

**The**  
**NEW IRELAND**  
**Fund**

*Third Quarter Report*  
*July 31, 2009*



## Investment Summary (unaudited)

### Total Return (%)

	<u>Market Value (a)</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	29.82	29.82	17.09	17.09
One Year	(31.96)	(31.96)	(29.41)	(29.41)
Three Year	(44.75)	(17.94)	(42.97)	(17.07)
Five Year	(3.93)	(0.80)	(5.22)	(1.07)
Ten Year	29.94	2.65	20.26	1.86

### Per Share Information and Returns

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009 YTD</b>
Net Asset Value (\$)	19.75	20.06	13.28	11.04	16.29	20.74	24.36	32.55	30.95	10.18	7.40
Income											
Dividends (\$)	—	(0.13)	(0.01)	(0.03)	—	(0.09)	(0.03)	(0.16)	(0.24)	(0.36)	(0.33)
Capital Gains											
Other											
Distributions (\$)	(1.14)	(1.60)	(2.65)	(0.69)	—	—	—	(1.77)	(2.40)	(4.86)	(2.76)
Total											
Return (%) (a) (b)	(2.37)	12.86	(20.99)	(11.44)	47.55	28.14	17.51	45.97	2.88	(58.62)	14.53

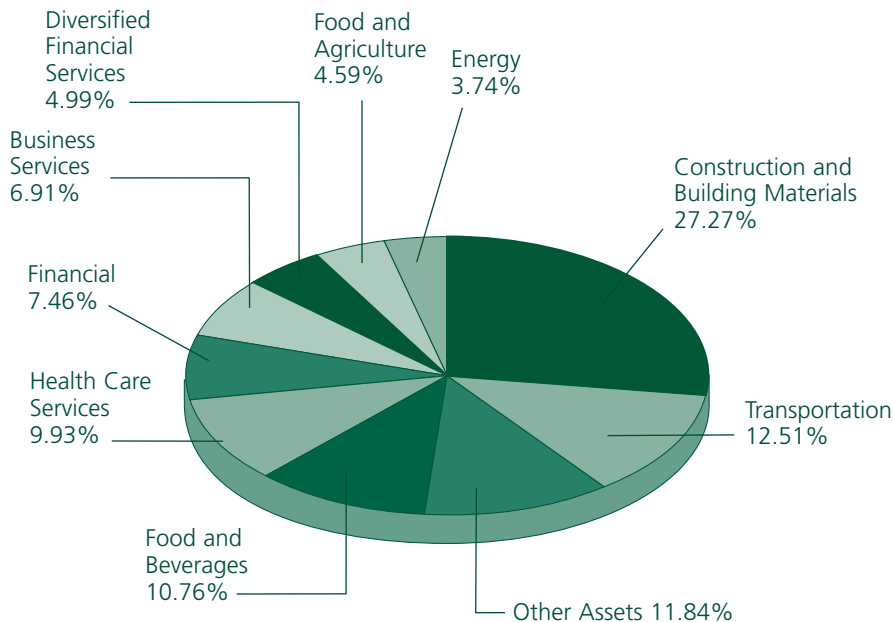
### Notes

- (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 the most recent annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (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, 2009

(Percentage of Net Assets)  
(unaudited)



## Top 10 Holdings by Issuer as of July 31, 2009 (unaudited)

<u> Holding </u>	<u> Sector </u>	<u> % of Net Assets </u>
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	19.82%
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Transportation	10.66%
DCC PLC	Business Services	6.91%
Elan Corp. PLC-Sponsored ADR	Health Care Services	5.73%
Aryzta AG	Food and Agriculture	4.60%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	4.28%
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	Construction and Building Materials	4.20%
Allied Irish Banks PLC	Financial	3.96%
Dragon Oil PLC	Energy	3.74%
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	Financial	3.51%

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*Portfolio Holdings* (unaudited)

July 31, 2009	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
<b>COMMON STOCKS (99.86%)</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (99.86%)</b>		
<b><i>Agricultural Operations (3.00%)</i></b>		
Origin Enterprises PLC(a)*	428,163	\$ 1,608,631
<b><i>Business Services (6.91%)</i></b>		
DCC PLC	174,079	3,702,023
Newcourt Group PLC*	155,655	0
		<u>3,702,023</u>
<b><i>Business Support Services (1.48%)</i></b>		
CPL Resources PLC	382,417	786,152
Veris PLC*	18,310	6,230
		<u>792,382</u>
<b><i>Construction and Building Materials (27.27%)</i></b>		
CRH PLC	447,141	10,618,442
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	469,211	2,248,466
Kingspan Group PLC	260,706	1,744,595
		<u>14,611,503</u>
<b><i>Diversified Financial Services (4.99%)</i></b>		
FBD Holdings PLC	119,561	1,186,558
IFG Group PLC	624,801	930,106
TVC Holdings PLC(a)*	815,973	555,288
		<u>2,671,952</u>
<b><i>Energy (3.74%)</i></b>		
Dragon Oil PLC*	363,569	2,005,109
<b><i>Financial (7.46%)</i></b>		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	849,471	2,119,643
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	384,862	1,878,094
		<u>3,997,737</u>
<b><i>Food &amp; Agriculture (4.59%)</i></b>		
Aryzta AG*	71,179	2,462,313

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## Portfolio Holdings (unaudited) (continued)

July 31, 2009	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
<b>COMMON STOCKS (continued)</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (continued)</b>		
<b>Food and Beverages (10.76%)</b>		
C&C Group PLC	613,858	\$ 1,784,117
Fyffes PLC	552,258	297,528
Glanbia PLC	317,890	1,126,726
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	97,278	2,292,172
Total Produce PLC	552,258	<u>266,209</u>
		<u>5,766,752</u>
<b>Health Care Services (9.93%)</b>		
Elan Corp. PLC-Sponsored ADR*	389,700	3,070,836
ICON PLC-Sponsored ADR*	53,449	1,256,051
United Drug PLC	370,043	<u>991,552</u>
		<u>5,318,439</u>
<b>Leisure and Hotels (3.34%)</b>		
Paddy Power PLC	72,370	<u>1,791,038</u>
<b>Real Estate Development (0.04%)</b>		
Blackrock International Land PLC*	218,009	<u>22,563</u>
<b>Technology (3.26%)</b>		
Norkom Group PLC(a)*	364,481	537,415
Norkom Group PLC*	818,699	<u>1,207,144</u>
		<u>1,744,559</u>
<b>Telecommunications (0.58%)</b>		
Zamano PLC*	1,100,000	<u>311,907</u>
<b>Transportation (12.51%)</b>		
Aer Lingus Group PLC*	501,223	319,775
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	1,300,000	5,713,557
Ryanair Holdings PLC-Sponsored ADR*	23,587	<u>667,748</u>
		<u>6,701,080</u>
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES</b>		
(Cost \$65,127,142)		<u>53,507,988</u>
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT</b>		
(Cost \$65,127,142)		<u>\$ 53,507,988</u>

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## Portfolio Holdings (unaudited) (continued)

July 31, 2009	Face Value	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
<b>FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (0.06%)</b>		
British Pounds Sterling	£ 600	\$ 996
Euro	€ 20,138	<u>28,551</u>
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT</b> (Cost \$29,543)**		<u>29,547</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.92%)</b> (Cost \$65,156,685)		53,537,535
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.08%)</b>		<u>43,294</u>
<b>NET ASSETS (100.00%)</b>		<u><u>\$ 53,580,829</u></u>

(a) Securities exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be resold, in transactions exempt from registration, to qualified institutional buyers. At July 31, 2009, these securities amounted to \$2,701,334 or 5.04% of net assets. These securities have been determined by the Advisor to be liquid.

\* Non-income producing security.

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

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

UTS – Units

The summary of inputs used to value each Fund's net assets as of July 31, 2009 is as follows (See Note A - Security Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio Holdings):

	<b>Total Market Value at 07/31/09</b>	<b>Level 1 Quoted Price</b>	<b>Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs</b>
Common Stocks*	\$ 53,507,988	\$ 53,507,988	\$ —	\$ —
Total Investments†	<u>\$ 53,507,988</u>	<u>\$ 53,507,988</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

\*See Portfolio Holdings detail for industry breakout.

† Total Investments exclude Foreign Currency on Deposit.

### 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 Fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the Board of Directors to represent fair value. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157") effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 became effective for the Fund as of November 1, 2008, the beginning of its current fiscal year. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

In April 2009, FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. 157-4, "Determining Fair Value when the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly", ("FSP 157-4"). FSP 157-4 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. FSP 157-4 provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in accordance with SFAS 157, when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased. FSP 157-4 also includes guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. FSP 157-4 requires entities to describe the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value and changes in those techniques and related inputs during the period. FSP 157-4 expands the three-level hierarchy disclosure and the level three roll forward disclosure for each major security type as described in paragraph 19 of SFAS 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities".

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of July 31, 2009 is included with the Fund's Portfolio Holdings.

**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

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## Notes to Portfolio Holdings (unaudited) (continued)

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 been 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, 2009.

**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):

The aggregate cost of investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments and depreciation on assets and liabilities in foreign currencies on a tax basis as of July 31, 2009 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 Depreciation on Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation on Foreign Currency</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Depreciation</u>
\$65,127,142	\$11,143,032	\$(22,762,186)	\$(11,619,154)	\$793	\$(11,618,361)

### C. 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 United States may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices in some countries; 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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