiscal year with YTD announcements amounting to almost €2bn. Despite some expected moderation in US growth, CRH expects to deliver good profit growth in the second half and are forecasting a 'healthy' advance in group profits for 2006 as a whole.

C&C Group released an excellent set of interim results driven primarily by the successful roll out of the Group's premium cider brand, Magners, in the UK. Magners volumes rose an impressive 264% in the first half of the year driving a 500 basis point increase in the group operating margin and group earnings were ahead by almost 80% at €93.5 million. The Group expects the strong market performance of the cider division to continue into the second half of the year leading to an acceleration in operating profit growth. Separately, the Group announced a planned expansion of manufacturing capacity costing €200 million to cater for expected UK demand going forward.

Kingspan Group reported a consensus-beating first half-year set of results as the Group continues to benefit from regulation based insulation demand across the UK, Ireland and Mainland Europe. Insulation boards and panels drove a 17% advance in revenues with operating margins expanding an impressive 150 basis points to 13.0%. The Group's acquisition of Century Homes offers a further leg of growth as timber-frame residential construction rises from the currently low penetration levels, in both the UK and Ireland. Despite Competition Authority rejection of the Group's plans to purchase insulation provider Xtratherm, bolt-on acquisition opportunities remain plentiful with a move into North America the most likely option. Kingspan expects 'substantial' earnings growth for 2006 as a whole and 2007 order books should see some volume benefit from the recent implementation of the new UK building regulations.

Grafton Group reported a mixed set of interim results with continued strength in Irish merchanting and DIY operations offset by a mixed sales and margin performance in the Group's UK merchanting operations. The Group saw like for like ("LFL") merchanting sales decline by 1.7% in the first half, which contributed to an 80 basis point decline in UK operating margins in the period. However, UK merchanting volumes have recovered in tandem with housing transactions and the positive trend in LFL sales has been restored in the second half, which will benefit operating margins and profit for the full year. Grafton still retains huge scope for acquisitive and organic growth, given its UK merchanting market share (9%) while, longer term, it is likely that the business

model will be applied to a third jurisdiction in either Western Europe or Scandinavia.

IAWS Group produced a strong set of results for fiscal 2006 with revenues ahead by almost 11% to €1.56 billion and EPS and DPS advancing 14% to 81.6c and 13.5c, respectively. The Group also announced the acquisition of U.S. sweet baked goods specialist Otis Spunkmeyer for \$561 million. The deal will be earnings accretive from 2007 and returns enhancing by July 2008. Otis gives the group a presence in the high growth U.S. food service market and it also compliments existing North American operations including La Brea Bakery and the Tim Hortons joint venture. The group also announced its intention to move the Group's lower growth agri-businesses into a separate division named Origin Enterprises.

Current Outlook

The Irish economic environment remains strong and the GDP growth forecast of 5.5%, for 2007, should provide a strong backdrop for Irish corporates over the coming months. Despite the risks posed by rising inflationary pressures and a slowing U.S. economy, the international outlook remains broadly positive. This should provide strong support for those Irish companies that are exposed to the international economy. Irish market valuations remain undemanding with the benchmark ISEQ index trading on 13.3x next year's earnings and yielding 2.5%.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Hooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and the last name "Hooper" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Hooper
Chairman
December 22, 2006

Investment Summary (Unaudited)

Total Return (%)

	<u>Market Value</u>		<u>Net Asset Value (a)</u>	
	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual</u>
One Year	52.47	52.47	45.97	45.97
Three Year	144.15	34.62	119.81	29.99
Five Year	226.46	28.68	185.18	23.30
Ten Year	293.75	14.68	218.73	12.28

Per Share Information and Returns

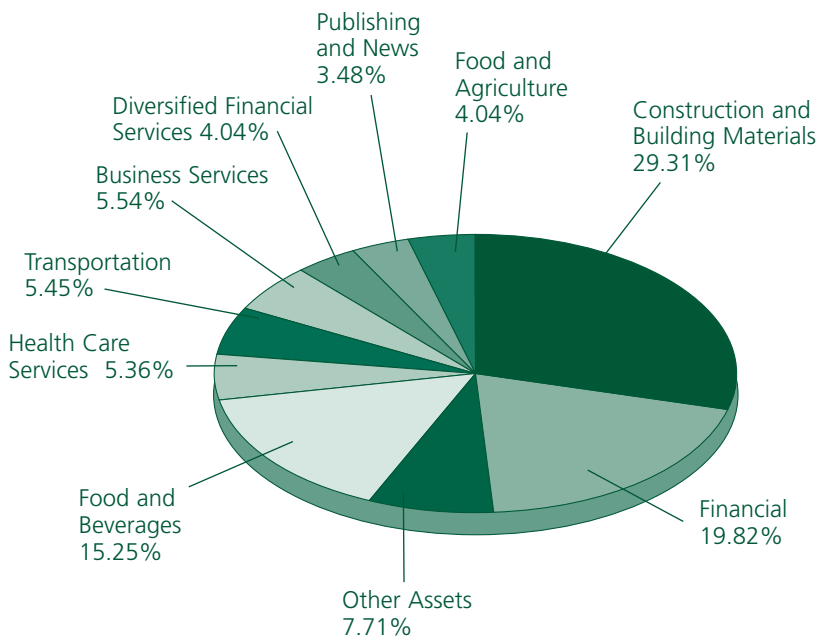
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Net Asset Value (\$)	19.99	21.36	19.75	20.06	13.28	11.04	16.29	20.74	24.36	32.55
Income										
Dividends (\$)	(0.22)	(0.07)	—	(0.13)	(0.01)	(0.03)	—	(0.089)	(0.03)	(0.16)
Capital Gains										
Other										
Distributions (\$)	(0.36)	(0.70)	(1.14)	(1.60)	(2.65)	(0.69)	—	—	—	(1.77)
Total										
Return (%) (a)	22.46	11.68	(2.79)	13.27	(23.76)	(12.07)	47.55	28.14	17.51	45.97

Notes

- (a) Total investment returns reflect changes in net asset value per share during each period and assume that dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, were reinvested. These percentages are not an indication of the performance of a shareholder's investment in the Fund based on market price.

Past results are not necessarily indicative of future performance of the Fund.

Portfolio by Market Sector as of October 31, 2006 (Percentage of Net Assets)



Top 10 Holdings by Issuer as of October 31, 2006

<u> Holding </u>	<u> Sector </u>	<u> % of Net Assets </u>
Allied Irish Banks PLC	Financial	15.89%
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	15.31%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	6.95%
C&C Group PLC	Food and Beverages	6.59%
Kinspan Group PLC	Construction and Building Materials	6.35%
Grafton GRP PLC-UTS	Construction and Building Materials	5.60%
Ryanair Holding PLC	Transportation	4.86%
DCC PLC	Business Services	4.37%
IAWS Group PLC	Food and Agriculture	4.04%
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	Diversified Financial Services	4.04%

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Portfolio Holdings

October 31, 2006	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (98.84%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (97.19%)		
Business Services (5.54%)		
CPL Resources PLC	260,475	\$ 1,778,656
DCC PLC	243,763	<u>6,595,927</u>
		<u>8,374,583</u>
Business Support Services (2.03%)		
Veris PLC*	500,000	<u>3,063,257</u>
Computer Software and Services (0.60%)		
IONA Technologies PLC-ADR*	169,300	<u>900,676</u>
Construction and Building Materials (29.31%)		
CRH PLC	654,474	23,130,633
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	576,174	8,457,143
Kingspan Group PLC	451,663	9,592,681
McInerney Holdings PLC	183,292	<u>3,102,124</u>
		<u>44,282,581</u>
Diversified Financial Services (4.04%)		
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	248,182	<u>6,097,800</u>
Financial (19.82%)		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	881,321	24,016,193
FBD Holdings PLC	117,402	<u>5,933,936</u>
		<u>29,950,129</u>
Food & Agriculture (4.04%)		
IAWS Group PLC	277,427	<u>6,108,154</u>
Food and Beverages (15.25%)		
C&C Group PLC	599,170	9,957,108
Fyffes PLC	552,258	1,198,293
Greencore Group PLC	273,386	1,395,753
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	434,434	<u>10,496,550</u>
		<u>23,047,704</u>
Health Care Services (5.36%)		
ICON PLC-Sponsored ADR*	95,368	3,421,804
United Drug PLC	996,401	<u>4,680,089</u>
		<u>8,101,893</u>

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Portfolio Holdings (continued)

October 31, 2006	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
<i>Publishing and News (3.48%)</i>		
Independent News & Media PLC	1,564,683	<u>\$ 5,252,357</u>
<i>Real Estate Development (0.07%)</i>		
Blackrock International Land PLC*	218,009	<u>105,738</u>
<i>Technology (2.20%)</i>		
Horizon Technology Group PLC*	1,321,900	1,704,088
Norkom Group PLC*	818,699	<u>1,619,676</u>
		<u>3,323,764</u>
<i>Transportation (5.45%)</i>		
Aer Lingus Group PLC*	249,183	900,071
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	650,000	<u>7,342,244</u>
		<u>8,242,315</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES		
(Cost \$57,632,637)		<u>146,850,951</u>
COMMON STOCKS OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPANIES (1.65%)		
(Cost U.S. \$1,991,643)		
<i>Consulting Services (1.65%)</i>		
RPS Group PLC	563,298	<u>2,503,212</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT		
(Cost \$59,624,280)		<u>\$149,354,163</u>

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Portfolio Holdings (continued)

October 31, 2006	Face Value	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (0.22%)		
British Pounds Sterling	£ 7,703	\$ 14,691
Euro	€246,150	<u>314,176</u>
TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$323,648)**		<u>328,867</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.06%) (Cost \$59,947,928)		149,683,030
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.94%)		<u>1,418,911</u>
NET ASSETS (100.00%)		<u><u>\$ 151,101,941</u></u>

* Non-income producing security.

** Foreign currency held on deposit at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

ADR –American Depository Receipt traded in U.S. dollars.

UTS –Units

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2006

ASSETS:

Investments at value (Cost \$59,624,280)	
See accompanying schedule	U.S.\$ 149,354,163
Cash	3,036,147
Foreign currency (Cost \$323,648)	328,867
Foreign currency contracts appreciation	4,715
Dividends receivable	366,754
Prepaid expenses	63,930
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Total Assets	153,154,576

LIABILITIES:

Payable for investments purchased	1,817,666
Investment advisory fee payable (Note B)	82,679
Printing fees payable	43,237
Accrued audit fees payable	40,104
Administration fee payable (Note B)	22,681
Custodian fees payable (JPMorgan Chase & Co.) (Note B)	17,454
Directors' fees and expenses (Note C)	13,149
Accrued legal fees payable	9,843
Accrued expenses and other payables	5,822
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Total Liabilities	2,052,635

NET ASSETS

U.S.\$ 151,101,941

AT October 31, 2006 NET ASSETS CONSISTED OF:

Common Stock, U.S. \$.01 Par Value -	
Authorized 20,000,000 Shares	
Issued and Outstanding 4,641,661 Shares	U.S.\$ 46,417
Additional Paid-in Capital	49,079,604
Undistributed Net Investment Income	1,127,060
Accumulated Net Realized Gain	11,110,263
Net unrealized Appreciation of Securities,	
Foreign Currency and Net Other Assets	89,738,597
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TOTAL NET ASSETS

U.S.\$ 151,101,941

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

(Applicable to 4,641,661 outstanding shares)	
(authorized 20,000,000 shares)	
(U.S. \$151,101,941 ÷ 4,641,661)	U.S.\$ 32.55
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended
October 31, 2006

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends		U.S.\$	2,810,527
Interest			<u>22,174</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME

2,832,701

EXPENSES

Investment advisory fee (Note B)	\$	877,582
Administration fee (Note B)		238,275
Directors' fees and expenses (Note C)		188,166
Audit fees		42,073
Compliance fees		57,615
Legal fees		73,276
Custodian fees (Note B)		52,165
Printing fees		47,072
Other		<u>179,595</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,755,819

NET INVESTMENT INCOME

U.S.\$ 1,076,882

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS (NOTE D)

Realized gain on:

Securities transactions		11,110,263
Foreign currency transactions		<u>50,893</u>

Net realized gain on investments during the year 11,161,156

Net change in unrealized appreciation of:

Securities		35,072,325
Foreign currency and net other assets		<u>16,513</u>

Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments during the year 35,088,838

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS

46,249,994

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

U.S.\$ 47,326,876

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended October 31, 2006	Year Ended October 31, 2005
Net investment income	U.S.\$ 1,076,882	U.S.\$ 746,026
Net realized gain on investments	11,161,156	10,748,789
Net unrealized appreciation of investments, foreign currency holdings and net other assets	<u>35,088,838</u>	<u>5,245,601</u>
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	47,326,876	16,740,416
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Net investment income	(722,941)	(140,656)
Net realized gains	<u>(7,997,529)</u>	<u>—</u>
Net increase in net assets	<u>38,606,406</u>	<u>16,599,760</u>
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Value of 60,950 and 165,350 shares repurchased, respectively (Note F)	(1,460,049)	(3,663,755)
Value of shares issued to shareholders in connection with a stock distribution (Note E)	<u>3,766,311</u>	<u>—</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	<u>2,306,262</u>	<u>(3,663,755)</u>
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	<u>110,189,273</u>	<u>97,253,268</u>
End of period (Including undistributed net investment income of \$1,127,060 and \$733,578, respectively)	U.S.\$ <u>151,101,941</u>	U.S.\$ <u>110,189,273</u>

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Financial Highlights *(For a Fund share outstanding throughout each year)*

	Year Ended October 31,				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Operating Performance:					
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	U.S. \$ 24.36	\$ 20.74	\$ 16.29	\$ 11.04	\$ 13.28
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	0.23	0.16	(0.00)#	0.07	(0.08)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	9.98	3.38	4.49	5.08	(1.50)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations	10.21	3.54	4.49	5.15	(1.58)
Distributions to Shareholders from:					
Net Investment Income	(0.16)	(0.03)	(0.09)	—	(0.03)
Net Realized Gains	(1.77)	—	—	—	(0.69)
Total from Distributions	(1.93)	(0.03)	(0.09)	—	(0.72)
Anti-Dilutive/(Dilutive) Impact of Capital Share Transactions	(0.09)††	0.11	0.05	0.10	0.06†
Net Asset Value, End of Period	U.S. \$ 32.55	\$ 24.36	\$ 20.74	\$ 16.29	\$ 11.04
Share Price, End of Period	U.S. \$ 30.67	\$ 21.95	\$ 18.46	\$ 13.81	\$ 8.67
Total Investment Return (a)	45.97%	17.51%	28.14%	47.55%	(12.07)%
Total Investment Return (b)	52.47%	19.07%	34.47%	59.28%	(16.05)%

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Net Assets,					
End of Year (000's)	U.S. \$151,102	\$110,189	\$97,253	\$77,790	\$54,856
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss) to Average Net Assets					
	0.86%	0.66%	(0.00)%‡	0.54%	(0.64)%
Ratio of Operating Expenses to Average Net Assets					
	1.40%	1.34%	1.80%	1.78%	2.10%
Portfolio Turnover Rate					
	11%	13%	5%	10%	13%

(a) Based on share net asset value and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

(b) Based on share market price and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

† Amount represents \$0.16 per share impact for shares repurchased by the Fund under the Share Repurchase Program and \$(0.10) per share impact for the new shares issued as Capital Gain Stock Distribution.

†† Amount represents \$0.03 per share impact for shares repurchased by the Fund under the Share Repurchase Program and \$(0.12) per share impact for the new shares issued as Capital Gain Stock Distribution.

Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

‡ Amount represents less than 0.01%.

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Notes to Financial Statements

The New Ireland Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on December 14, 1989 and is registered as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation through investment primarily in equity securities of Irish Companies. The Fund is designed for U.S. and other investors who wish to participate in the Irish securities markets. In order to take advantage of significant changes that have occurred in the Irish economy over the past few years and to advance the Fund's investment objective, the investment strategy now has a bias towards Ireland's growth companies.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity and fixed income securities of Irish companies. To the extent that the balance of the Fund's assets is not so invested, it will have the flexibility to invest the remaining assets in non-Irish companies that are listed on a recognized stock exchange. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in equity securities that are not listed on any securities exchange.

A. Significant Accounting Policies:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Security Valuation: Securities listed on a stock exchange for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the closing prices on the date of valuation, or if no such closing prices are available, at the last bid price quoted on such day. If there are no such quotations available for the date of valuation, the last available closing price will be used. The value of securities and other assets for which no market quotations are readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the Funds' pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the Board of Directors to represent fair value. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders: Distributions are determined on a tax basis and may differ from net investment income and realized capital gains for financial reporting purposes. Differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statements to reflect their tax character. Temporary differences arise when certain items of income, expense, gain or loss are recognized in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes; these differences will reverse at some point in the future. Differences in classification may also result from the treatment of short-term gain as ordinary income for tax purposes.

As of October 31, 2006, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Ordinary Income	\$ 1,248,737
Accumulated Gains	10,988,586
Unrealized Appreciation	89,738,597
	<u>\$ 101,975,920</u>

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For tax purposes, at October 31, 2006 and October 31, 2005, the Fund distributed \$734,293 and \$140,656, respectively, of ordinary income. The Fund also distributed, for tax purposes at October 31, 2006, \$7,986,177 of long-term capital gains.

During the year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund realized net foreign currency gains of \$50,893, which increased distributable net income for tax purposes; accordingly such gains have been reclassified to undistributed net investment income from accumulated net realized gains.

In 2004, the Fund submitted an application to the Securities and Exchange Commission seeking exemptive relief for the implementation of a managed distribution program. At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 5, 2006, the Directors decided to withdraw this application because they felt that, at the present time, this was in the best interests of shareholders due to the reduced level of discount and the strong performance of the Fund.

U.S. Federal Income Taxes: It is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and distribute all of its taxable income within the prescribed time. It is also the intention of the Fund to make distributions in sufficient amounts to avoid Fund excise tax. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. Federal income taxes is required.

Currency Translation: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars by obtaining from FT-IDC each day the current 4:00pm London time spot rate and future rate (the future rates are quoted in 30-day increments) on foreign currency contracts. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amount actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gains and losses on security transactions.

Forward Foreign Currency Contracts: The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for non-trading purposes in order to protect investment securities and related receivables and payables against future changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Fluctuations in the value of such contracts are recorded as unrealized gains or losses; realized gains or losses include net gains or losses on contracts which have terminated by settlements or by entering into offsetting commitments. Risks associated with such contracts include movement in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar and the ability of the counterparty to perform. There were no such contracts open in the Fund as of October 31, 2006.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

New Accounting Pronouncements: In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." This pronouncement provides guidance on the recognition,

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measurement, classification, and disclosures related to uncertain tax positions, along with any related interest and penalties. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The impact from the adoption of FIN 48 is being evaluated, but is not anticipated to have a material effect on the financial statements.

In addition, in September 2006, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157") was issued and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS 157 will have on the Fund's financial statement disclosures.

B. Management Services:

The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") with Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited ("Bank of Ireland Asset Management"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland ("Bank of Ireland"). Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays a monthly fee at an annualized rate equal to 0.75% of the value of the average weekly net assets of the Fund up to the first \$100 million and 0.50% of the value of the average weekly net assets of the Fund on amounts in excess of \$100 million. In addition, Bank of Ireland Asset Management provides investor services to existing and potential shareholders.

The Fund has entered into an administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement") with PFPC Inc. The Fund pays PFPC Inc. an annual fee payable monthly. During the year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund incurred expenses of U.S. \$238,275 in administration fees to PFPC Inc.

The Fund has entered into an agreement with JP Morgan Chase & Co. to serve as custodian of the Fund's assets. During the year ended October 31, 2006 the Fund incurred expenses for JP Morgan Chase & Co. of U.S. \$52,165.

For the year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund incurred total brokerage commissions of U.S. \$43,457, of which U.S. \$15,135 was paid to Davy Stockbrokers, an affiliate of Bank of Ireland Asset Management.

C. Directors Fees:

The Fund currently pays each Director who is not a managing director, officer or employee of Bank of Ireland Asset Management or any affiliate thereof, an annual retainer of U.S. \$14,500, plus U.S. \$1,500 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended in person or via telephone and any shareholder meeting attended in person not held on the same day as a meeting of the Board. An additional U.S. \$1,500 is paid for each meeting of a Committee of the Board attended in person or via telephone. The Fund pays the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fund an additional fee of U.S. \$35,000. Also, the Fund pays the Chairperson of the Audit Committee an additional U.S. \$1,500 for each meeting of the Audit Committee attended. Each Director is reimbursed for travel and certain out-of-pocket expenses.

D. Purchases and Sales of Securities:

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities for the period ended October 31, 2006 excluding U.S. government and short-term investments, aggregated U.S. \$13,461,204 and U.S. \$17,979,055, respectively.

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At October 31, 2006, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities (excluding foreign currency on deposit) in which there was an excess value over tax cost was U.S. \$91,652,748 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities (excluding foreign currency on deposit) in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was U.S. \$1,922,864. Also, on this date, the tax cost of securities for Federal Income Tax purposes is \$59,624,280.

At October 31, 2006, there were no permanent tax and book differences in gross unrealized appreciation/depreciation of securities or the cost basis of securities.

E. Common Stock:

For the year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund issued 179,433 shares in connection with stock distribution in the amount of \$3,766,311.

On December 14, 1989, 9,000 shares of the Fund's common stock were issued to Bank of Ireland Asset Management. On October 31, 2006, Bank of Ireland Asset Management held 12,609 shares representing 0.27% of the Fund's total issued shares.

On October 31, 2006, Bank of Ireland Asset Management controlled 288,883 shares, representing 6.22% of the Funds outstanding shares. The Wachovia Corporation held 650,287 shares, as stated in a 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2006, representing 14.01% of the Funds outstanding shares.

F. Share Repurchase Program:

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Fund hereby gives notice that it may from time to time repurchase shares of the Fund in the open market at the option of the Board of Directors and upon such terms as the Directors shall determine.

For the year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund repurchased 60,950 (1.31% of the shares outstanding at October 31, 2005 year end) of its shares for a total cost of \$1,460,049, at an average discount of 9.85% of net asset value.

For the year ended October 31, 2005, the Fund repurchased 165,350 (3.53% of the shares outstanding at October 31, 2004 year end) of its shares for a total cost of \$3,663,755, at an average discount of 12.07% of net asset value.

G. Market Concentration:

Because the Fund concentrates its investments in securities issued by corporations in Ireland, its portfolio may be subject to special risks and considerations typically not associated with investing in a broader range of domestic securities. In addition, the Fund is more susceptible to factors adversely affecting the Irish economy than a comparable fund not concentrated in these issuers to the same extent.

H. Subsequent Event:

On November 6, 2006, the Fund declared a stock distribution of \$2.64 per share, which represents a distribution from net investment income of \$0.24 and realized capital gains of \$2.40, being \$0.03 short-term capital gains and \$2.37 long-term capital gains, to shareholders of record November 14, 2006, payable December 28, 2006.

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Report of Independent Public Registered Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
The New Ireland Fund, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The New Ireland Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), including the portfolio holdings, as of October 31, 2006, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended and statements of changes in net assets for each year in the two-year period then ended and the financial highlights for each year in the four-year period then ended. The financial highlights for the year ended October 31, 2002 were audited by other auditors. Those auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated December 6, 2002. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2006, by correspondence with the Fund's custodian and brokers; where replies were not received from the brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of October 31, 2006, the results of its operations for the year then ended, changes in net assets for each year in the two-year period then ended and financial highlights for each year in the four-year period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Grant Thornton LLP

New York, New York
December 5, 2006

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

The Fund will distribute to shareholders, at least annually, substantially all of its net income from dividends and interest payments and expects to distribute substantially all its net realized capital gains annually. Pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan approved by the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Plan"), each shareholder will be deemed to have elected, unless American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the "Plan Agent") is instructed otherwise by the shareholder in writing, to have all distributions automatically reinvested by the Plan Agent in Fund shares pursuant to the Plan. Distributions with respect to Fund shares registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (i.e., in "street name") will be reinvested by the broker or nominee in additional Fund shares under the Plan, unless the service is not provided by the broker or nominee or the shareholder elects to receive distributions in cash. Investors who own Fund shares registered in street names may not be able to transfer those shares to another broker-dealer and continue to participate in the Plan. These shareholders should consult their broker-dealer for details. Shareholders who do not participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash paid by check in U.S. dollars mailed directly to the shareholder by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as paying agent. Shareholders who do not wish to have distributions automatically reinvested should notify the Fund, in care of the Plan Agent for The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

The Plan Agent will serve as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. If the Directors of the Fund declare an income dividend or a capital gains distribution payable either in the Fund's common stock or in cash, as shareholders may have elected, non-participants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive common stock to be issued by the Fund. If the market price per share on the valuation date equals or exceeds net asset value per share on that date, the Fund will issue new shares to participants at net asset value or, if the net asset value is less than 95% of the market price on the valuation date, then at 95% of the market price. The valuation date will be the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a trading day on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("New York Stock Exchange"), the next preceding trading day. If the net asset value exceeds the market price of Fund shares at such time, participants in the Plan will be deemed to have elected to receive shares of stock from the Fund, valued at market price on the valuation date. If the Fund should declare a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, the Plan Agent as agent for the participants, will buy Fund shares in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, with the cash in respect of such dividend or distribution, for the participants' account on, or shortly after, the payment date.

Participants in the Plan have the option of making additional cash payments to the Plan Agent, annually, in any amount from U.S. \$100 to U.S. \$3,000, for investment in the Fund's common stock. The Plan Agent will use all funds received from participants (as well as any dividends and capital gain distributions received in cash) to purchase Fund shares in the open market on or about January 15 of each year. Any voluntary cash payments received more than thirty days prior to such date will be returned by the Plan Agent, and interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations and to allow ample time for receipt and processing by the Plan Agent, it is suggested that the participants send in voluntary cash payments to be received by the Plan Agent approximately ten days before January 15. A participant may withdraw a voluntary cash payment by written notice, if the notice is received by the Plan Agent not less than forty-eight hours before such payment is to be invested.

Additional Information (continued) (unaudited)

The Plan Agent maintains all shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in the account, including information needed by shareholders for personal and U.S. Federal tax records. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Agent in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each shareholder's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

In the case of shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees who hold shares for beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the shareholder as representing the total amount registered in the shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who are participating in the Plan.

There is no charge to participants for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions. The Plan Agent's fee for the handling of the reinvestment of dividends and distributions will be paid by the Fund. However, each participant's account will be charged a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions. A participant will also pay brokerage commissions incurred in purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions. A participant will also pay brokerage commissions incurred in purchases from voluntary cash payments made by the participant. Brokerage charges for purchasing small amounts of stock of individual accounts through the Plan are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charges for such transactions, because the Plan Agent will be purchasing stock for all participants in blocks and prorating the lower commission thus attainable.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions will not relieve participants of any U.S. Federal income tax which may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payment made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to notice of the change sent to all shareholders at least ninety days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Plan Agent with at least ninety days written notice to all shareholders. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent for The New Ireland Fund, Inc. in care of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 40 Wall Street, New York, New York, 10005, telephone number (718) 921-8283.

Meeting of Shareholders

On June 6, 2006 the Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The following Directors were elected by the following votes: Peter J. Hooper 3,685,400 For; 221,170 Abstaining; George G. Moore 3,837,774 For; 68,795 Abstaining; Margaret Duffy 3,685,055 For; 221,515 Abstaining. Brendan Donohoe, Denis P. Kelleher and James M. Walton continue to serve in their capacities as Directors of the Fund.

Fund's Privacy Policy

The New Ireland Fund, Inc. appreciates the privacy concerns and expectations of its registered shareholders and safeguarding their nonpublic personal information ("Information") is of great importance to the Fund.

The Fund collects Information pertaining to its registered shareholders, including matters such as name, address, tax I.D. number, Social Security number and instructions regarding the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The Information is collected from the following sources:

- Directly from the registered shareholder through data provided on applications or other forms and through account inquiries by mail, telephone or e-mail.
- From the registered shareholder's broker as the shares are initially transferred into registered form.

Except as permitted by law, the Fund does not disclose any Information about its current or former registered shareholders to anyone. The disclosures made by the Fund are primarily to the Fund's service providers as needed to maintain account records and perform other services for the Fund's shareholders. The Fund maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect the shareholders' Information in the Fund's possession.

The Fund's privacy policy applies only to its individual registered shareholders. If you own shares of the Fund through a third party broker, bank or other financial institution, that institution's privacy policies will apply to you and the Fund's privacy policy will not.

Portfolio Information

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Form N-Q is available (1) by calling 1-800-468-6475; (2) on the Fund's website located at <http://www.newirelandfund.com>; (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>; or (4) for review and copying at the SEC's Public Reference Room ("PRR") in Washington, DC. Information regarding the operation of the PRR may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

Proxy Voting Information

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-468-6475. This information is also available from the EDGAR database or the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Certifications

The Fund's president has certified to the New York Stock Exchange that, as of June 16, 2006, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund's reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms N-CSR and N-CSRS contain certifications by the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that relate to the fund's disclosure in such reports and that are required by rule 30a2(a) under the Investment Company Act.

Tax Information

For non-corporate shareholders 100%, or the maximum amount allowable under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, of income earned by the Fund for the period November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006 may represent qualified dividend income. Final information will be provided in your 2006 1099 Div Form.

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, the Fund designated long-term capital gains of \$10,988,586.

Board of Directors/Officers

Name, Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with The Fund	Length of Time Served and Term of Office*	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships During Past Five years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:				
Peter J. Hooper, 66 Westchester Financial Center, Suite 1000 50 Main Street White Plains, NY 10606	Director and Chairman of the Board	Since 1990. Current term expires in 2009.	President of Hooper Associates- Consultants (1994 to present); Director, The Ireland United States Council for Commerce and Industry (1984 to present); Director, Flax Trust – America (1988 to present); Director, Children’s Medical Research Foundation (1987 to 2004).	1
Margaret Duffy, 62 164 East 72 nd Street, Suite 7B New York, NY 10021	Director	Since 2006. Current term expires in 2008.	Financial Consultant, Director, The Dyson-1 Kissner-Moran Corporation (2000 to present); Partner, Arthur Andersen, LLP (1981 to 2000); Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Artists (2001 to present); Director, The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Services (2005 to present). Director, The Ireland United States Council for Commerce and Industry (1994 to 2005).	1
Denis P. Kelleher, 67 17 Battery Place New York, NY 10004	Director	Since 1991. Current term expires in 2007.	Chief Executive Officer, Wall Street Access-Financial Services (1981 to present); Director, Independence Community Bank (1992 to present); Chairman and Member of the Board of Trustees St. John’s University (1998 to present).	1
George G. Moore, 55 8010 Towers Crescent Drive Vienna, VA 22182	Director	Since 2004. Current term expires in 2009.	Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, TARGUSinfo (1993 to present); Chairman, AMACAI Information Corp. (2001 to present).	1
James M. Walton, 75 Room 3902 525 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Director	Since 1990. Current term expires in 2007.	Chairman, Vira I. Heinz Endowment (1988 to present); Director, FireFly Power Technologies, LLC, (2003 to present).	1

* Each Director shall serve until the expiration of his current term and until his successor is elected and qualified.

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INTERESTED DIRECTOR:				
Brendan Donohoe, 47** 75 Holly Hill Lane Greenwich, CT 06830	Director and President***	Since 2005. Current term expires in 2008.	President, Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited (2005 to present); Director & Regional Director, Asia/Pacific, BIAM Australia Pty Limited (2000 to 2005); Director & Regional Director Asia/Pacific, Bank of Ireland Asset Management (Japan) Limited (2000 to 2005); Managing Director, BIAM Australia Pty Limited, (1996 – 2000); Director, Iridian Asset Management LLC (2005 to present).	1
OFFICERS***:				
Brendan Donohoe	see description above			
Lelia Long, 43 75 Holly Hill Lane Greenwich, CT 06830	Treasurer	Since 2002	Senior Vice President & Director, Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited (1999 to present); Director, Iridian Asset Management LLC (2002 to 2005).	
Salvatore Faia, 48 Vigilant Compliance 186 Dundee Drive, Suite 700 Williamstown, NJ 08094	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2005	President, Vigilant Compliance Services (2005 to present); Senior Legal Counsel, PFPC Inc. from 2002 to 2004; Chief Legal Counsel, Corviant Corporation (Investment Adviser, Broker-Dealer and Service Provider to Investment Advisers and Separate Account Providers) from 2001 to 2002; Partner, Pepper Hamilton LLP (law firm) from 1997 to 2001.	
Vincenzo A. Scarduzio, 34 760 Moore Road King of Prussia, PA 19406	Secretary	Since 2005	Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Administration, PFPC Inc. (2001 to present).	
Colleen Cummings, 35 4400 Computer Drive Westborough, MA 01581	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2006	Vice President & Director, Client Services & Administration, PFPC Inc. (2004 to present); Senior Manager, Fund Administration, PFPC Inc. (1998 to 2004).	

* Each Director shall serve until the expiration of his current term and until his successor is elected and qualified.

** Mr. Donohoe is deemed to be an "interested" Director because of his affiliation with the Investment Advisor.

*** Each officer of the Fund will hold office until a successor has been elected by the Board of Directors.

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