

The
NEW IRELAND
Fund

Third Quarter Report
July 31, 2005

Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholder,

Introduction

As may be seen in the Economic Review section below, the Irish economy continues to perform well with the GNP growth forecast of 5.25%, for the current year, being confirmed recently by the Central Bank of Ireland. While higher oil and gas prices will undoubtedly have an impact on both the Irish economy, and World trade generally, it is felt that, because of the underlying strength of the economy, the GNP outturn will be close to forecast.

In the present climate of uncertainty related to the Middle East and, more recently, to the impact of the hurricane on the Gulf Coast of the United States, the US dollar is unlikely to strengthen significantly against the Euro over the next few months. As a result, for the remainder of the year, the performance of the Fund is unlikely to be impacted very much by movements in the exchange rate, between the two currencies.

The Fund continues to perform well with both the net asset value ("NAV") and the market price being at or close to all time highs in recent weeks. Details of the Fund's performance are set out below.

Performance

The Fund's NAV increased by 7.53% to \$25.72 in the third fiscal quarter which compares to the 9.3% return of the Irish Equities Index ("ISEQ"), in US dollar terms. Excluding Bank of Ireland, which the fund is precluded from investing in, the Irish market rose 9.09% in dollar terms.

For the first nine months of the fiscal year, the Fund's NAV has risen 23.95% as compared to an increase of 13.77% for the ISEQ, in dollar terms, or 12.48% excluding Bank of Ireland. Over the same nine months, the Euro declined 4.5% against the dollar and by 5.9% in the most recent quarter.

We continue to implement the Share Repurchase Program with 90,900 shares being repurchased and retired, since the beginning of the fiscal year, at a cost of \$1,957,794. These repurchases represent a reduction of 1.94% of the shares outstanding at October 31, 2004 and they have resulted in a positive impact on the Fund's NAV of 6 cents per share.

Economic Review

The outlook for the economy remains positive. At the mid year stage, the Central Bank of Ireland reiterated its forecast for GNP growth of about 5.25% for 2005 with a similar growth rate estimated for 2006. The global economy continues to grow at a reasonable rate with major economies like the US and China operating at above trend rates. Meanwhile uncertainty over economic and political events in Europe continue to undermine the confidence and performance, of the economies, of the larger Euro zone countries. Future risks include a significant appreciation of the Euro and the impact of high and volatile oil prices.

Irish consumer sentiment weakened in July when the consumer index stood at 96.5 compared with a figure of 99.6 in June. The corresponding figure for 2004 was 96.6. The recent dip in confidence was felt to be associated with the latest hike in oil prices. Beyond that, there is very little to worry the Irish consumer - employment and wage growth remain strong, and inflation, for the first six months of 2005, has converged with the Euro zone area as a whole.

There was a small jump in employment numbers in July, which also occurred last year and which is probably due to seasonal factors. The estimated unemployment rate of 4.3%, the lowest in Europe, is close to full employment, a clear sign of continuing strength in the domestic economy.

Tax receipts are up 6.3%, year on year, and are also 3.6% ahead of Government forecasts, at the beginning of the year. VAT and stamp duty receipts are well ahead of target with a buoyant housing market boosting both, while the VAT receipts have also been helped by an acceleration in consumer spending.

In July, price inflation reached its highest point this year with the annual rate reaching 2.4%, however, as mentioned above, inflation on a comparable basis with the Euro zone area, at 2.2% is in line with the zone average. Outside of energy and mortgages, inflation was quite low. Clothing and footwear prices dropped 10%, month on month, due to the usual impact of July sales.

Private sector credit growth remained steady in June, up 27%, year on year. Following the acceleration in the second half of 2004, growth has been in the 26-27% range for most of 2005. While demand for residential mortgages was extremely strong in June, growth in non-mortgage credit weakened very slightly to 25.2%, from 25.7% in May.

Equity Market Review

The Irish market rose 16.1% in Euro terms over the quarter to the end of July. This was a strong return relative to most European, and international, markets.

	Quarter Ended July 31, 2005	
	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>
Irish Equities (ISEQ)	16.1%	9.3%
S&P 500	6.7%	6.7%
NASDAQ	13.7%	13.7%
UK Equities (FTSE 100)	10.0%	1.3%
Japanese Equities	8.1%	0.7%
Euroland Equities Eurostoxx	13.4%	6.8%
German Equities (DAX)	16.8%	10.0%

**Quarter Ended
July 31, 2005**

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>
French Equities (CAC)	13.8%	7.2%
Dutch Equities (AEX)	13.7%	7.0%

Company trading statements provided most of the news flow during the quarter. Overall these updates were positive, with companies confident about prospects for the second half of the year.

Jury's Doyle Hotel Group stole most of the headlines over the past few months beginning with an unsolicited approach from Precinct Investments Ltd, a group of private investors that bought the Gresham Hotel Group last year. Analysts suggested that Precinct's main interest related to developing the 8 acre site on which a number of Jury's key hotels are located in Dublin. The Jury's Board rejected the initial approach and also a subsequent higher offer of €16.25 per share. In June, Jury's put part of this site (5 acres) up for tender and eventually, subject to shareholder approval, agreed to sell this part of the site for €260 million. Precinct then upped its bid to €17.50 on certain conditions but subsequently withdrew this bid and, as of writing this letter, a number of investors including the successful bidder for the site are increasing their holdings through market purchases and it is clear that the Company is in play at this time.

At its Annual General Meeting in May, **CRH** said that the year had started well. While some of the company's European operations had been affected by bad weather, in the early months of 2005, this was more than offset by a strong start in its US operations. The season for the US construction business has yet to get fully underway but the tone, in relation to this, is more upbeat than for some time. In the last week of May, CRH announced the acquisition of *Stradal*, a French concrete products business, from St. Gobain. Stradal had sales of €180 million last year and caters almost exclusively to the French market. Around 40% of sales are related to concrete gardening and landscape products, an area in which CRH has a lot of expertise. The rest of Stradal's business, which services road construction and utilities, fits well with CRH's French pre-cast operations.

McInerney Holdings' Annual General Meeting statement was positive in tone with sales interest in Ireland being predictably strong, and the company also continues to benefit from good demand in the UK. 1,101 houses were completed in Ireland, in 2004, and the group anticipates a similar level in 2005. 800 house sales are targeted for the UK, in the current year - a 60% increase on last year.

DCC reported net income of €83.8 million and EPS of 102.3 cents a share for the full year, which was little changed from last year. Exceptional charges included costs related to the restructuring of Sercom Solutions, acquisition restructuring costs related to DCC Energy, as well as the legal costs of the

ongoing “Fyffes” court case. Sales increased 24.3% for the year, while operating profit rose 8.8%, with declines in IT distribution offset by strong performances from the energy, healthcare and food and beverages divisions. Excluding exceptional items, adjusted EPS grew 12.6%. The dividend was increased 15% to 37.26 cents per share. At its Annual General Meeting, DCC raised guidance for the financial year ending March 2006, predicting double digit earnings growth. The acquisition of computer games and DVD distributor, *Pilton*, which was announced in the middle of June, will be earnings enhancing in the first year. A major element of the consideration for Pilton will be on an earn out basis. DCC will pay €22.5 million, up-front, with a further €20 million, depending on results, over the next three years. On a full earn-out basis, DCC will pay a little over 7 times, last year’s pre-tax profits.

Full year numbers from **Eircom Group**, were in line with forecasts. Turnover declined 2% but this was compensated by cost cutting, so EBITDA rose 2%. The revenue mix reflected declining traffic revenues but this was offset by increased revenues from line rental/connections and broadband. Towards the end of the quarter, Eircom announced the acquisition of Ireland’s number three mobile telecommunications service provider, *Meteor*, for €420 million, which is to be funded by a rights issue. The circa 6% dividend yield, the main attraction of the stock for investors, will be maintained, at the theoretical ex-rights level, following the IPO. The deal was not a surprise, nor was it cheap but it changes the profile of the company from one of declining revenues, offset by cost cuts, to an integrated play with mobile telecommunications expansion plans. Eircom’s addressable market will double as a result of the acquisition. Eircom also plan to double the 10% share of the mobile phone market that Meteor had.

In its June trading statement, **Allied Irish Banks** increased its full year EPS guidance from 135-137 cents to 138-140 cents. Management commented that the strong, consistent and broadly based performance, which it reported in 2004, is continuing in the current year.

Independent News and Media noted in its trading statement, that strong revenue conditions carried through to the second quarter. The Company remains confident of a meaningful improvement in underlying profit for 2005.

Kingspan announced that full year results would exceed market expectations. A good underlying trading backdrop, combined with acquisitions and the impact of new products, as well as signs of a cyclical upturn in the UK and North American office markets, should drive performance in the current year.

In its trading statement, **Grafton** confirmed its full year guidance. This was a relief given recent worries over the UK economy. In the first half of the year, overall merchandising sales in the UK, on a like-to-like basis, rose by a low single digit figure. Meanwhile, Grafton experienced high single digit, like-for-like, sales growth in merchandising in Ireland. The Heiton acquisition continues to perform ahead of expectations.

Current Outlook

As mentioned above, expectations for the Irish economy remain positive. 5.25% GNP and 5.5% GDP growth, for this year and next, provides a very attractive backdrop for investors. The external environment is also generally favorable, with the US and Asia experiencing quite strong growth, although a more sluggish picture is apparent in the larger Euro-area economies. Recent forecasts from the OECD suggest that weighted GDP growth in Ireland's trading partners will decline from 2.75% to 2% this year, before rising modestly again to 2.25% in 2006.

Valuations for Irish stocks are not demanding. The ISEQ, as a whole, is trading on 13.4 times next year's earnings, with a projected earnings growth of 14%. A dividend yield of 2.4%, compared to the 3.2% yield for 10 year Euro zone government bonds, adds to the appeal of the market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Hooper".

Peter Hooper

Chairman

September 23, 2005

Investment Summary

Total Return (%)

	<u>Market Value</u>		<u>Net Asset Value (a)</u>	
	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual (b)</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Average Annual (b)</u>
Current Quarter	4.72	4.72	7.53	7.53
One Year	39.47	39.47	40.47	40.47
Three Year	143.09	34.42	127.17	31.42
Five Year	99.65	14.82	64.34	10.44
Ten Year	221.30	12.37	194.73	11.40

Per Share Information and Returns

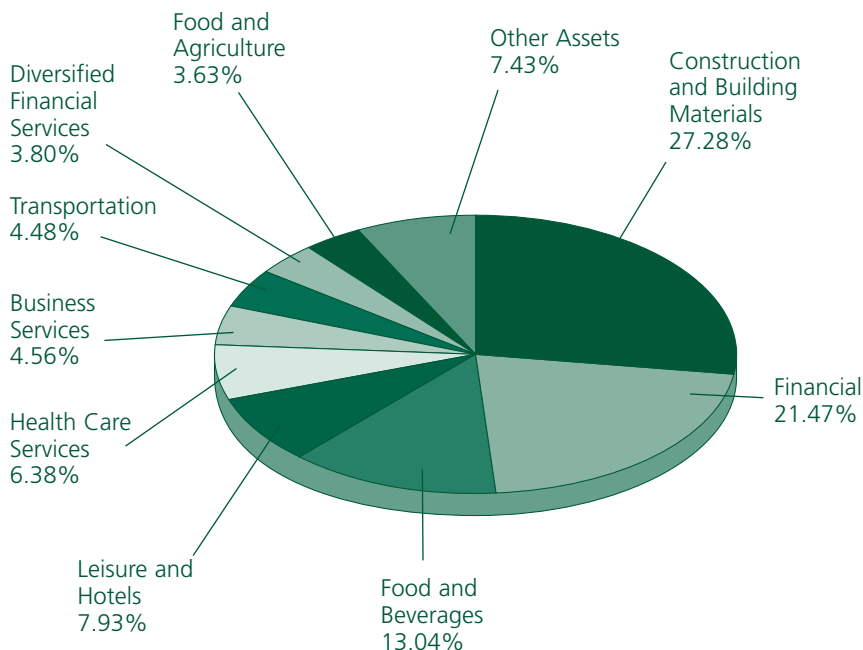
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 3rd Quarter
Net Asset Value (\$)	16.90	19.99	21.36	19.75	20.06	13.28	11.04	16.29	20.74	25.72
Income										
Dividends (\$)	(0.14)	(0.22)	(0.07)	—	(0.13)	(0.01)	(0.03)	—	(0.089)	(0.030)
Capital Gains										
Other										
Distributions (\$)	(0.13)	(0.36)	(0.70)	(1.14)	(1.60)	(2.65)	(0.69)	—	—	—
Total Return (%) (a)	26.65	22.46	11.68	(2.79)	13.27	(23.76)	(12.07)	47.55	28.14	7.53

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.
- (b) Periods less than one year are not annualized.

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

Portfolio by Market Sector as of July 31, 2005 (Percentage of Net Assets)



Top 10 Holdings by Issuer as of July 31, 2005

<u>Holding</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>% of Net Assets</u>
Allied Irish Banks PLC	Financial	16.67%
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	14.22%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	9.88%
Kingspan Group PLC	Construction and Building Materials	7.34%
Jury's Doyle Hotel Group PLC	Leisure and Hotels	4.83%
FBD Holdings PLC	Financial	4.80%
DCC PLC	Business Services	4.56%
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Transportation	4.48%
Grafton GRP PLC-UTS	Construction and Building Materials	4.01%
United Drug PLC	Health Care Services	4.01%

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Portfolio Holdings (unaudited)

July 31, 2005	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (99.02%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (98.23%)		
Business Services (4.56%)		
DCC PLC	243,763	\$ 5,394,713
Computer Software and Services (0.39%)		
IONA Technologies PLC-ADR*	169,300	455,417
Construction and Building Materials (27.28%)		
CRH PLC	592,479	16,803,977
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	417,114	4,742,232
Kingspan Group PLC	663,458	8,671,175
McInerney Holdings PLC	196,675	2,030,581
		32,247,965
Diversified Financial Services (3.80%)		
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	248,182	4,491,680
Financial (21.47%)		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	908,761	19,703,353
FBD Holdings PLC	156,192	5,672,600
		25,375,953
Food and Agriculture (3.63%)		
IAWS Group PLC	293,851	4,290,263
Food and Beverages (13.04%)		
Fyffes PLC	640,733	1,945,671
Greencore Group PLC	401,256	1,788,709
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	466,873	11,682,027
		15,416,407
Health Care Services (6.38%)		
ICON PLC-Sponsored ADR*	71,646	2,804,941
United Drug PLC	1,129,687	4,734,013
		7,538,954
Leisure and Hotels (7.93%)		
Jury's Doyle Hotel Group PLC	288,224	5,706,502
Paddy Power PLC	202,495	3,664,821
		9,371,323
Publishing and News (2.67%)		
Independent News & Media PLC	1,023,832	3,158,746
Real Estate Development (0.51%)		
Irish Estates PLC*†	500,000	607,326

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Portfolio Holdings (unaudited) (continued)

July 31, 2005	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (continued)		
Technology (1.39%)		
Horizon Technology Group PLC*	1,321,900	\$ 1,637,763
Telecommunications (0.70%)		
Eircom Group PLC-144Aa	400,000	821,105
Transportation (4.48%)		
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	650,000	5,289,814
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (Cost \$48,468,781)		<u>116,097,429</u>
COMMON STOCKS OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPANIES (0.79%) (Cost U.S. \$931,778)		
Investment Companies (0.79%)		
Fitzwilliam Capital PLC	900,000	940,141
TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$49,400,559)		<u>\$ 117,037,570</u>
	Face Value	
FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (0.34%)		
(Interest Bearing)		
British Pounds Sterling	£ 767	1,351
Euro	€ 325,930	395,892
TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$395,303)**		<u>397,243</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.36%) (Cost \$49,795,862)		117,434,813
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.64%)		<u>759,216</u>
NET ASSETS (100.00%)		<u>\$ 118,194,029</u>

a Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

* Non-income producing security.

** Foreign currency held on deposit at the Bank of Ireland.

† Security is fair valued and market value is determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

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

UTS -Units

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Notes to Portfolio Holdings (unaudited)

A. Valuation and Investment Practices:

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. At July 31, 2005 the Fund held .51% of its net assets in securities valued in good faith with an aggregate cost of \$669,299 and fair value of \$607,326. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

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 July 31, 2005.

Securities Transactions: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis.

B. Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation):

At July 31, 2005, 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. \$70,059,130 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. \$2,422,119.

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