Goal/Approach
The fund seeks long-term capital 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”).

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Class M 05569M855
Assets for the Fund
$891,572,126
Holdings
90
Dividend Frequency
Annually
Morningstar Category
Diversified Emerging Markets

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Mellon was formed on January 31, 2018, through the merger of The Boston Company and Standish into Mellon Capital. Effective January 2, 2019, the combined firm was renamed Mellon Investments Corporation.

Growth of a $10,000 Investment
A hypothetical $10,000 investment in the fund's Class M shares on 10/2/00 would have been worth $43,367 on 3/31/19.

Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

Historical Performance

Average Annual Total Returns (3/31/19)

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<td>Class M (NAV) 10/02/00</td>
<td>10.43%</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. Go to dreyfus.com for the fund’s most recent month-end returns. Total Expense Ratio: Class M 1.40%.

1Portfolio composition is as of 03/31/2019 and is subject to change at any time. 2Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. 3Source: FactSet. Reflects reinvestment of net dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.
Asset Allocation

- Common Stock: Foreign 92.01%
- Preferred Stock (Non-Convertible): Foreign 4.76%
- Net Cash (Liabilities): 1.01%
- Common Stock: Domestic 0.89%
- Mutual Funds: Domestic 0.78%
- Short Term 0.55%

Industry Allocation

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<td>Banking</td>
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Top Countries

- China: 36.07%
- India: 12.09%
- Taiwan, Province Of China: 10.98%
- Korea, Republic Of: 8.95%
- Brazil: 8.82%
- Russian Federation: 3.77%
- South Africa: 3.70%
- Mexico: 3.01%
- United States: 2.24%
- Turkey: 1.82%

Top Ten Holdings

- Tencent Holdings: 9.02%
- Alibaba Group Holding, ADR: 5.94%
- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing: 5.13%
- Ping An Insurance Group Company Of China, Cl. H: 3.73%
- Samsung Electronics: 3.06%
- China Construction Bank, Cl. H: 2.76%
- Chailease Holding: 2.33%
- Petroleo Brasileiro: 2.10%
- ANTA Sports Products: 1.92%
- Autohome: 1.92%

The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell a security. Large concentrations can increase share price volatility.

Portfolio Management

The fund's investment adviser 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. Messrs. Fitzgibbon and Malikowski have held that position since January 2010, and Mr. DeFina has held that position since December 2015. Mr. Fitzgibbon is a senior managing director, portfolio manager, research analyst and head of the global core equity team at Mellon Investments Corporation (Mellon), an affiliate of The Dreyfus Corporation. Mr. Malikowski is a director, portfolio manager, research analyst and member of the global core equity team at Mellon. Mr. DeFina is a director, portfolio manager and senior quantitative analyst at Mellon. Messrs. DeFina, Fitzgibbon and Malikowski also are employees of The Dreyfus Corporation and manage the fund in their capacity as employees of The Dreyfus Corporation.

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


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