

The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated covers the 12-month period from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio managers, Douglas D. Ramos, CFA, and Hilary R. Woods, CFA.

Despite headwinds caused by economic and geopolitical uncertainty early in the year, stocks generally bounced back in 2003, with many stock market indexes generating their first full calendar year of gains since 1999. The combination of historically low interest rates, lower federal income tax rates, progress in the war on terrorism and above-trend economic growth during the second half of the year helped propel stock prices higher.

While stocks in general may no longer be priced as attractively as they were at the start of the year, we believe that market fundamentals remain favorable based on recent forecasts of continued economic growth. However, our optimism is tempered by the understanding that some companies, industries and market sectors always perform better than others. As always, we urge you to speak regularly with your financial advisor, who may be in the best position to suggest the Dreyfus funds designed to meet your current needs, future goals and tolerance for risk.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation
January 15, 2004



DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Douglas D. Ramos, CFA, and Hilary R. Woods, CFA,
Portfolio Managers

How did The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated perform relative to its benchmark?

For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2003, the fund produced a total return of 24.94%.¹ In comparison, the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index ("S&P 500 Index"), the portfolio's benchmark, provided a total return of 28.67% for the same period.²

We attribute these results to a sharp upswing in stock prices that began in March 2003 and, despite some short-term volatility, continued through the remainder of the year. The swift end to major combat operations in Iraq and mounting evidence of stronger than expected U.S. economic growth created a more favorable environment for stocks across a wide range of industries. This was especially true of more speculative stocks with smaller market capitalizations and lower quality. The fund shared in the market's rise to a significant degree, benefiting from particularly strong returns in the areas of materials and processing and financials. However, the fund delivered less robust returns than the benchmark in the technology, and consumer discretionary and energy sectors, where lower-quality stocks led the market's advance.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks long-term capital growth consistent with the preservation of capital. Current income is a secondary goal. To pursue these goals, the fund primarily invests in common stocks issued by U.S. companies, including, to a limited degree, those issued in initial public offerings. The fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in foreign securities.

When choosing stocks, the fund focuses on large-capitalization companies with strong positions in their industries and a catalyst that

can trigger a price increase. The portfolio managers use fundamental analysis to create a broadly diversified core portfolio composed of growth stocks, value stocks and stocks that exhibit characteristics of both investment styles. The managers select stocks based on:

- *Value*, or how a stock is priced relative to its perceived intrinsic worth;
- *Growth*, in this case the sustainability or growth of earnings or cash flow; and
- *Financial Profile*, which measures the financial health of the company.

The fund typically sells a security when the portfolio managers believe that there has been a negative change in the fundamental factors surrounding the company, the company has become fully valued, the company has lost favor in the current market or economic environment, or a more attractive opportunity has been identified.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

Throughout the reporting period, the fund consistently emphasized stocks that we believed were well-positioned to benefit from U.S. and global economic expansion. For example, in the financials sector, we focused primarily on large, diversified financial institutions, such as Citigroup; mortgage lenders such as Countrywide Financial; brokerage firms such as Morgan Stanley; and consumer credit companies such as American Express, all of which delivered relatively strong performance. In the area of materials and processing, the fund benefited from investments in companies meeting rising global demand for raw materials. Top performers were concentrated among metal mining companies such as copper producer Phelps Dodge and aluminum producer Alcoa. Among industrial stocks, relatively large positions in conglomerates such as General Electric, and heavy machinery producers such as Caterpillar, enabled the fund to keep pace with the benchmark's rapid rise.

Although other areas also provided strongly positive returns for the fund, those returns proved to be more modest than the benchmark's. Most notably, despite an overweighted position in technology stocks,

the fund's gains fell short of those registered by the benchmark's technology component. That's because the benchmark's technology returns were driven by some of its more volatile and speculative holdings. The fund's company-by-company fundamental analysis downgraded most such stocks due to generally weak long-term business prospects. Similarly, our disciplined investment process led us to avoid energy stocks that, in our judgment, suffered from weak underlying fundamentals. However, such stocks led the benchmark's energy sector gains during 2003.

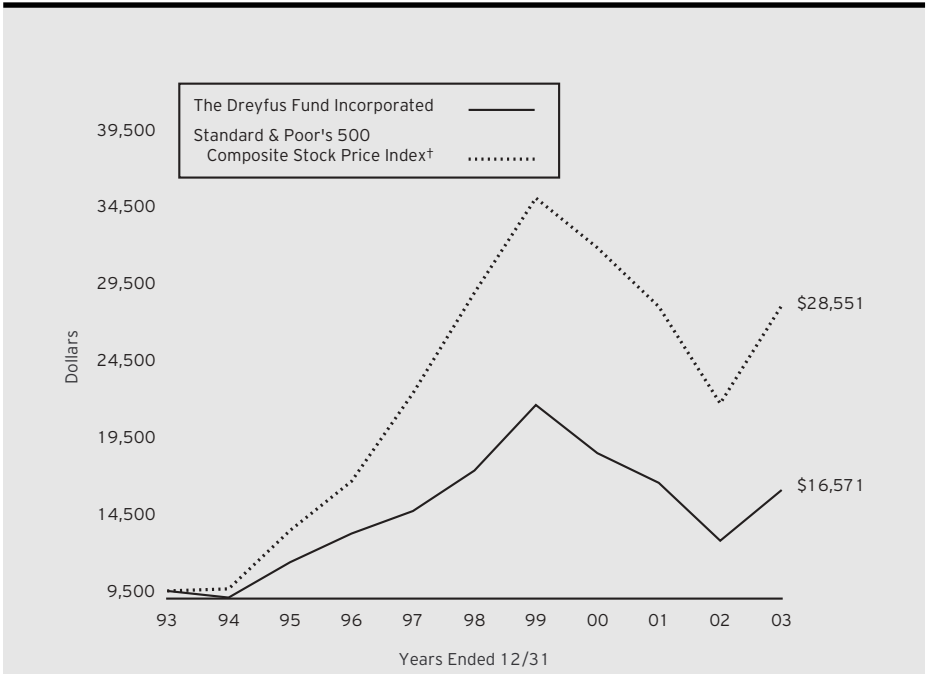
What is the fund's current strategy?

As of year-end, the U.S. and global economies appeared poised for continuing expansion. While much of the economy's growth in 2003 was driven by high rates of consumer spending, we believe that increasing levels of consumer debt, decreasing consumer confidence and the current flat-to-rising interest rate environment are creating a less hospitable environment for consumer-related stocks. On the other hand, corporate capital spending shows evidence of accelerating, leading us to favor stocks of cyclical companies with significant exposure to industrial and capital markets activity. Accordingly, we have invested a relatively large proportion of the fund's assets in the areas of technology, materials and processing and, to a lesser degree, energy. These same factors have led us to de-emphasize investments in traditionally defensive areas of health care and consumer staples, as well as in consumer discretionary stocks.

January 15, 2004

- ¹ *Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate such that upon redemption, portfolio shares may be worth more or less than their original cost.*
- ² *SOURCE: LIPPER INC. — Reflects reinvestment of dividends and, where applicable, capital gains distributions. The Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index is a widely accepted, unmanaged index of U.S. stock market performance.*

FUND PERFORMANCE



Comparison of change in value of \$10,000 investment in The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated and the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index

Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/03

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund	24.94	(1.43)%	5.18%

† Source: Lipper Inc.

Past performance is not predictive of future performance. The fund's performance shown in the graph and table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. The above graph compares a \$10,000 investment made in The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated on 12/31/93 to a \$10,000 investment made in the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (the "Index") on that date. All dividends and capital gain distributions are reinvested.

The fund's performance shown in the line graph takes into account all applicable fees and expenses. The Index is a widely accepted, unmanaged index of U.S. stock market performance, which does not take into account charges, fees and other expenses. Further information relating to fund performance, including expense reimbursements, if applicable, is contained in the Financial Highlights section of the prospectus and elsewhere in this report.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2003

Common Stocks—98.4%	Shares	Value (\$)
Consumer Discretionary—10.4%		
Bed Bath & Beyond	90,000 ^a	3,901,500
Carnival	100,000 ^b	3,973,000
Clear Channel Communications	145,000	6,790,350
Comcast, Cl. A	235,000 ^a	7,724,450
Comcast, Special Cl. A	95,000 ^b	2,971,600
Disney (Walt)	470,000	10,965,100
General Motors	165,000 ^b	8,811,000
Home Depot	354,000	12,563,460
Kohl's	75,000 ^a	3,370,500
Liberty Media	888,000 ^a	10,558,320
McDonald's	309,000	7,672,470
SK Equity Fund, L.P. (Units)	8,359 ^f	21,044,089
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide	185,000	6,654,450
Target	200,000	7,680,000
Time Warner	960,000 ^a	17,270,400
Toyota Motor, ADR	110,000 ^b	7,562,500
Viacom, Cl. B	400,000	17,752,000
		157,265,189
Consumer Staples—9.5%		
Altria Group	355,000	19,319,100
Anheuser-Busch Cos.	85,000	4,477,800
Campbell Soup	150,000	4,020,000
Coca-Cola	375,000	19,031,250
Colgate-Palmolive	135,000	6,756,750
Costco Wholesale	185,000 ^a	6,878,300
Gillette	170,000	6,244,100
Kroger	350,000 ^a	6,478,500
PepsiCo	310,000	14,452,200
Procter & Gamble	134,000	13,383,920
Sara Lee	200,000	4,342,000
Sysco	160,000	5,956,800
Wal-Mart Stores	612,000	32,466,600
		143,807,320
Energy—7.2%		
Anadarko Petroleum	140,000	7,141,400
Baker Hughes	250,000	8,040,000

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Common Stocks (continued)	Shares	Value (\$)
Energy (continued)		
BP, ADR	170,000	8,389,500
ChevronTexaco	160,000	13,822,400
Devon Energy	135,000	7,730,100
Exxon Mobil	944,500	38,724,500
GlobalSantaFe	185,000	4,593,550
Halliburton	150,000	3,900,000
Noble	130,000 ^a	4,651,400
Occidental Petroleum	100,000	4,224,000
Schlumberger	150,000	8,208,000
		109,424,850
Financials—19.6%		
American Express	313,000	15,095,990
American International Group	475,886	31,541,724
Bank of America	235,000 ^b	18,901,050
Bank of New York	143,000	4,736,160
Bank One	95,000	4,331,050
CIT Group	216,000	7,765,200
Capital One Financial	188,000	11,522,520
Citigroup	885,000	42,957,900
Countrywide Financial	94,667	7,180,465
Federal Home Loan Mortgage	142,000	8,281,440
Federal National Mortgage Association	194,000	14,561,640
Fifth Third Bancorp	90,000	5,319,000
FleetBoston Financial	185,000	8,075,250
Goldman Sachs Group	92,000	9,083,160
HSBC Holdings, ADR	85,000	6,699,700
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	278,000	10,210,940
MBNA	305,800	7,599,130
Marsh & McLennan Cos.	228,000	10,918,920
Merrill Lynch	157,000	9,208,050
Morgan Stanley	218,000	12,615,660
National City	175,000	5,939,500
Travelers Property Casualty, Cl. A	457,786	7,681,649
U.S. Bancorp	405,000	11,889,571
Wachovia	145,000	6,755,550
Wells Fargo	320,000	18,844,800
		297,716,019

Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value (\$)
Health Care—10.4%		
Abbott Laboratories	159,000	7,409,400
Allergan	54,000	4,147,740
Amgen	119,200 ^a	7,366,560
AstraZeneca Group, ADR	97,000 ^b	4,692,860
Bard (C.R.)	63,000	5,118,750
Becton, Dickinson & Co.	149,000	6,129,860
Bristol-Myers Squibb	259,000	7,407,400
Eli Lilly & Co.	156,800	11,027,744
Galen Partners II, L.P. (Units)	2.02 ^f	1,370,124
Johnson & Johnson	279,000	14,413,140
Medtronic	209,000	10,159,490
Merck & Co.	232,000	10,718,400
Novartis, ADR	168,000	7,709,520
Pfizer	968,100	34,202,973
St. Jude Medical	117,000 ^a	7,177,950
Watson Pharmaceuticals	104,000 ^a	4,784,000
Wyeth	333,000	14,135,850
		157,971,761
Industrials—11.2%		
Boeing	130,000	5,478,200
CSX	105,000	3,773,700
Caterpillar	83,000	6,890,660
Danaher	65,000	5,963,750
Deere & Co.	105,000	6,830,250
Dover	136,000	5,406,000
Emerson Electric	120,000	7,770,000
General Electric	1,670,000	51,736,600
Honeywell International	230,000	7,688,900
Illinois Tool Works	100,000	8,391,000
Lockheed Martin	125,000	6,425,000
Norfolk Southern	250,000	5,912,500
Northrop Grumman	57,000	5,449,200
Raytheon	130,000	3,905,200
Southwest Airlines	200,000	3,228,000
3M	110,000	9,353,300
Tyco International	375,000	9,937,500

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Common Stocks (continued)	Shares	Value (\$)
Industrials (continued)		
United Parcel Service, Cl. B	92,000	6,858,600
United Technologies	95,000	9,003,150
		170,001,510
Information Technology—20.8%		
Accenture	361,600 ^a	9,517,312
Altera	178,000 ^a	4,040,600
Applied Materials	415,000 ^a	9,316,750
Cisco Systems	1,145,003 ^a	27,812,123
Computer Associates International	240,000	6,561,600
Dell	400,000 ^a	13,584,000
EMC	818,700 ^a	10,577,604
First Data	240,000 ^b	9,861,600
Hewlett-Packard	330,645	7,594,916
Intel	1,115,000	35,903,000
International Business Machines	315,000	29,194,200
Linear Technology	186,000	7,825,020
Microsoft	1,909,000	52,573,860
Motorola	576,000	8,104,320
Nokia Oyj, ADR	415,000	7,055,000
Novellus Systems	170,000 ^a	7,148,500
Oracle	999,800	13,197,360
QUALCOMM	103,000	5,554,790
SAP, ADR	134,000	5,569,040
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, ADR	672,100 ^a	6,882,304
VeriSign	476,000 ^a	7,758,800
Veritas Software	367,000 ^a	13,637,720
Xilinx	207,000 ^a	8,019,180
Yahoo!	171,000 ^a	7,724,070
		315,013,669
Materials—3.5%		
Alcan	90,000	4,225,500
Alcoa	200,000	7,600,000
BHP Billiton, ADR	200,000	3,652,000

Common Stocks (continued)	Shares	Value (\$)
Materials (continued)		
du Pont (E.I.) de Nemours	160,000	7,342,400
International Paper	165,000	7,113,150
PPG Industries	75,000	4,801,500
Phelps Dodge	100,000 ^a	7,609,000
Praxair	142,000	5,424,400
Weyerhaeuser	74,000	4,736,000
		52,503,950
Telecommunication Services—3.0%		
BellSouth	296,400	8,388,120
SBC Communications	601,288	15,675,578
Telefonos de Mexico, ADR	229,000	7,563,870
Verizon Communications	415,000	14,558,200
		46,185,768
Utilities—2.8%		
Exelon	144,000	9,555,840
FPL Group	111,000	7,261,620
MCI	162,000 ^{a,c}	3,815,100
Progress Energy	98,000	4,435,480
Southern	250,000	7,562,500
TXU	190,000	4,506,800
Wisconsin Energy	148,000	4,950,600
		42,087,940
Total Common Stocks (cost \$1,186,009,250)		1,491,977,976
Other Investments—1.3%		
Registered Investment Companies:		
Dreyfus Institutional Cash Advantage Fund	6,725,667 ^d	6,725,667
Dreyfus Institutional Cash Advantage Plus Fund	6,725,667 ^d	6,725,667
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Plus Money Market Fund	6,725,666 ^d	6,725,666
Total Other Investments (cost \$20,177,000)		20,177,000

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Short-Term Investments—1.1%	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
U.S. Treasury Bills:		
.90%, 1/2/2004	150,000	150,000
.83%, 3/18/2004	50,000	49,912
.80%, 3/25/2004	700,000 ^e	698,607
Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$898,519)		898,519
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned—3.4%		
	Shares	Value (\$)
Registered Investment Company;		
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Money Market Fund (cost \$53,096,072)	53,096,072	53,096,072
Total Investments (cost \$1,260,180,841)	103.2%	1,566,149,567
Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables	(3.2%)	(49,020,725)
Net Assets	100.0%	1,517,128,842

^a Non-income producing.

^b All or a portion of these securities are on loan. At December 31, 2003, the total market value of the fund's securities on loan is \$51,574,546 and the total market value of the collateral held by the fund is \$53,096,072.

^c Purchased on a forward commitment basis.

^d Investments in affiliated money market mutual funds—see Note 3(d).

^e Partially held by a broker in a segregated account for open financial futures.

^f Securities restricted as to public resale. Investment in restricted securities with aggregate market value of \$22,414,213 representing approximately 1.48% of net assets (see below).

Issuer	Acquisition Date	Purchase Price (\$)*	Net Assets (%)	Valuation (\$)**
Galen Partners II, L.P. (Units)	1/28/93-1/3/97	678,279	.09	678,279 per unit
SK Equity Fund, L.P. (Units)	2/6/92-10/30/96	983,975	1.39	2,517,537 per unit

* Average cost.

** The valuation of these securities has been determined in good faith under the direction of the Board of Directors. See notes financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL FUTURES

December 31, 2003

	Contracts	Market Value Covered by Contracts (\$)	Expiration	Unrealized Appreciation at 12/31/2003 (\$)
Financial Futures Long				
Standard & Poor's 500	35	9,717,750	March 2004	145,384

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2003

	Cost	Value
Assets (\$):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments (including securities on loan valued at \$51,574,546)—Note 1 (b)	1,260,180,841	1,566,149,567
Cash		4,239,292
Receivable for investment securities sold		3,974,649
Dividends and interest receivable		1,754,746
Receivable for shares of Common Stock subscribed		43,615
Receivable for futures variation margin—Note 4		25,375
Prepaid expenses		49,511
		1,576,236,755
Liabilities (\$):		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates		951,716
Liability for securities on loan—Note 1 (b)		53,096,072
Payable for investment securities purchased		4,334,229
Payable for shares of Common Stock redeemed		459,106
Accrued expenses		266,790
		59,107,913
Net Assets (\$)		1,517,128,842
Composition of Net Assets (\$):		
Paid-in capital		1,323,961,123
Accumulated undistributed investment income—net		2,638,265
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments		(115,584,656)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments (including \$145,384 net unrealized appreciation on financial futures)		306,114,110
Net Assets (\$)		1,517,128,842
Shares Outstanding		
(500 million shares of \$1 par value Common Stock authorized)		158,652,597
Net Asset Value , offering and redemption price per share (\$)		9.56

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2003

Investment Income (\$):

Income:

Cash dividends (net of \$48,106 foreign taxes withheld at source)	22,634,551
Interest	482,407
Income from securities lending	36,971

Total Income **23,153,929**

Expenses:

Management fee—Note 3(a)	8,936,482
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(a)	1,249,017
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	120,340
Custodian fees—Note 3(a)	86,907
Professional fees	78,654
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 3(b)	31,337
Registration fees	27,563
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	14,868
Dividends on securities sold short	12,592
Interest expense—Note 2	735
Miscellaneous	6,992

Total Expenses **10,565,487**

Investment Income—Net **12,588,442**

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments:

Long transactions	(38,027,987)
Short sale transactions	(457,737)

Net realized gain (loss) on financial futures 6,088,948

Net Realized Gain (Loss) **(32,396,776)**

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments (including
\$425,433 net unrealized appreciation on financial futures) 331,937,362

Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments **299,540,586**

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations **312,129,028**

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
Operations (\$):		
Investment income–net	12,588,442	10,742,487
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(32,396,776)	(65,497,209)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	331,937,362	(344,284,090)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	312,129,028	(399,038,812)
Dividends to Shareholders from (\$):		
Investment income–net	(12,170,901)	(10,768,412)
Capital Stock Transactions (\$):		
Net proceeds from shares sold	93,287,472	156,553,781
Dividends reinvested	10,227,030	9,034,442
Cost of shares redeemed	(203,240,748)	(302,322,518)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Stock Transactions	(99,726,246)	(136,734,295)
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	200,231,881	(546,541,519)
Net Assets (\$):		
Beginning of Period	1,316,896,961	1,863,438,480
End of Period	1,517,128,842	1,316,896,961
Undistributed investment income–net	2,638,265	2,220,724
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Shares sold	11,236,007	16,643,433
Shares issued for dividends reinvested	1,215,229	1,098,812
Shares redeemed	(24,467,316)	(33,553,807)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(12,016,080)	(15,811,562)

See notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	7.72	9.99	11.20	13.28	11.52
Investment Operations:					
Investment income—net ^a	.08	.06	.06	.05	.05
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.83	(2.27)	(1.19)	(1.92)	2.65
Total from Investment Operations	1.91	(2.21)	(1.13)	(1.87)	2.70
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income—net	(.07)	(.06)	(.06)	(.05)	(.06)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	—	—	—	(.11)	(.88)
Dividends in excess of net realized gain on investments	—	—	(.02)	(.05)	—
Total Distributions	(.07)	(.06)	(.08)	(.21)	(.94)
Net asset value, end of period	9.56	7.72	9.99	11.20	13.28
Total Return (%)	24.94	(22.15)	(10.07)	(14.27)	24.07
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	.77	.76	.73	.71	.71
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.91	.68	.63	.42	.43
Portfolio Turnover Rate	55.14	49.46	60.55	79.41	58.61
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	1,517,129	1,316,897	1,863,438	2,240,137	2,830,625

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

See notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated (the “fund”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as a diversified open-end management investment company. The fund’s investment objective is to provide investors with long-term capital growth consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the “Manager”) serves as the fund’s investment adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A. (“Mellon”), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation. Dreyfus Service Corporation (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, is the distributor of the fund’s shares, which are sold to the public without a sales charge.

The fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in securities (including financial futures) are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market. Effective April 14, 2003, the fund began pricing securities traded on the NASDAQ stock market using the NASDAQ official closing. Securities not listed on an exchange or the national securities market, or securities for which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Securities for which there are no such valuations are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under the direction of the Board of Directors. Investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis.

Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income, including, where applicable, amortization of discount and premium on investments, is recognized on the accrual basis. The fund receives net earnings credits based on available cash balances left on deposit.

The fund may lend securities to qualified institutions. At origination, all loans are secured by collateral of at least 102% of the value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the value of foreign securities loaned. Collateral equivalent to at least 100% of the market value of securities on loan will be maintained at all times. Cash collateral is invested in certain money market mutual funds managed by the Manager as shown in the fund's Statement of Investments. The fund will be entitled to receive all income on securities loaned, in addition to income earned as a result of the lending transaction. Although each security loaned is fully collateralized, the fund would bear the risk of delay in recovery of, or loss of rights in, the securities loaned should a borrower fail to return the securities in a timely manner.

(c) Dividends to shareholders: Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid on a quarterly basis. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

(d) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of taxable income

sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

At December 31, 2003, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed ordinary income \$2,638,265, accumulated capital losses \$111,385,639 and unrealized appreciation \$302,060,477.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to December 31, 2003. If not applied, \$5,906,587 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2009, \$58,361,928 expires in fiscal 2010 and \$47,117,124 expires in fiscal 2011.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, were as follows: ordinary income \$12,170,901 and \$10,768,412, respectively.

NOTE 2—Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$350 million redemption credit facility (the “Facility”) to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes, including the financing of redemptions. In connection therewith, the fund has agreed to pay commitment fees on its pro rata portion of the Facility. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings.

The average daily amount of borrowings outstanding during the period ended December 31, 2003 was approximately \$51,000, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 1.44%.

NOTE 3—Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Manager, the management fee is payable monthly, based on the fol-

lowing annual percentages of the value of the fund's average daily net assets: .65 of 1% of the first \$1.5 billion; .625 of 1% of the next \$500 million; .60 of 1% of the next \$500 million; and .55 of 1% over \$2.5 billion.

The Agreement provides for an expense reimbursement from the Manager should the fund's aggregate expenses, exclusive of taxes and brokerage commissions, exceed 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets for any full year. No expense reimbursement was required pursuant to the Agreement for the period ended December 31, 2003.

The fund compensates Dreyfus Transfer, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manager, under a transfer agency agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended December 31, 2003, the fund was charged \$853,605 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement.

The fund compensates Mellon under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended December 31, 2003, the fund was charged \$86,907 pursuant to the custody agreement.

(b) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

(c) During the period ended December 31, 2003, the fund incurred total brokerage commissions of \$2,559,665 of which \$5,700 was paid to Harborside Plus Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation.

(d) Pursuant to an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission, the fund may invest its available cash balances in affiliated

money market mutual funds as shown in the portfolio's Statement of Investments. Management fees are not charged to these accounts. During the period ended December 31, 2003, the fund derived \$317,811 in income from these investments, which is included in dividend income in the fund's Statement of Operations.

NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:

The following summarizes the aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities and securities sold short, excluding short-term securities and financial futures, during the period ended December 31, 2003:

	Purchases (\$)	Sales (\$)
Long transactions	738,591,471	827,681,852
Short sale transactions	11,607,368	1,145,046
Total	750,198,839	828,826,898

The fund is engaged in short-selling which obligates the fund to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at current market value. The fund would incur a loss if the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the fund replaces the borrowed security. The fund would realize a gain if the price of the security declines between those dates. Until the fund replaces the borrowed security, the fund will maintain daily a segregated account with a broker or custodian, of permissible liquid assets sufficient to cover its short position. At December 31, 2003, there were no securities sold short outstanding.

The fund may invest in financial futures contracts in order to gain exposure to or protect against changes in the market. The fund is exposed to market risk as a result of changes in the value of the underlying financial instruments. Investments in financial futures require the

fund to “mark to market” on a daily basis, which reflects the change in the market value of the contract at the close of each day’s trading. Accordingly, variation margin payments are received or made to reflect daily unrealized gains or losses. When the contracts are closed, the fund recognizes a realized gain or loss. These investments require initial margin deposits with a broker, which consist of cash or cash equivalents, up to approximately 10% of the contract amount. The amount of these deposits is determined by the exchange or Board of Trade on which the contract is traded and is subject to change. Contracts open at December 31, 2003 are set forth in the Statement of Financial Futures.

At December 31, 2003, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$1,264,234,474; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$301,915,093, consisting of \$324,874,175 gross unrealized appreciation and \$22,959,082 gross unrealized depreciation.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Shareholders and Board of Directors The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The Dreyfus Fund Incorporated, including the statements of investments and financial futures as of December 31, 2003, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the years indicated therein. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the 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. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included verification by examination of securities held by the custodian as of December 31, 2003 and confirmation of securities not held by the custodian by correspondence with others. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. 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 Dreyfus Fund Incorporated at December 31, 2003, the results of its operations for the year then ended, 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 indicated years, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York
February 13, 2004

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

For federal tax purposes, the fund hereby designates 100% of the ordinary dividends paid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 as qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction and also designates 100% of the ordinary dividends paid during 2003 as qualified dividends, subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION (Unaudited)

Joseph S. DiMartino (60) **Chairman of the Board (1995)**

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Corporate Director and Trustee

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Director
- Levcor International, Inc., an apparel fabric processor, Director
- Century Business Services, Inc., a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, Director
- The Newark Group, a provider of a national market of paper recovery facilities, paperboard mills and paperboard converting plants, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 186

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. (70) **Board Member (2003)**

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- President of Alexander & Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm (January 1981-present)
- Chairman of the Board of Moody's Corporation (October 2000-October 2003)
- Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Dun and Bradstreet Corporation (October 1999-September 2000)

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- Wyeth (formerly, American Home Products Corporation), a global leader in pharmaceuticals, consumer healthcare products and animal health products, Director
- Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 65

Lucy Wilson Benson (76) **Board Member (1981)**

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- President of Benson and Associates, consultants to business and government (1980-present)

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- The International Executive Services Corps, Director
- Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, Vice Chairperson
- Council on Foreign Relations, Member
- Lafayette College Board of Trustees, Vice Chairperson
- Atlantic Council of the U.S., Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 39

David W. Burke (67)
Board Member (1994)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Corporate Director and Trustee

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Director
- U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 83

Whitney I. Gerard (69)
Board Member (1973)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Partner of Chadbourne & Parke LLP

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

Arthur A. Hartman (77)
Board Member (1989)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Chairman of First NIS Regional Fund (ING/Barings Management) and New Russia Fund
- Advisory Council Member to Barings-Vostok

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- APCO Associates, Inc., Senior Consultant

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

George L. Perry (69)
Board Member (1989)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Economist and Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution

Other Board Memberships and Affiliations:

- State Farm Mutual Automobile Association, Director
- State Farm Life Insurance Company, Director

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 37

Once elected all Board Members serve for an indefinite term. Additional information about the Board Members, including their address is available in the fund's Statement of Additional Information which can be obtained from Dreyfus free of charge by calling this toll free number: 1-800-554-4611.

OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

STEPHEN E. CANTER, President since March 2000.

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Manager, and an officer of 95 investment companies (comprised of 185 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Canter also is a Board member and, where applicable, an Executive Committee Member of the other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 58 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1995.

STEPHEN R. BYERS, Executive Vice President since November 2002.

Chief Investment Officer, Vice Chairman and a Director of the Manager, and an officer of 95 investment companies (comprised of 185 portfolios) managed by the Manager. Mr. Byers also is an officer, director or an Executive Committee Member of certain other investment management subsidiaries of Mellon Financial Corporation, each of which is an affiliate of the Manager. He is 50 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since January 2000. Prior to joining the Manager, he served as an Executive Vice President-Capital Markets, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Gruntal & Co., L.L.C.

MARK N. JACOBS, Vice President since March 2000.

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 57 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1977.

MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 93 investment companies (comprised of 194 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

ROBERT R. MULLERY, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 26 investment companies (comprised of 58 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

STEVEN F. NEWMAN, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 54 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since July 1980.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Assistant Secretary since March 2000.

Associate General Counsel of the Manager, and an officer of 24 investment companies (comprised of 81 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 38 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001.

Director – Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since August 2003.

Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 25 investment companies (comprised of 100 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since September 1982.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002.

Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 25 investment companies (comprised of 101 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 36 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

KENNETH J. SANDGREN, Assistant Treasurer since November 2001.

Mutual Funds Tax Director of the Manager, and an officer of 96 investment companies (comprised of 201 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1993.

WILLIAM GERMENIS, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since September 2002.

Vice President and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Distributor, and the Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of 91 investment companies (comprised of 196 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 33 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since October 1998. Prior to joining the Distributor, he was a Vice President of Compliance Data Center, Inc.

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A description of the policies
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