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THE SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC.

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The Hottinger Group dates back to Banque Hottinguer, which was formed in Paris in 1786 and is one of Europe's oldest private banking firms. The Hottinger Group has remained under the control of the Hottinger family through seven generations. It has offices in New York, Zurich, Luxembourg, Toronto, Geneva, Vienna, London, and the Bahamas.

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The Fund

The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. is a non-diversified, closed-end investment company whose objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation through investment in equity and equity-linked securities of Swiss companies. The Fund, listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SWZ," is managed by Hottinger Capital Corp.

The Fund has maintained Morningstar's overall rating of four stars as of September 30, 2004. Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results. See the footnote on page 4 for more information.

Net Asset Value is calculated daily by 6:15 P.M. (Eastern Time). The most recent calculation is available by calling 1-888-SWISS-00 or by accessing our Website. Net Asset Value is also published weekly in BARRON'S, the Monday edition of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL and the Sunday Edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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THE SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC.

Letter to Stockholders

GLOBAL MARKET OVERVIEW

Despite improvements in stock market valuations and liquidity, the downward path of earnings expectations has kept most markets under pressure so far this year. Macroeconomic imbalances, ongoing geopolitical issues, high oil and commodity prices, the upcoming U.S. presidential elections, and multi-year lows in volatility are contributing to investor caution. In addition, companies around the world are running substantial cash surpluses that have not been seen on a sustained basis for at least the past three decades.

. IN THE U.S., economic growth is weakening mainly due to high oil prices.

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Corporate margins seem close to a peak and, as inflation creeps up, short-term interest rates will have to continue their upward path. This backdrop has contributed to a compression of stock valuations.

Foreign investors have continued to increase their already large holdings of U.S. Treasuries. At some point favorable economic developments will lead to more demand and more structured and liquid markets in these investors' own countries and they will find ample fixed income investment opportunities at home. This would create an increase in the supply of U.S. dollars in the international markets and put pressure on U.S. Treasury prices.

- . IN CHINA, the economy has not experienced much of a slow down, partly because an increase in consumer spending has provided an offset to the reduction in capital expenditure growth seen at the beginning of the year. An increase in interest rates by the Chinese central bank is in the cards.
- . IN EUROPE, companies are operating on high margins and return on assets, and have balance sheets that are as strong as they have been since the 1960's. High cash flow generation allows them to buy back shares or increase dividends at a higher than historical rate. While such actions may also signal a lack of opportunities to expand businesses, they provide good support for stock prices.

SWISS ECONOMIC NOTES

On September 16, the Swiss National Bank (SNB) increased the three-month LIBOR interest rate target range by 0.25 percentage points, from 0.00%-1.00% to 0.25%-1.25%. In so doing, the SNB indicated it intends to keep the rate in the middle of the target range (at 0.75%) for the time being.

Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew at 2%, year over year, in the second quarter, slightly better than the 1.6% rate of the first quarter.

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The unemployment rate, after decreasing from 3.7% to 3.6% in July, rose again to 3.7% in August and remained at that level in September.

Forecasts are showing that the recovery is losing momentum. According to the latest study made by KOF (the Zurich-based economic research institute), the GDP growth rate is expected to be 1.6% for this year and 1.8% for next year. KOF forecasts a peak at the end of this year and the beginning of next year and another slowdown in 2006 with a growth rate of 1.5%. The main reason given is that the international recovery is expected to stay comparably weak and short-lived, a development that would have an immediate impact on Swiss exports. KOF believes that the growth of exports, which accounts for almost half of Swiss GDP, will probably weaken to 4.4% in 2005, after averaging 5.9% this year.

The ten-year spot interest rate on Confederation bonds decreased substantially during the third quarter. After reaching a peak of 2.9% in the middle of June, it finished at 2.6% at the end of September. Meanwhile, short-term interest rates (3-6 months) increased, resulting in a flattening of the yield curve similar to the situation in the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

SWISS MARKET REVIEW AND FUND PERFORMANCE

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Overall this year the performance of the Swiss market has been subdued, with the Swiss Performance Index (SPI) showing a year-to-date return of 2.42%. After being among the best-performing European markets in the first half of this year, the Swiss market performed poorly in the third quarter. This was mainly due to the poor performance of large-capitalization stocks. Swiss mid-capitalization stocks, on the other hand, performed better with a 5.9% year-to-date return.

A substantial position in mid-capitalization stocks resulted in good performance for the Fund. The Fund's year-to-date return, as measured in Swiss francs, has been 4.81%, outperforming the SPI by 2.39%. In U.S. dollar terms the Fund's performance was 3.80%, reflecting the U.S. dollar's 0.97% appreciation against the Swiss franc.

Main themes of the Fund's strategy were investments in energy, commodity related stocks, emerging market players and high yield dividend stocks. The best performing sectors on the Swiss market year-to-date were Utility Suppliers (+26.2%, led by BKW FMB Energie AG's 34.0% increase), Construction (+25.7% led by Geberit AG's 62.9% increase and Holcim Ltd's. 19.2% increase), and Basic Resources (+25.1% led by Swiss Steel's 67.66% increase, benefiting from high commodity prices).

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The Fund's cumulative performance continues to be superior to its Swiss peers and its benchmark. As of September 30, 2004, the Fund maintained an overall rating of four stars from Morningstar*. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

*Morningstar is an independent fund performance monitor. Its ratings reflect historic risk-adjusted performance and may change monthly. Its ratings of one (low) and five (high) stars are based on a fund's three- and five-year average annual total returns with fee adjustments, and a risk factor that reflects fund performance relative to three-month Treasury Bill monthly returns. Only 33% of the funds in an investment category are awarded four or five stars. As of September 30, 2004, there were 10 funds in the Fund's asset category rated by Morningstar.

PEER GROUP/INDICES PERFORMANCE COMPARISON IN SWISS FRANCS/1/

	YTD AS OF 9/30/04	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,					
		2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
SWISS HELVETIA FUND	4.81%	22.54%	(20.40)%	(22.91)%	14.06%	14.70%	15.5
Swiss Performance Index (SPI)	2.42%	22.06%	(25.95)%	(22.03)%	11.91%	11.69%	15.3
Swiss Market Index (SMI)	(0.41)%	18.51%	(27.84)%	(21.11)%	7.47%	5.71%	14.2
Switzerland iShares/2/ (Formerly called Webs Switzerland)	2.41%	19.14%	(26.23)%	(23.12)%	7.75%	12.22%	11.7
CS Equity Swiss Blue Chips/3, 7/	(1.19)%	18.13%	(28.75)%	(22.12)%	10.97%	7.57%	14.2
UBS Equity Inv. Switzerland/4, 7/	0.40%	18.14%	(26.02)%	(22.04)%	7.42%	6.43%	12.7

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Pictet (CH) -- Swiss Equities/5, 7/	3.08%	20.10%	(27.93)%	(22.35)%	7.34%	9.38%	11.0%
Saraswiss (Bank Sarasin)/6, 7/	(0.74)%	19.64%	(28.51)%	(24.45)%	9.72%	7.10%	14.4%

/1/ PERFORMANCE OF FUNDS IS BASED ON CHANGES IN THE FUND'S NAV OVER A SPECIFIED PERIOD. IN EACH CASE TOTAL RETURN IS CALCULATED ASSUMING REINVESTMENT OF ALL DISTRIBUTIONS. FUNDS LISTED, OTHER THAN SWITZERLAND ISHARES, ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. PERFORMANCE AND DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS ARE DERIVED FROM THEIR PUBLISHED INVESTOR REPORTS AND WEBSITES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

/2/ SWITZERLAND ISHARES ARE TRADED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AND INVEST IN MOST OF THE SAME STOCKS LISTED IN THE MORGAN STANLEY CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL (SWITZERLAND) INDEX. THESE STOCKS REPRESENT SWITZERLAND'S LARGEST AND MOST ESTABLISHED PUBLIC COMPANIES, ACCOUNTING FOR APPROXIMATELY 85% OF THE MARKET CAPITALIZATION OF ALL OF SWITZERLAND'S PUBLICLY TRADED STOCKS. PERFORMANCE OF ISHARES IS CALCULATED BASED UPON THE CLOSING PRICES OF THE PERIOD INDICATED USING THE SWISS FRANC/U.S. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE AS OF NOON ON SUCH DATE, AS REPORTED BY BLOOMBERG. SUCH EXCHANGE RATES WERE AS FOLLOWS: 12/31/96 = 1.35, 12/31/97 = 1.46, 12/31/98 = 1.38, 12/31/99 = 1.60, 12/31/00 = 1.61, 12/31/01 = 1.67, 12/31/02 = 1.39, 12/31/03 = 1.24 AND 9/30/04 = 1.25.

/3/ THIS FUND INVESTS IN EQUITIES ISSUED BY LEADING SWISS COMPANIES. STOCK SELECTION IS BASED ON ECONOMIC, SECTOR AND COMPANY ANALYSES. PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO LARGE-CAP COMPANIES.

/4/ THIS FUND INVESTS PRIMARILY IN MAJOR SWISS COMPANIES. QUALITY CRITERIA USED FOR DETERMINING RELATIVE WEIGHTINGS OF COMPANIES INCLUDE: STRATEGIC ORIENTATION, STRENGTH OF MARKET POSITION, QUALITY OF MANAGEMENT, SOUNDNESS OF EARNINGS, GROWTH POTENTIAL AND POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVING SHAREHOLDER VALUE. THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE SEEKS TO PROVIDE RESULTS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE SPI PERFORMANCE.

/5/ THIS FUND INVESTS IN SHARES OF SWISS COMPANIES LISTED ON THE SWISS STOCK EXCHANGE (SWX) AND INCLUDED IN THE SPI.

/6/ THIS FUND INVESTS IN SHARES OF SWISS COMPANIES. IT WEIGHTS INDIVIDUAL SECTORS RELATIVE TO THE SPI ON THE BASIS OF THEIR EXPECTED RELATIVE PERFORMANCE. IT FOCUSES ON LIQUID BLUE-CHIP STOCKS.

/7/ THESE FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR U.S. RESIDENTS OR CITIZENS. THE FUND'S CUMULATIVE TEN-YEAR PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 9/30/04 WAS 150.90%.

PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

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Letter to Stockholders (concluded)

YEAR TO DATE
DECEMBER 31, 2003
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

PERFORMANCE IN SWISS FRANCS	
Swiss Performance Index (SPI)	2.42%
Swiss Helvetia Fund	
Based on Net Asset Value	4.81%
CHANGE IN U. S. DOLLAR VS. SWISS FRANC	0.97%

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PERFORMANCE IN U. S. DOLLARS

Swiss Helvetia Fund	
Based on Net Asset Value	3.80%
Based on Market Price	2.62%
S & P 500 Index	1.50%
MSCI EAFE Index	4.27%
Lipper European Fund Index (10 Largest)	4.59%
Lipper European Fund Universe Average	4.68%

OUTLOOK / STRATEGY

We continue to emphasize the potential impact of downside earnings revisions as a major risk for the markets. In that regard, we continue to adopt a cautious approach towards growth stocks in light of the slowing down of the global economy and the already very low interest rates. Management is looking for a healthy supply and demand structure as a driver of a sustainable return on assets and equity. In our view, a strong market position and sparse capacity are determining factors of stable margins and growing cash flow with the potential for dividend increases.

STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

Pursuant to authorization by the Board, the Fund began open market purchases of its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange in 1999 and has continued purchases in each subsequent year. The principal purpose of the stock repurchase program is to enhance stockholder value by increasing the Fund's net asset value per share without creating a meaningful adverse effect upon the Fund's expense ratio and without realizing capital gains in order to fund the repurchases. The Board has authorized the purchase of up to 500,000 shares in 2004. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, the Fund repurchased and retired 135,000 shares at an average price of \$12.87 per share (including brokerage commissions) and a weighted average discount of 17.52%. These repurchases, which had a total cost of \$1,738,016, resulted in an increase of \$375,388 to the Fund's net asset value.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Hottinguer

Paul Hottinguer
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Rodolphe Hottinger

Rodolphe Hottinger
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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NO. OF SHARES	SECURITY	VALUE	PERCENT OF NET ASSETS
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COMMON STOCKS -- 95.89%

BANKS -- 10.25%

243,000	CREDIT SUISSE GROUP/1/ REGISTERED SHARES	\$ 7,754,905	2.07%
	A global operating financial group. (Cost \$6,482,308)		

435,000	UBS AG/2/ REGISTERED SHARES	30,621,046	8.18%
	Largest Swiss bank. It offers consumer, business and construction loans, mortgages, mutual funds, export and structured finance and securities brokerage services, advises on mergers and acquisitions, invests pension funds and sponsors credit cards. (Cost \$7,578,949)		

38,375,951 10.25%

BIOTECHNOLOGY -- 5.52%

192,755	ACTELION LTD./1,2/ REGISTERED SHARES	19,758,661	5.28%
	Pharmaceutical company that develops and markets synthetic small-molecule drugs against diseases related to the endothelium. The company's drugs, Veletri and Tracleer, are used in the treatment of heart and pulmonary conditions. (Cost \$15,945,087)		

BIOTECHNOLOGY -- (CONTINUED)

35,487	CYTOS BIOTECHNOLOGY AG/1/ REGISTERED SHARES	\$ 909,413	0.24%
	Develops and produces biopharmaceuticals. Produces vaccines that immunize the patient against disease-related proteins. This instructs the immune system to produce antibodies to reverse or prevent disease progression. (Cost \$1,433,020)		

20,668,074 5.52%

CHEMICALS -- 8.59%

18,598	SIKA AG/2/ BEARER SHARES	10,723,601	2.86%
	Leading producer of construction chemicals. (Cost \$5,039,641)		

224,931	SYNGENTA AG/1,2/ REGISTERED SHARES	21,435,724	5.73%
	Produces herbicides, insecticides		

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and fungicides, and seeds for field
crops, vegetables, and flowers.
(Cost \$14,558,082)

32,159,325 8.59%

CONSTRUCTION -- 8.81%

20,758 GEBERIT AG/2/

REGISTERED SHARES

16,124,978 4.30%

Manufactures and supplies water
supply pipes and fittings, installation
systems, drainage and flushing
systems such as visible cisterns,
and other sanitary systems for the
commercial and residential
construction markets.
(Cost \$7,721,250)

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NO. OF SHARES	SECURITY	VALUE	PERCENT OF NET ASSETS
COMMON STOCKS -- (CONTINUED)			
CONSTRUCTION -- (CONTINUED)			
320,143	HOLCIM LTD./2/ REGISTERED SHARES Produces and markets various building materials, in addition to providing consulting and engineering services in all areas of the cement manufacturing process. (Cost \$16,228,963)	\$ 16,882,691	4.51%
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		33,007,669	8.81%
FOOD & BEVERAGES -- 13.61%			
300	LINDT & SPRUNGLI AG REGISTERED SHARES Major manufacturer of premium Swiss chocolates. (Cost \$1,196,399)	3,579,723	0.95%
207,000	NESTLE AG/2/ REGISTERED SHARES Largest food and beverage processing company in the world.	47,410,907	12.66%

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(Cost \$12,427,541)

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	50,990,630	13.61%
HEALTH CARE -- 30.20%		
1,315,000 NOVARTIS AG/2/ REGISTERED SHARES	61,290,142	16.37%
One of the leading manufacturers of pharmaceutical and nutrition products. (Cost \$16,301,451)		
HEALTH CARE -- (CONTINUED)		
261,766 PHONAK HOLDING AG REGISTERED SHARES	\$ 8,395,714	2.24%
Designs and produces wireless analog and digital hearing aids, transmitters, remote controls, microphones and receivers for use in wireless communications within broadcasting and sports. (Cost \$2,469,614)		
420,000 ROCHE HOLDING AG/2/ DIVIDEND RIGHTS CERTIFICATES	43,389,125	11.59%
Worldwide pharmaceutical company. (Cost \$8,467,363)		
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	113,074,981	30.20%
INDUSTRIAL GOODS & SERVICES -- 7.67%		
2,014,725 ABB LTD./1,2/ REGISTERED SHARES	12,294,550	3.28%
The holding company for ABB Group which is one of the largest electrical engineering firms in the world. (Cost \$8,602,479)		
2,055 BELIMO HOLDING AG REGISTERED SHARES	1,035,153	0.28%
World market leader in damper and volume control actuators for ventilation and air-conditioning equipment. (Cost \$450,523)		

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COMMON STOCKS -- (CONTINUED)			
INDUSTRIAL GOODS & SERVICES -- (CONTINUED)			
4,500	KABA HOLDINGS AG/1/ BEARER SHARES Provides mechanical and electronic security systems. (Cost \$809,667)	\$ 1,061,304	0.28%
59,885	KUEHNE & NAGEL INTERNATIONAL AG REGISTERED SHARES Operates sea freight, land and rail transportation businesses and warehousing and distribution facilities. (Cost \$3,674,112)	9,807,386	2.62%
6,598	SGS SOCIETE GENERALE DE SURVEILLANCE HOLDING SA REGISTERED SHARES Provides a variety of industrial inspection, analysis, testing and verification services worldwide. (Cost \$1,709,324)	3,619,468	0.97%
5,076	SIG HOLDING AG REGISTERED SHARES Manufactures packaging machinery through subsidiaries. Produces beverage bottling machines, beverage cartons, and filling machines. (Cost \$1,012,065)	910,566	0.24%
		28,728,427	7.67%
INSURANCE -- 3.75%			
43,803	SWISS LIFE HOLDING/1/ REGISTERED SHARES Provides life insurance, institutional investment management, and private banking services. (Cost \$5,802,507)	5,182,905	1.38%
INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)			
68,088	SWISS REINSURANCE COMPANY REGISTERED SHARES Second largest reinsurance company in the world. (Cost \$4,038,842)	\$ 3,917,773	1.05%
34,549	ZURICH FINANCIAL SERVICES AG REGISTERED SHARES Offers property, accident, health, automobile, liability, financial risk	4,924,899	1.32%

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and life insurance and retirement products.
(Cost \$5,493,466)

14,025,577 3.75%

RETAILERS -- 1.01%

24,767 GALENICA HOLDING AG
REGISTERED SHARES

3,768,503 1.01%

Manufactures and distributes prescription and over-the-counter drugs, toiletries and hygiene products.
(Cost \$3,158,881)

3,768,503 1.01%

TECHNOLOGY -- 5.04%

22,454 HUBER & SUHNER AG
REGISTERED SHARES

1,564,425 0.42%

Manufactures a wide range of products, extending from cables for energy and electrical submission to special products such as rubber.
(Cost \$1,291,221)

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NO. OF SHARES	SECURITY	VALUE	PERCENT OF NET ASSETS

COMMON STOCKS -- (CONTINUED)			
TECHNOLOGY -- (CONTINUED)			
208,530	LOGITECH INTERNATIONAL SA/1/ REGISTERED SHARES	\$ 10,103,359	2.70%
	Manufactures personal computer input devices, as well as producing trackballs, desktop publishing programs and related software. (Cost \$7,189,152)		
81,577	MICRONAS SEMICONDUCTOR HOLDING AG/1/ REGISTERED SHARES	3,462,466	0.92%
	Develops and manufactures a wide range of semiconductors and modules used by the automotive and consumer goods industries. (Cost \$3,114,002)		

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492,883	TEMENOS GROUP AG/1/ REGISTERED SHARES	3,749,811	1.00%
	Provides integrated software for the banking sector. Develops, distributes, implements, and supports its process-oriented real-time enterprise software designed for the management of administrative tasks in Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East. (Cost \$3,854,386)		
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		18,880,061	5.04%
	UTILITY SUPPLIERS -- 1.44%		
5,364	ELEKTRIZITAETS-GESELLSCHAFT LAUFENBURG AG REGISTERED SHARES	\$ 3,629,839	0.97%
	Generates and sells electricity. Operates nuclear and hydroelectric generating plants. Sells excess power throughout Europe. (Cost \$3,628,197)		
3,500	BKW FMB ENERGIE AG REGISTERED SHARES	1,751,822	0.47%
	Generates and distributes electricity. Produces electricity using nuclear, hydroelectric, solar, biomass and wind energy. (Cost \$1,673,583)		
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		5,381,661	1.44%
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$171,352,075)	\$ 359,060,859	95.89%
	OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES	15,391,295	4.11%
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	NET ASSETS	\$ 374,452,154	100.00%
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/1/ NON-INCOME PRODUCING SECURITY.

/2 /ONE OF THE TEN LARGEST PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS.

THE SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Unaudited)

The Plan

The Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan") offers a convenient way for you to reinvest your capital gains distributions and ordinary income dividends

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in additional shares of the Fund.

Some of the Plan features are:

- . Once you enroll in the Plan, all of your future distributions and dividends payable in whole or in part in cash will be automatically reinvested in Fund shares.
- . You will receive shares valued at the lower of the Fund's net asset value or the Fund's market price as described below. The entire amount of your distribution or dividend will be reinvested automatically in additional Fund shares. For any balance that is insufficient to purchase full shares of the Fund, your account will be credited with fractional shares.
- . Your shares will be held in an account with the Plan agent. You will be sent regular statements for your records.
- . You may terminate participation in the Plan at any time.

The following are answers to frequently asked questions about the Plan.

How do I enroll in the Plan?

If you are holding certificates for your shares, contact American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST) at the address shown below. If your shares are held in a brokerage account, contact your broker. Not all brokerage firms permit their clients to participate in dividend reinvestment plans such as the Plan and, even if your brokerage firm does permit participation, you may not be able to transfer your Plan shares to another broker who does not permit participation. Your brokerage firm will be able to advise you about its policies.

How does the Plan work?

Any dividends or distributions you receive will be reinvested in shares of the Fund. The number of shares credited to your Plan account as a result of the reinvestment will depend upon the relationship between the Fund's market price and its net asset value per share on the record date of the distribution or dividend, as described below:

- . If the net asset value is greater than the market price (the Fund is trading at a discount), AST, as Plan Agent, will buy Fund shares for your account on the open market on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere. Your dividends or distributions will be reinvested at the average price AST pays for those purchases.
- . If the net asset value is equal to the market price (the Fund is trading at parity), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at net asset value.
- . If the net asset value is less than but within 95% of the market price (the Fund is trading at a premium of less than 5%), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at net asset value.
- . If the net asset value is less than 95% of the market price (the Fund is trading at a premium of 5% or more), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at 95% of the market price.

If AST begins to buy Fund shares for your account at a discount to net asset value but, during the course of the purchases, the Fund's market

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Unaudited) (concluded)

price increases to a level above the net asset value, AST will complete its

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purchases, even though the result may be that the average price paid for the purchases exceeds net asset value.

Will the entire amount of my distribution or dividend be reinvested?
The entire amount of your distribution or dividend will be reinvested in additional Fund shares. If a balance remains after the purchase of whole shares, your account will be credited with any fractional shares (rounded to three decimal places) necessary to complete the reinvestment.

How can I sell my shares?
You can sell any or all of the shares in your Plan account by contacting AST. AST charges \$15 for the transaction plus \$.10 per share for this service. You can also withdraw your shares from your Plan account and sell them through your broker.

Does participation in the Plan change the tax status of my distributions or dividends?
No. The distributions and dividends are paid in cash and their taxability is the same as if you received the cash. It is only after the payment of distributions and dividends that AST reinvests the cash for your account.

Can I get certificates for the shares in the Plan?
AST will issue certificates for whole shares upon your request. Certificates for fractional shares will not be issued.

Is there any charge to participate in the Plan?
There is no charge to participate in the Plan. You will, however, pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to AST's open market purchases of shares for your Plan account.

How can I discontinue my participation in the Plan?
Contact your broker or AST in writing. If your shares are in a Plan account, AST will send you a certificate for your whole shares and a check for any fractional shares.

Where can I direct my questions and correspondence?
Contact your broker, or contact AST as follows:

By mail:
American Stock Transfer & Trust Company
PO Box 922
Wall Street Station
New York, NY 10269-0560

Through the Internet:
www.amstock.com

Through AST's automated voice response System:
1-888-556-0425

AST will furnish you with a copy of the Terms and Conditions of the Plan without charge.

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