BNY MELLON EMERGING MARKETS FUND – CLASS M

September 30, 2018

A hypothetical $10,000 investment in the fund on 10/2/00 would have been worth $43,077 on 9/30/18. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

- Finance: 24.23%
- Telecommunication Services: 17.69%
- Technology Hardware & Equipment: 13.57%
- Consumer Discretionary: 9.97%
- Materials: 6.83%
- Energy: 6.00%
- Consumer Staples: 4.62%
- Industrial: 4.46%
- Capital Goods: 3.29%
- Transportation: 1.63%

ASSET ALLOCATION

- Common Stock: Foreign: 95.69%
- Preferred Stock (Non-Convertible): Foreign: 2.19%
- Short Term: 0.76%
- Mutual Funds: Domestic: 0.56%
- Net Cash: 0.50%

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (9/30/18)

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<th>YTD (As of 9/30/18)</th>
<th>1 year</th>
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<td>Mellon Emerging Markets Fund - Class M</td>
<td>-11.52%</td>
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<td>MSCI Emerging Markets NR Index</td>
<td>-7.88%</td>
<td>-0.81%</td>
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The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor’s shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Year-to-date performance is not annualized. Please go to www.bnymellon.com/bnymellonfunds for the fund’s most recent month-end returns. Total Expense Ratio: Class M 1.42%.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

George E. DeFina, Sean P. Fitzgibbon and Jay Malikowski

INCEPTION DATE

10/2/00

TICKER

MEMKX

CUSIP

05569M855

ASSETS (FOR THE FUND)

$935,444,877

HOLDINGS

96 (9/30/18)

DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Annually

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY

Diversified Emerging Markets

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Fund</th>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>42.59%</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>10.62%</td>
<td>11.19%</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>-16.64%</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>-4.58%</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>16.95%</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>-21.66%</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>16.72%</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>74.33%</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>-47.51%</td>
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TOP COUNTRIES

- Korea, Republic Of: 17.23%
- Cayman Islands: 17.11%
- China: 11.78%
- India: 9.70%
- Taiwan, Province Of China: 9.20%
- Brazil: 7.41%
- South Africa: 4.67%
- Mexico: 4.40%
- Hong Kong: 3.54%
- Russian Federation: 2.89%

1 Portfolio composition is as of 9/30/18 and is subject to change at any time.
2 The “Investment Style Classification” graphically depicts the fund’s investment strategy as described in its prospectus. The horizontal and vertical axes describe the fund’s investment style and market capitalization range for stocks in the fund’s portfolio, respectively. The graphic supports asset allocation decisions and does not depict actual fund holdings at a point in time.
3 Source: Morningstar. Reflects reinvestment of gross dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. The Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity performance in global emerging markets. The index consists of 24 MSCI emerging market national indices. MSCI indices reflect investable opportunities for global investors by taking into account local market restrictions on shareownership by foreigners. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

Goal/Approach
The fund seeks long-term growth. To pursue its goal, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies organized, or with a majority of assets or operations, in countries considered to be emerging markets. Normally, the fund will invest in a broad range of (and in any case at least five different) emerging market countries. The fund may invest in companies of any size. The fund's cash inflows are invested in equity securities of companies located in the foreign countries represented in the Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets (Free) Index (the “Index”). The stocks purchased may have value and/or growth characteristics. The portfolio managers employ a bottom-up investment approach which emphasizes individual stock selection. The stock selection process is designed to produce a diversified portfolio that, relative to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, has a below-average price/earnings ratio and an above-average earnings growth trend.

Portfolio Management
The investment adviser for the fund is BNY Mellon Fund Advisers, a division of The Dreyfus Corporation.
George E. DeFina, Sean P. Fitzgibbon and Jay Malikowski are the fund's primary portfolio managers. Mr. Fitzgibbon and Mr. Malikowski have held their positions since January 2010, and Mr. DeFina has held his position since December 2015. Mr. Fitzgibbon is a senior managing director, head of the Quantitative Research and Strategies team and lead portfolio manager for the Emerging Markets Equity Team of The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (BNYM AMNA), an affiliate of The Dreyfus Corporation. Mr. Malikowski is a director, portfolio manager, research analyst and member of the Emerging Markets Equity Team of BNYM AMNA. Mr. DeFina is a director and senior quantitative analyst at BNYM AMNA. Mr. DeFina, Mr. Fitzgibbon and Mr. Malikowski also are employees of The Dreyfus Corporation and manage the fund as employees of The Dreyfus Corporation.

Certain Risks
Equity funds are subject generally to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees, all of which are more fully described in the fund’s prospectus.

The fund’s performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign issuers. These special risks include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards. Investments denominated in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedged positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the currency being hedged.

Emerging markets tend to be more volatile and less liquid than the markets of more mature economies, and generally have less diverse and less mature economic structures and less stable political systems than those of developed countries. Please refer to the prospectus for a more complete discussion of the fund’s main risks.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. Contact your financial advisor to obtain a prospectus, or a summary prospectus, if available, that contains this and other information about the fund, and read it carefully before investing.

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