

The NEW IRELAND Fund



Annual Report
October 31, 2015

Managed Distribution Policy: The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of The New Ireland Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) has authorized a managed distribution policy to pay quarterly distributions at an annual rate, set once a year, that is a percentage of the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) at its most recent fiscal year end. With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to shareholders and an accompanying press release which will provide detailed information regarding the amount and composition of the distribution and other information required by the Fund’s managed distribution policy exemptive order. The Board may amend or terminate the managed distribution policy at any time without prior notice to shareholders; however, at this time, there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of the managed distribution policy. You should not draw any conclusions about the Fund’s investment performance from the amount of distributions or from the terms of the Fund’s managed distribution policy.

Distribution Disclosure Classification: The Fund’s policy is to provide investors with a stable distribution rate. Each quarterly distribution will be paid out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital.

The Fund is subject to U.S. corporate, tax and securities laws. Under U.S. tax rules, the amount applicable to the Fund and the character of distributable income for each fiscal period depends on the actual exchange rates during the entire year between the U.S. Dollar and the currencies in which the Fund’s assets are denominated, and on the aggregate gains and losses realized by the Fund during the entire year.

Therefore, the exact amount of distributable income for each fiscal year can only be determined as of the end of the Fund’s fiscal year, October 31. Under Section 19 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Fund is required to indicate the sources of certain distributions to shareholders. The estimated distribution composition may vary from quarter to quarter because it may be materially impacted by future income, expenses and realized gains and losses on securities and fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which the Fund’s assets are denominated.

The distributions for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015 consisted of 100% net realized long-term capital gains.

In early 2016, a Form 1099-DIV will be sent to shareholders, which will state the amount and composition of distributions and provide information with respect to their appropriate tax treatment for the 2015 calendar year.

Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide the Annual Report for The New Ireland Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

This year has been a positive year for Irish equities. For the 12 months ended October 31, 2015, the Fund's NAV returned 25.1%, ahead of both the comparable MSCI Ireland All Capped Index ("MSCI Index") and the broad Irish Stock Market Index ("ISEQ"), which returned 22.5% and 22.3% respectively.

When compared to the Euro Stoxx 50 Index, the MSCI Index outperformed by 24.2% over the last 12 months in local currency terms. Compared to the S&P 500 Index, the MSCI Index outperformed by 32.5% over 12 months in local currency terms. A significant feature of returns over the 12 month period, however, was the strength of the US Dollar which dampened returns to the US investor by approximately 15%.

There were several factors driving the strong performance of Ireland's equity market. The Irish economy has been growing very strongly, with GDP growth in the year to September 30, 2015 of 6.5% — far above that of the rest of the eurozone economy, which was 1.6% over the same period. This strong growth has been accompanied by falling levels of private sector debt, a rapidly declining fiscal deficit and an unemployment rate of 8.9% which is below the eurozone average of 10.7%. Market confidence is shown by the low government bond yield (just 1.2% at the time of writing in mid-December) relative to historic levels.

Ireland remains an attractive location in which to do business, with a well educated workforce, a generally pro-business set of government policies, a low corporation tax rate, and tariff-free access to eurozone markets. The weakness of the euro helped exporters, while a very loose monetary policy from the European Central Bank also helped liquidity and kept financing costs low.

We are pleased to inform you that in addition to the strong underlying stock return during the year, the Managed Distribution Policy remains in place to provide a steady and sustainable quarterly cash distribution to shareholders. In December 2015, the Board of Directors (the "Board") set the annual distribution rate, which is reviewed once a year, at 8%.

In addition, on December 15, 2015, the Board declared a special stock/partial cash election distribution, in the amount of \$0.9710 per share. This distribution will be payable on January 29, 2016 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 29, 2015. The distribution consists wholly of long-term capital gains. The Board has determined that while this distribution will be paid in shares of the Fund's common stock, shareholders may request that their distributions be paid in cash in lieu of common stock. Such requests must be for the entire distribution payable to the shareholder. The aggregate

amount of cash distributions to all shareholders will be limited to 20% of the aggregate dollar amount of the total distribution. If the cash distribution requests exceed this limit, the Fund will pro-rate the cash distribution among all shareholders who have made such request, based on the amounts requested. Shareholders who request receipt of a cash distribution and do not receive 100% of their distribution in cash will receive the balance in common stock.

Our detailed comments regarding the Irish economy, market and Fund performance follows in our Management Discussion and Analysis. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have questions or concerns. We would encourage you to visit our website at www.newirelandfund.com for daily price information, fund documents as well as investment updates. We thank you for investing with us and we look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,



Margaret Duffy
Chair of the Board
December 18, 2015



Sean Hawkshaw
Director & President
December 18, 2015

Important Information Concerning Management Discussion and Performance and Analysis

Except as otherwise specifically stated, all information and investment team commentary, including portfolio security positions, is as of October 31, 2015. The views expressed in the Management Discussion and Analysis section (the "MD&A") are those of the Fund's portfolio manager and are subject to change without notice. They do not necessarily represent the views of Kleinwort Benson Investors International Ltd. The MD&A contains some forward-looking statements providing current expectations or forecasts of future events; they do not necessarily relate to historical or current facts. There can be no guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realized. We undertake no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Any discussions of specific securities should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell those securities. The Fund may buy, sell, or hold any security discussed herein, on the basis of factors described herein or the basis of other factors or other considerations. Fund holdings will change.

Performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee or predict future results.

Management Discussion and Analysis (as of October 31, 2015)

Over the most recent fiscal quarter, the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") increased slightly by 1.1% in U.S. Dollar terms* to \$16.31, as compared to the MSCI Index which returned -2.3% and the broad Irish Stock Market Index ("ISEQ"), which returned -0.5% over the period. For the 12 months ended October 31, 2015, the Fund's NAV returned 25.1%, ahead of both the comparable MSCI Index return of 22.5%, and the ISEQ return of 22.3%.

Irish Economic Review

The Irish economy continues to grow strongly. GDP growth is now forecast at about 6% for this year (with upside risk), and at about 5% in 2016. For reasons outlined in previous reports (e.g. aircraft leasing activity, profit repatriations by multi-national corporations, expiry of key pharmaceutical patents, contract manufacturing), GDP/GNP statistics are not a particularly good measure of short-term economic activity in Ireland, and tend to be highly volatile. But a range of other indicators also indicate that the economy is growing at a very solid rate.

Retail sales are growing solidly with growth rates, in year-on-year terms, of between 4% and 12% for the first nine months of the year in volume terms (i.e. excluding the impact of inflation). The growth rate is lower if new auto sales are excluded, but nonetheless it is an indication of the strong recovery of the consumer sector. Consumer confidence has shown a broadly similar positive pattern, improving from an index level of about 50 in early 2013 to around 100 now. There are presumably many factors behind this surge, with the substantial

* All returns are in USD unless stated otherwise.

decline in unemployment, and the end (and partial reversal) of fiscal austerity being important factors. Business confidence, as measured by the Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector, has, like many other economic indicators, been consistently positive in recent months. The index has remained over the crucial 50 level since May 2013, indicating an expansion of manufacturing activity in each month since then.

There continues to be a steady trend downwards in unemployment, as measured by the "live register". The number of unemployed on this measure has fallen from a peak of 449,000 in August of 2011 to 337,000 in September of this year. The unemployment *rate* has also declined and stands at a (still high) level of 9.4% (September data), down from a peak of 14.9%. Ireland's unemployment rate is now substantially below the eurozone average. Separate employment statistics confirm the improved conditions, with employment rising by 3.0% in the year to Q2 (the last available data point). The detail of the employment statistics is encouraging, with most new jobs being full-time/permanent rather than temporary.

The headline rate of inflation has been very low in recent months. In early 2013 the rate stood at 1.2%, but it has been negative in every month so far in 2015. In September the rate stood at -0.3%. The Harmonized inflation rate (the common measure of inflation used by all EU countries, which among other things excludes the impact of mortgage interest rates) was slightly higher, at zero. The Central Bank of Ireland is forecasting a somewhat higher rate of 1.5% for 2016, as lower energy prices fall out of the year-on-year comparison, and the weakness of the euro pushes up imported goods prices.

Credit to households and non-financial corporations continued to contract on a monthly and on an annual basis, as repayments exceeded new lending. The annual rate of change in loans to households was -2.7% in September, which is obviously weak although it does represent a mild improvement relative to earlier months. Lending to the non-financial corporate sector declined by 6.2% over the same period - a slight decline in the rate of fall during the quarter. These numbers show that while a genuine economic expansion is underway, it is certainly not being fueled by credit growth.

The government deficit was just under €8.2bn in 2014, while the "General Government Balance", a standardized EU measure of the deficit, was 4.1% of GDP, down significantly from the 5.7% deficit for 2013. For 2015, a deficit of about 1.8% of GDP is expected, falling to about 1% in 2016 (well below the deficits seen in most large developed economies). The debt/GDP ratio is estimated to have peaked in 2013, at about 123%, and this should fall to about 97% at the end of this year - though this actually overstates the real level of indebtedness as it excludes very large cash balances.

This progress has been received very well by the financial markets, where Ireland has been able to raise funds at very low rates. Indeed, Ireland's 10 year bond yield, at just 1.1% at the time of writing, is at an exceptionally low level and remains (as noted before) well below that of the US. All three main ratings agencies now judge Ireland's debt to be investment grade, and two of the three assign an "A" grade to Ireland - at least four notches above the minimum for investment grade status. We also expect the third agency, Moody's, to upgrade its rating in the months ahead.

The question of "**Brexit**" (a British exit from the European Union) is now firmly on the agenda in the U.K. in the wake of legislation for an "In/Out" referendum on membership by 2017 at the latest. While it is a very significant issue for the U.K., it also matters to the Irish economy. The U.K. remains Ireland's largest trading partner (and many exports and imports to/from other countries cross the U.K. en route to Continental Europe), and the U.K. and Ireland share a long land border which currently has no border controls. Much depends not just on the outcome of the referendum (which according to current polls will be a close call), but on the status of the U.K. if it leaves the European Union. Will the U.K. continue to have customs-free access to European markets (and vice versa)? If so, the impact on the Irish economy will be very limited and conceivably even a net positive if it leads to financial institutions and other companies re-locating from the U.K. to Ireland, in order to maintain a presence within the EU for regulatory or other reasons. If not, there could be significant disruption to trade flows and a substantial negative impact on the Irish economy.

For 2016, the Central Bank of Ireland is forecasting GDP growth of +4.7% reflecting the strong outlook for both capital investment (+13.2%) and consumer spending (+2.5%). The strong growth stems from a bounce back in consumer and business sentiment, the end of fiscal austerity policies and some give-back in terms of modest tax cuts, reasonable growth in most trading partners (especially the U.S. and U.K.), and the improvement in the banking system. The primary risk to growth is external, as domestic conditions look favorable. Looking ahead, political risk is high as a general election is due in early 2016, and opinion polls show that far-left and radical parties may do very well in those elections, though they are still very unlikely to win an outright majority. Nonetheless, growth momentum is strong and likely to remain so for some time.

Equity Market Review

Although many equity markets saw negative returns for the most recent quarter, over the 12 month period, most global equity markets posted strong positive returns, particularly in local currency terms.

<u>Market</u>	<u>Quarter Ended October 31, 2015</u>		<u>Year Ended October 31, 2015</u>	
	<u>Local</u>	<u>USD\$</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>USD\$</u>
Irish Equities (ISEQ)	-0.5%	-0.5%	38.7%	22.3%
MSCI All Ireland Capped Index *	-2.1%	-2.2%	37.7%	22.5%
Dow Jones Eurostoxx 50	-4.7%	-4.8%	13.5%	0.1%
US equities (S&P 500)	-0.6%	-0.6%	5.2%	5.2%
US Equities (NASDAQ)	-1.2%	-1.2%	10.4%	10.4%
UK Equities (FTSE 100)	-3.9%	-4.9%	0.8%	-2.7%
Japanese Equities (Topix)	-5.4%	-2.9%	19.1%	10.6%
German Equities (DAX)	-4.1%	-4.1%	16.3%	2.6%
French Equities (CAC 40)	-3.4%	-3.4%	19.4%	5.3%
Dutch Equities (AEX)	-5.8%	-5.8%	16.0%	2.3%

* *Note-Indices are total gross return*

* *Source: Datastream*

There was no pronounced style or sectoral patterns evident in the Irish market over the quarter and strength generally was on a stock specific story basis. The more defensive orientated names generally performed better with industrial cyclical stocks performing worst. Paddy Power was a standout on the quarter driven in a large part by its proposed merger with UK on-line competitor Betfair. Other notable winners were Irish Continental Group helped by a strong underlying economy and lower oil prices and similar dynamics helped Ryanair once again. On the negative side, Independent News & Media, Bank of Ireland and CRH all lost some price momentum during the quarter. Food stocks fell with concerns on the poorer outlook for agricultural commodities and farm incomes.

Major Fund stock capital moves over the 12 months to October 31, 2015 (in U.S. terms)

<u>Strongest</u>		<u>Weakest</u>	
Paddy Power PLC	62.5%	CPL Resources PLC	-19.8%
Ryanair Holdings PLC	62.1%	Greencore Group	-5.5%
Irish Continental Group PLC	60.8%	Bank Of Ireland	-4.5%
Kingspan Group	57.0%	Grafton Group	3.9%
Smurfit Kappa PLC	41.9%	Independent News & Media plc	5.2%

Highlights regarding some of the significant contributors to the Fund's performance over the 12 month period are detailed below:

Paddy Power PLC: Following on from a very strong first half performance, trading during the second half of the year has been in line with the company's expectations. While sports results in the period were unfavorable across the sector, for Paddy Power this has been offset by strong underlying growth and the company is forecasting full year 2015 reported operating profit to be a mid to high single digit percentage increase above 2014. A significant driver of the company's recent performance is its proposed merger with UK on-line competitor Betfair. The possible merger would create one of the world's largest public online betting and gaming companies by revenue with enlarged scale, capability and distinctive and complementary brands. The combination has compelling strategic logic and represents an attractive opportunity for both companies to enhance their position in online betting and gaming and to deliver synergies, customer benefits and shareholder value.

Ryanair Holdings PLC: Ryanair, the Fund's largest holding continues to perform strongly, announcing record passenger number growth figures, new routes and excellent trading results. It continues to deliver excellent results, most recently announcing half year profits up 37%. The company also announced it had received a significant cash boost from the disposal of its shares in Aer Lingus to IAG Group. Ryanair has enjoyed a bumper summer due to a rare confluence of favorable events including stronger sterling, adverse weather in northern Europe, reasonably flat industry capacity and further savings on its unhedged fuel. The "new look" brand image change of recent years, the objective of which was to improve service, load factors and "yield" per customer, continues to bear fruit.

Irish Continental Group PLC: Following on from the announcement in 2014 of the addition of a new ship to its fleet that will increase passenger capacity on the Dublin-Holyhead route, in Q4 2015 the company announced that it has entered into agreements for the purchase of four lift on/lift off (LO-LO) container vessels for a total consideration of €24.2 million. This was taken as a positive sign by management re the outlook for its business activity. The significant drop in energy prices also benefits the company although this was partially offset by the stronger dollar over the year, and the amendment of marine environmental regulations requiring the Group to consume more expensive fuel grades.

Kingspan Group PLC: Kingspan is the global leader in high performance insulation and building envelope solutions. Group drivers include increasing trends towards energy efficiency and modern methods of construction. The company recently announced strong interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Kingspan has announced further acquisitions over recent quarters in Belgium and Canada, which will provide the company with strong channels for future growth in market penetration. Integration of both the Joris Ide and VicWest businesses remains fully on track. Profitability has benefitted from strong operating leverage, and has been further complemented by unusually favorable exchange rates and a positive input cost environment.

Smurfit Kappa Group PLC: Overall, approximately 60% of Smurfit Kappa's revenue is exposed to the fast moving consumer goods market, which offers a relatively stable volume backdrop for the company. The company announced a paper price increase which took effect in late 2014 and has re-financed its balance sheet debt, both of which were positively received by the market. The company was able to pass on further price increases during the summer of 2015. Smurfit continues to deploy capital to grow its business through internal investment and acquisitions, and recently acquired Sound Packaging in the US which it believes will be an earnings value enhancing opportunity. A feature of their most recent results announcement was a considerable 'hike' in their dividend payment.

Market Outlook

The third calendar quarter of 2015 was a testing quarter for stock markets with growing uncertainty about a China slowdown and the timing of a Fed interest rate rise chief amongst concerns. Emerging markets, industrial sectors and commodities were the worst affected. Global industrial production has been weak thus far in 2015, dragged down by developed markets during the first half and China over the most recent quarter. Markets have therefore become extremely nervous with headlines dominated by talk of recession and deflation. Of course, there is nothing new about a slow growth world as this is why global central banks have been aggressively pumping the global financial system with liquidity since the global financial crisis with the goal to regenerate growth and inflation. In many ways, Ireland has acted as an 'oasis' in this particular desert over recent quarters with its own strong growth dynamic. As a small open economy, the Irish economy ultimately needs reassurance from the global economy. To challenge the current market concerns, we caution that low inflation does not mean deflation and low growth does not mean recession.

At this juncture, in our view, the markets are lacking confidence and are in a 'glass half-empty' mentality. By contrast, we have a more positive outlook into coming quarters based on our opinion of:

- A stabilization in the Chinese economy.
- A pickup in global industrial economy.
- A stabilization in commodity prices.
- A more confident outlook on the U.S. economy and clarity re Fed interest rate rises.
- Ex-U.S., a continued green light for extended monetary stimulus by other central banks.
- Finally, sentiment is very poor and investor risk aversion high. A turn in sentiment is very important.

For China, which is the number one concern right now, we expect to see lower economic growth levels (by Chinese standards) of perhaps 6-7% GDP growth. The recent efforts of the authorities to support growth via monetary and fiscal actions should be successful in stabilizing the economy and industrial production. We do expect to see the economy stabilize and we do not expect the Chinese economy to hard land as many (and many stock prices today) fear. This of course should reassure markets.

Growth in the U.S. and Europe remains reasonably solid (especially in the U.S.), which we expect will lead the U.S. Federal Reserve to raise its key interest rate over coming months, in the absence of a major shock to the economy. In Europe, there is a strong possibility, we believe, that the ECB may announce an extension of the duration of their QE program.

For the global and Irish equity markets, we believe that the corporate sector is in good health, with plenty of cash on balance sheets and relatively little debt. A key driver for markets will be continued positive earnings growth over the next few quarters. We expect an increase in merger and acquisition activity, but also a focus on dividend growth and other ways of returning cash to shareholders. During the Fund's fiscal year, we have already seen two take-over's in the portfolio (Aer Lingus and Dragon Oil) and an increasing amount of acquisition activity by portfolio companies (CRH, Kingspan, Grafton, Kerry Group to highlight a few).

In conclusion, we remain positive on the outlook in contrast to the current bearish and arguably consensus outlook. Despite the current and predominantly economic uncertainties we believe the equity market will generate nice positive returns over the next 12-18 months with ample room for active stock picking.

For the portfolio, we remain confident and envisage no radical changes in the structure of the portfolio. The portfolio continues to build from the bottom up on a stock by stock basis and we continue to favor stocks with strong cash flows, attractive balance sheets and strong and well managed businesses.



Noel O'Halloran,
Chief Investment Officer,
Kleinwort Benson Investors International Limited

Investment Summary (unaudited)

Total Return (%)

	<u>Market Value (a)</u>		<u>Net Asset Value (a)</u>	
	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual</u>
One Year	20.66	20.66	25.09	25.09
Three Year	72.04	19.82	89.99	23.85
Five Year	136.31	18.77	139.60	19.10
Ten Year	64.13	5.08	77.44	5.90

Per Share Information and Returns

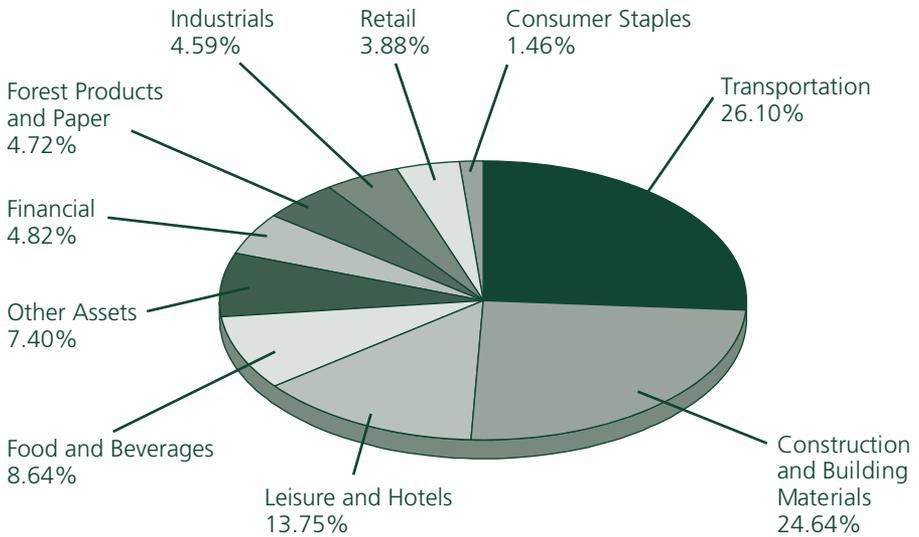
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Net Asset Value (\$)	32.55	30.95	10.18	8.20	7.70	8.45	9.59	14.24	14.17	16.31
Income										
Dividends (\$)	(0.16)	(0.24)	(0.36)	(0.33)	—	(0.06)	(0.02)	—	(0.07)	—
Capital Gain Distributions (\$)	(1.77)	(2.40)	(4.86)	(2.76)	—	—	—	—	(0.30)	(1.13)
Total Net Asset Value										
Return (%) (a)	45.97	2.88	-58.62	26.91	-6.10	10.69	13.82	48.49	2.39	25.09

Notes

- (a) Total Market Value returns reflect changes in share market prices and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). Total Net Asset Value returns reflect changes in share net asset value and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Plan. For more information with regard to the Plan, see page 25.

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

*Portfolio by Market Sector as of October 31, 2015
(Percentage of Net Assets)*



Top 10 Holdings by Issuer as of October 31, 2015

<u>Holding</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>% of Net Assets</u>
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Transportation	22.55%
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	18.10%
Paddy Power PLC	Leisure and Hotels	8.02%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	4.93%
Kingspan Group PLC	Construction and Building Materials	4.85%
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	Forest Products and Paper	4.72%
Bank of Ireland (The)	Financial	4.35%
Applegreen PLC	Retail	3.88%
Irish Continental Group PLC - UTS	Transportation	3.54%
One Fifty One PLC	Industrials	3.05%

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

Portfolio Holdings

October 31, 2015	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (95.65%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (92.87%)		
<i>Agricultural Operations (0.30%)</i>		
Origin Enterprises PLC	32,506	\$ 245,251
<i>Business Support Services (1.35%)</i>		
CPL Resources PLC	170,135	1,108,661
<i>Construction and Building Materials (24.64%)</i>		
CRH PLC	541,210	14,862,560
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	133,056	1,385,015
Kingspan Group PLC	163,776	3,985,579
		<u>20,233,154</u>
<i>Consumer Staples (1.46%)</i>		
Greencore Group PLC	257,223	1,199,712
<i>Financial (4.82%)</i>		
Bank of Ireland (The)*	9,531,374	3,569,290
Green, REIT, PLC	223,019	388,016
		<u>3,957,306</u>
<i>Food and Beverages (8.64%)</i>		
Glanbia PLC	114,883	2,238,623
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	49,519	4,045,170
Total Produce PLC	527,588	807,182
		<u>7,090,975</u>
<i>Forest Products and Paper (4.72%)</i>		
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	135,322	3,876,123
<i>Healthcare (0.94%)</i>		
Malin Corp PLC*	65,582	767,922
<i>Industrials (4.59%)</i>		
DCC PLC	15,787	1,269,055
One Fifty One PLC*	1,258,643	2,502,659
		<u>3,771,714</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.
Portfolio Holdings (continued)

October 31, 2015	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
<i>Leisure and Hotels (10.97%)</i>		
Dalata Hotel Group PLC*	483,913	\$ 2,416,197
Paddy Power PLC	56,685	<u>6,587,347</u>
		<u>9,003,544</u>
<i>Media (0.46%)</i>		
Independent News & Media PLC*	2,052,136	<u>378,573</u>
<i>Retail (3.88%)</i>		
Applegreen PLC*	600,962	<u>3,186,507</u>
<i>Transportation (26.10%)</i>		
Irish Continental Group PLC-UTS	532,071	2,909,387
Ryanair Holdings PLC	833,398	12,428,338
Ryanair Holdings PLC-Sponsored ADR	77,834	<u>6,085,860</u>
		<u>21,423,585</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES		
(Cost \$52,564,950)		<u>76,243,027</u>
COMMON STOCKS OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPANIES (2.78%)		
<i>Leisure and Hotels (2.78%)</i>		
Hostelworld Group PLC*	750,000	<u>2,286,636</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPANIES		
(Cost \$2,124,577)		<u>2,286,636</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		
(Cost \$54,689,527)		<u>\$78,529,663</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (95.65%)		
(Cost \$54,689,527)		78,529,663
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (4.35%)		
		<u>3,570,634</u>
NET ASSETS (100.00%)		
		<u><u>\$82,100,297</u></u>

* Non-income producing security.

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

UTS – Units

See Notes to Financial Statements.

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2015

ASSETS:

Investments at value (Cost \$54,689,527) See accompanying schedule	U.S. \$78,529,663
Cash	830,474
Foreign currency (Cost \$3,722,830)	3,689,907
Dividends receivable	914,548
Receivable for investment securities sold	198,748
Prepaid expenses	247,618
Total Assets	<u>U.S. \$84,410,958</u>

LIABILITIES:

Payable for investments purchased	U.S. \$ 2,120,939
Investment advisory fee payable (Note B)	43,455
Accrued legal fees payable	42,819
Accrued audit fees payable	42,597
Printing fees payable	31,429
Directors' fees and expenses	13,850
Administration fee payable (Note B)	10,667
Accrued expenses and other payables	4,905
Total Liabilities	<u>2,310,661</u>

NET ASSETS

U.S. \$82,100,297

AT OCTOBER 31, 2015 NET ASSETS CONSISTED OF:

Common Stock, U.S. \$.01 Par Value - Authorized 20,000,000 Shares	
Issued and Outstanding 5,035,192 Shares	U.S. \$ 50,352
Additional Paid-in Capital	51,753,753
Undistributed Net Investment Income	808,577
Accumulated Net Realized Gain	5,712,311
Net Unrealized Appreciation of Securities, Foreign Currency and Net Other Assets	<u>23,775,304</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS

U.S. \$82,100,297

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

(Applicable to 5,035,192 outstanding shares) (authorized 20,000,000 shares)	
(U.S. \$82,100,297 ÷ 5,035,192)	<u>U.S. \$ 16.31</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended
October 31, 2015

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends	U.S. \$ 2,379,242
Less: foreign taxes withheld	<u>(29,658)</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME

2,349,584

EXPENSES

Investment advisory fee (Note B)	U.S. \$ 493,605
Directors' fees	190,344
Administration fee (Note B)	128,000
Legal fees	106,266
Compliance fees	68,381
Printing and mailing expenses	64,828
Insurance premiums	50,000
Audit fees	42,597
Custodian fees (Note B)	31,925
NYSE Listing fee	25,000
Transfer agent fees	20,008
Other	<u>91,703</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,312,657

NET INVESTMENT INCOME

U.S. \$ 1,036,927

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

Realized gain/(loss) on:	
Securities transactions	10,171,861
Foreign currency transactions	<u>(165,356)</u>
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency during the year	<u>10,006,505</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of:	
Securities	5,450,257
Foreign currency and net other assets	<u>(42,251)</u>
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and foreign currency during the year	<u>5,408,006</u>

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

15,414,511

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

U.S. \$ 16,451,438

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended October 31, 2015	Year Ended October 31, 2014
Net investment income/(loss)	U.S. \$ 1,036,927	U.S. \$ (201,075)
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	10,006,505	9,146,296
Net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments, foreign currency holdings and net other assets	<u>5,408,006</u>	<u>(7,407,281)</u>
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	<u>16,451,438</u>	<u>1,537,940</u>
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Net investment income	—	(352,403)
Net realized gains	<u>(5,708,498)</u>	<u>(1,522,893)</u>
Total distributions	<u>(5,708,498)</u>	<u>(1,875,296)</u>
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Value of 0 and 870 shares issued, respectively, to shareholders in connection with a stock distribution (Note E)	<u>—</u>	<u>11,092</u>
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
	<u>—</u>	<u>11,092</u>
Total Increase/(decrease) in net assets	<u>10,742,940</u>	<u>(326,264)</u>
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	<u>71,357,357</u>	<u>71,683,621</u>
End of year (Including accumulated/ undistributed net investment income/(loss) of \$808,577 and \$(96,780), respectively)	U.S. \$ <u><u>82,100,297</u></u>	U.S. \$ <u><u>71,357,357</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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

	Year Ended October 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Operating Performance:					
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	U.S. \$14.17	\$14.24	\$9.59	\$8.45	\$7.70
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	0.21	(0.04)	0.11	(0.04)	0.01
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	3.06	0.34	4.51	1.11	0.76
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Investment Operations	3.27	0.30	4.62	1.07	0.77
Distributions to Shareholders from:					
Net Investment Income	—	(0.07)	—	(0.02)	(0.06)
Net Realized Gains	(1.13)	(0.30)	—	—	—
Total from Distributions	(1.13)	(0.37)	—	(0.02)	(0.06)
Anti-Dilutive/(Dilutive) Impact of Capital Share Transactions	—	—	0.03 (a)	0.09 (b)	0.04 (c)
Net Asset Value, End of Year	U.S. \$16.31	\$14.17	\$14.24	\$9.59	\$8.45
Share Price, End of Year	U.S. \$13.60	\$12.25	\$12.40	\$8.84	\$7.61
Total NAV Investment Return (d)	25.09%	2.39%	48.49%	13.82%	10.69%
Total Market Investment Return (e)	20.66%	1.65%	40.27%	16.50%	17.91%

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Net Assets, End of Year (000's)	U.S. \$82,100	\$71,357	\$71,684	\$49,468	\$54,066
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss) to Average Net Assets	1.33%	(0.26)%	0.95%	(0.39)%	0.15%
Ratio of Operating Expenses to Average Net Assets	1.68%	1.68%	2.05%	2.66%	2.22%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	47%	29%	35%	21%	23%

- (a) Amount represents \$0.03 per share impact for shares repurchased by the Fund under the Share Repurchase Program.
- (b) Amount represents \$0.09 per share repurchased by the Fund. \$0.09 per share impact represents \$0.06 for shares repurchased under the Share Repurchase Program and \$0.03 per share impact related to the Tender Offer, which was completed in June, 2012.
- (c) Amount represents \$0.04 per share impact for shares repurchased by the Fund under the Share Repurchase Program.
- (d) Based on share net asset value and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.
- (e) Based on share market price and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

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 “1940 Act”). 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 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 invests at least 80% of its total assets in Irish equity and fixed income securities. At least 65% of the Fund’s total assets will be invested in equity securities of issuers organized under the laws of Ireland (“Irish Companies”). Accordingly, the Fund’s assets invested in equity securities of Irish Companies may include investments in Companies that are organized in Ireland, but have limited business activities in Ireland. The remaining 20% of the Fund’s assets may be invested in other types of securities, including equity and debt securities of issuers from throughout the world regardless of whether such issuers are or may be affected by developments in the Irish economy or Ireland’s international economic relations. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in equity securities that are not listed on any securities exchange.

To the extent the Fund invests in Irish Companies that have limited business activities in Ireland, or in non-Irish companies that have no economic ties to Ireland, its performance may diverge, perhaps materially, from the performance of the Irish economy and securities markets, and the Fund may be exposed to the risks of countries in which these companies are located or have their principal business activities.

The Fund is an investment company that follows the accounting and reporting guidance of Accounting Standards Codification Amendments to the Scope, Measurements, and Disclosure Requirements applicable to Investment Companies.

A. Significant Accounting Policies:

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 may be valued at amortized cost.

Fair Value Measurements: As described above, the Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of most of its investments on a recurring basis. U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

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Level 2 – observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 – unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. A summary of the levels of the Fund's investments as of October 31, 2015 is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Holdings.

At the end of each fiscal quarter, management evaluates the Level 2 and Level 3 assets and liabilities, if any, for changes in liquidity, including but not limited to: whether a broker is willing to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from third party services, and the existence of contemporaneous, observable trades in the market. Additionally, management evaluates the Level 1 and Level 2 assets and liabilities on a quarterly basis for changes in listings or delistings on national exchanges.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period. The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of October 31, 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Total Value at 10/31/15</u>	<u>Level 1 Quoted Price</u>	<u>Level 2 Significant Observable Input</u>	<u>Level 3 Significant Unobservable Input</u>
Investments in Securities*	\$ 78,529,663	\$ 78,529,663	\$ —	\$ —

* See Portfolio Holdings detail for country breakout.

At the end of the year ended October 31, 2015, an investment with a total aggregate value of \$2,502,659 was transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 because the security traded on the last day of the quarter.

Dividends and Distributions to Stockholders: The Fund has a managed distribution policy to pay distributions from net investment income supplemented by net realized foreign exchange gains, net realized capital gains and return of capital distributions, if necessary, on a quarterly basis. The managed distribution policy is subject to regular review by the Board. The Fund will also declare and pay distributions at least

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annually from net realized gains on investment transactions and net realized foreign exchange gains, if any. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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.

For tax purposes at October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, the Fund distributed \$— and \$350,215, respectively, of ordinary income. The Fund also distributed, for tax purposes at October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, \$5,708,498 and \$1,525,081, respectively, of long-term capital gains.

Permanent differences between book and tax basis reporting for the year ended October 31, 2015 have been identified and appropriately reclassified to reflect a decrease in accumulated net investment income of \$131,570 and an increase in accumulated net realized gain of \$131,570. These adjustments were related to Section 988 gain (loss) reclasses, investments in passive foreign investment companies ("PFIC") and net operating losses. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

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.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (October 31, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012), and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

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 Interactive Data Corp. each day the current 4:00 pm 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.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income: Securities transactions are recorded based on their 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

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except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Withholding tax reclaims are filed in certain countries to recover a portion of the amounts previously withheld. The Fund records a reclaim receivable based on, among other things, a jurisdiction's legal obligation to pay reclaims as well as payment history and market convention.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

B. Management Services:

The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") with Kleinwort Benson Investors International Ltd. ("KBII"). Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays a monthly fee at an annualized rate equal to 0.65% of the value of the average daily net assets of the Fund up to the first \$50 million, 0.60% of the value of the average daily net assets of the Fund over \$50 million and up to and including \$100 million and 0.50% of the value of the average daily net assets of the Fund on amounts in excess of \$100 million. In addition, KBII provides investor services to existing and potential shareholders.

The Fund has entered into an administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement") with BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. ("BNY Mellon"). The Fund pays BNY Mellon an annual fee payable monthly. During the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund incurred expenses of U.S. \$128,000 in administration fees to BNY Mellon.

The Fund has entered into an agreement with U.S. Bank, N.A. to serve as the custodian for the Fund's assets. During the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund incurred expenses for U.S. Bank, N.A. of U.S. \$31,925.

The Fund has entered into a transfer agency and registrar services agreement (the "Transfer Agency and Registrar Services Agreement") with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ("AST") to serve as transfer agent for the Fund. During the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund incurred expenses for AST of U.S. \$20,008.

C. Purchases and Sales of Securities:

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities for the year ended October 31, 2015, excluding U.S. government and short-term investments, aggregated to U.S. \$35,949,999 and U.S. \$41,096,308, respectively.

D. Components of Distributable Earnings:

At October 31, 2015, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

<u>Capital Loss Carryforward</u>	<u>Qualified Late Year Losses Deferred</u>	<u>Undistributed Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Undistributed Long-Term Gains</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u>
\$—	\$—	\$929,383	\$5,601,830	\$23,764,979

As of October 31, 2015, the Fund had no capital loss carryforwards.

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Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, net capital losses (those earned in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010) may be carried forward indefinitely and must retain the character of the original loss.

The aggregate cost of investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments and appreciation, on assets and liabilities in foreign currencies on a tax basis as of October 31, 2015, were as follows:

<u>Total Cost of Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation on Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation on Investments</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation on Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation on Foreign Currency</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u>
\$54,699,852	\$27,891,673	\$(4,061,862)	\$23,829,811	\$(64,832)	\$23,764,979

E. Common Stock:

For the year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund issued no shares in connection with stock distribution. For the year ended October 31, 2014, the Fund issued 870 shares in connection with stock distribution.

F. Share Repurchase Program:

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the 1940 Act, 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, 2015, the Fund did not repurchase any of its shares.

For the year ended October 31, 2014, the Fund did not repurchase any of its shares.

G. Market Concentration:

Because the Fund concentrates its investments in securities of Irish Companies, 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. Risk Factors:

Investing in the Fund may involve certain risks including, but not limited to, those described below.

The prices of securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by the Fund; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations. The growth-oriented, equity-type securities generally purchased by the Fund may involve large price swings and potential for loss.

Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the U.S. may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

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I. Subsequent Event:

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events, if any, on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there was the following subsequent event: On December 15, 2015, the Fund declared a special stock/partial cash distribution of \$0.9710 per share, payable to shareholders of record December 29, 2015, payable January 29, 2016. The distribution is comprised wholly of long-term capital gains.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders 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, 2015, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. 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 audit 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 also 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, 2015, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. 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 New Ireland Fund, Inc. as of October 31, 2015, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 18, 2015

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

Pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the “Plan”) approved by the Fund’s Board of Directors (the “Directors”), each shareholder will be deemed to have elected, unless American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC (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 the Plan Agent, 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. (“NYSE”), 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 NYSE 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, monthly, 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 to purchase Fund shares in the open market, at the prevailing market price, on the 15th of each month or the next business day shares are traded if the 15th is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Voluntary cash payments must be received by the Plan Agent at least two business days prior to such investment date. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations and to allow ample time for receipt and processing of voluntary cash payments to the participant’s account, it is suggested that the participants send in voluntary cash payments to be received by the Plan Agent ten days prior to the investment date. Interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments. 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 (unaudited) (continued)

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 and a transaction fee of \$2.50 (which will be deducted from the participant's voluntary cash payment investment). 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.

Participants may sell some or all their shares. This can be done either online at www.amstock.com, via telephone, toll free, at 1-800-243-4353 or by submitting the transaction request form at the bottom of the participant's statement. Requests received either via the Internet or telephone by 4:00 pm, Eastern time, or via the mail by 12:00 pm, Eastern time, will generally be sold the next business day shares are traded. There is a transaction fee of \$15 and \$0.10 per share commission on sales of shares.

Neither the Fund nor the Plan Agent will provide any advice, make any recommendations, or offer any opinion with respect to whether or not you should purchase or sell shares or otherwise participate under the Plan. You must make independent investment decisions based on your own judgment and research. The shares held in Plan accounts are not subject to protection under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970.

Neither the Fund nor the Plan Agent will be liable for any act performed in good faith or for any good faith omission to act or failure to act, including, without limitation, any claim of liability (i) arising out of failure to terminate a participant's account, sell stock held in the Plan, deposit certificates or direct registration shares, invest voluntary cash payments or dividends; or (ii) with respect to the prices at which stock is purchased or sold for the participant's account and the time such purchases or sales are made. Without limiting the foregoing, the Plan Agent will not be liable for any claim made more than 30 days after any instruction to buy or sell stock was given to the Plan Agent.

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.

Additional Information (unaudited) (continued)

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 thirty 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 thirty 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 LLC, P.O. Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, New York, 10269-0560, telephone number (718) 921-8265.

Meeting of Shareholders

On June 9, 2015, the Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The following Director was elected by the following votes: Peter Hooper 3,228,365 For and 1,003,273 Abstaining. Margaret Duffy, David Dempsey and Sean Hawkshaw 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 or by emailing investor.query@newirelandfund.com; (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.

Additional Information (unaudited) (continued)

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 or by emailing investor.query@newirelandfund.com. 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, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-468-6475 or by emailing investor.query@newirelandfund.com, and at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Certifications

The Fund's president has certified to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") that, as of July 15, 2015, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund's reports to the SEC 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 the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015, the Fund designated long-term capital gains of \$10,027,594.

Board of Directors/Officers (unaudited)

Name Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:				
Margaret Duffy, 72 BNY Mellon Center One Boston Place 201 Washington Street, 34th Floor Boston, MA 02109	Director and Chair of the Board	Chair since 2015 Director Since 2006 Current term expires in 2017	Retired Partner, Arthur Andersen LLP and currently a Financial Consultant; Director, The Dyson-Kissner-Moran Corporation (2000 to 2010).	1
David Dempsey, 66 Bentley Associates L.P. 250 Park Avenue Suite 1101 New York, NY 10177	Director	Since 2007 Current term expires in 2016	Managing Director, Bentley Associates L.P., – Investment Bank (1992 to present); Director, Hong Kong Association of New York (2014 to Present)	1
Peter J. Hooper, 75 Westchester Financial Center, Suite 1000 50 Main Street White Plains, NY 10606	Director	Since 1990 Current term expires in 2018	President, Hooper Associates – Consultants (1994 to present); Director, The Ireland United States Council for Commerce and Industry (1984 to present).	1
Michael A. Pignataro, 56 BNY Mellon Center One Boston Place 201 Washington Street, 34th Floor Boston, MA 02109	Director	Since 2015 Current term expires in 2016	Director, Credit Suisse Asset Management (2001 to 2013); Chief Financial Officer, Credit Suisse US Registered Funds (1996 to 2012); Trustee, INDEXIQ Trust, INDEXIQ ETF Trust and INDEXIQ Active ETF Trust (April 2015 to present).	1

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

Board of Directors/Officers (unaudited) (continued)

Name Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served*	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director
INTERESTED DIRECTOR:				
Sean Hawkshaw, 51 Kleinwort Benson Investors International Ltd One Boston Place, 201 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02109	President and Director**	President Since 2011 Director from July 2011 to June 2012 and Since March 2013 Current term expires in 2017	Chief Executive Officer & Director, Kleinwort Benson Investors International Ltd (2002 to Present); Director, Kleinwort Benson Investors Dublin Limited (1994 to Present); Director, Kleinwort Benson Fund Managers Limited (2002 to 2013); Director, Kleinwort Benson Investors Institutional Funds PLC (2004 to 2013); Director Kleinwort Benson/Lothbury Qualifying Investor Fund, PLC (2006 to Present); Director, Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (2006 to Present); Director KBC Asset Management (U.K.) Ltd (2002 to 2010); Director Fusion Alternative Investments PLC (2008 to 2014); Director, Irish Association of Investment Managers (2003 to Present).	1

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

** Mr. Hawkshaw is deemed to be an "interested" director because of his affiliation with Kleinwort Benson Investors International Ltd, the investment adviser to the Fund.

Board of Directors/Officers (unaudited) (continued)

Name Address, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships During Past Five Years
OFFICERS*			
Sean Hawkshaw	President	Since 2011	See prior page.
Lelia Long, 53 BNY Mellon Center One Boston Place 201 Washington Street, 34th Floor Boston, MA 02109	Treasurer	Since 2002	Investment Management and Compliance Consultant (2009 to present).
Salvatore Faia, 52 BNY Mellon Center One Boston Place 201 Washington Street, 34th Floor Boston, MA 02109	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2005	President, Vigilant Compliance LLC, (2004 to present); Director, EIP Growth and Income Fund (2005 to present).
Bryan Deering, 43 BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. 4400 Computer Drive Westborough, MA 01580	Assistant Treasurer	Since 2013	Vice President and Director, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (2013 to present); Vice President and Senior Manager, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (2009 to 2013).
Vincenzo A. Scarduzio, 43 BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. 301 Bellevue Parkway, 2nd Floor Wilmington, DE 19809	Secretary	Since 2005	Vice President and Counsel, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (2013 to present); Vice President and Assistant Counsel, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (2010 to 2012); Assistant Vice President, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (2006 to 2010).

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

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Michael A. Pignataro – *Director*
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