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ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2002

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THE NEW GERMANY
FUND, INC.

LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

February 18, 2003

Dear Shareholder,

During 2002, the German equity market was most disappointing. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, the net asset value per share of the New Germany Fund declined 39.6% while its benchmark declined 37.6% in US dollar terms. The main reasons for the underperformance of the German market were that banks and insurance companies' financials were hurt due to the fall in equity prices deteriorating their capital requirements. Industrials suffered from the global economic slowdown. The German equity market is dominated by banks, insurance companies and industrials. The global economic slowdown impacts Germany more than most other countries because it is more dependent on exports. Furthermore, the economic policies of Chancellor Schroeder have focused on reducing the budget deficit rather than stimulating economic growth. The consequence has been an increase in different taxes. Although minor in most cases, they were rightly criticized by economists. The preferred course of action would be to lower taxes and reform the country's rigid labor laws, which are to blame for the rising unemployment in Germany. Third, the press has frequently focused on Germany's problems and suggested similarities with Japan's economic problems. Such comparisons do not stand up to reality, as Japan has a multitude of problems which do not apply to Germany.

The German business community and its fellow EU members are putting intensive pressure on the German government to resolve its economic problems. Recently, the eight largest business groups in Germany urged the Chancellor to change directions of his tax policies in order to create incentives for investments which will lead to growth and job creation. An impetus to change may come from rising unemployment and the important state elections for Hesse and Lower Saxony held in early February. The problems facing Germany have to be dealt with sooner than most investors think. We believe that German equity valuations today look attractive relative to its peers. As global economic growth accelerates, Germany could benefit more than most other countries as a result of its export-driven economy. Furthermore, mid-cap companies usually do better in an economic upturn because they have greater pricing power and higher margins as they often operate in profitable niche markets. Sincerely,

/S/ CHRISTIAN STRENGER

/S/ RICHARD T. HALE

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Christian Strenger
Chairman

Richard T. Hale
President

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND INCLUDING PERFORMANCE, DIVIDENDS,
PRESENTATIONS, PRESS RELEASES, DAILY NAV AND SHAREHOLDER REPORTS, PLEASE VISIT
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FUND HISTORY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002

STATISTICS:

Net Assets\$124,504,310
Shares Outstanding 27,487,443
NAV Per Share \$4.53

DIVIDEND AND CAPITALGAIN DISTRIBUTIONS:

YEAR/ RECORD DATE -----	ORDINARY INCOME -----	LT CAPITAL GAINS -----	TOTAL -----
2002	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
2001	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
11/20/00	\$0.01	\$1.30	\$1.31
9/1/00	\$0.07	\$0.35	\$0.42
11/19/99	\$0.05	\$1.02	\$1.07
11/16/98	\$1.00	\$2.66	\$3.66

TOTAL RETURNS:

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DEC		
	2002	2001	2000
Net Asset Value	(39.60)%	(35.68)%	(11.46)%
Market Value	(39.52)%	(33.86)%	(14.35)%
Benchmark	(37.58)% 1	(33.46)% 2	(16.13)% 2

- (1) Represents 60% MDAX/40% NEMAX 50 for 1/1/02-8/31/02 and 75% MDAX/25% NEMAX 50 for 9/1/02-12/31/02.
(2) Represents 60% MDAX/40% NEMAX 50.
(3) Represents the MDAX Index.

OTHER INFORMATION:

NYSE Ticker Symbol GF
NASDAQ Symbol XGFNX

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Dividend Reinvestment Plan	Yes
Voluntary Cash Purchase Program	Yes
Annual Expense Ratio	1.48%

 FUND PERFORMANCE IS HISTORICAL, ASSUMES REINVESTMENT OF ALL DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL GAINS, AND IS NOT INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

INVESTMENTS IN FUNDS INVOLVE RISK. SOME FUNDS HAVE MORE RISK THAN OTHERS. THESE INCLUDE FUNDS THAT ALLOW EXPOSURE TO OR OTHERWISE CONCENTRATE INVESTMENTS IN CERTAIN SECTORS, GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS, SECURITY TYPES, MARKET CAPITALIZATION OR FOREIGN SECURITIES (E.G., POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC INSTABILITY, WHICH CAN BE ACCENTUATED IN EMERGING MARKET COUNTRIES).

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PORTFOLIO BY MARKET SECTOR AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 (AS % OF PORTFOLIO)

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 EDGAR REPRESENTATION OF DATA POINTS USED IN PRINTED GRAPHIC AS FOLLOWS:

Machinery	7.3
Building Products	2
Food Products	3.2
Media	1.8
Chemical	2.6
Biotechnology	4.7
Internet Software & Services	2.8
Software	1.4
Personal Products	10.1
Diversified Financial	3.5
Auto Components	7.1
Air Freight and Couriers	3.8
Other	4.5
Textiles & Apparel	5.3
Semiconductor Equipment & Products	5.5
Distributors	5.8
Healthcare Providers & Services	6.3
Healthcare Equipment & Supplies	2.1
Specialty Retail	2.3
Pharmaceuticals	12.7
Construction & Engineering	3.2
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.0

10 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002

	% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio
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1. Continental	7.1	6. Wella	4.3
2. Stada Arzneimittel	6.1	7. Fraport	3.8
3. Beiersdorf	5.8	8. Singulus Technologies	3.7
4. Medion	5.8	9. Merck	3.5
5. Puma	5.3	10. Rhoen Klinikum	3.3

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

QUESTION: What has been the effect of the euro's recent strength on the Fund and on Germany?

ANSWER: Since the end of 2001 the euro has appreciated over 21% against the US dollar. There are both positive and negative effects of the euro strength, but overall we believe it is a net positive, especially for US investors. In US dollar terms, an investor who invested in German equities since December 2001 would have had a 21% higher return than a local European investor. While the euro's strength weakens the competitiveness of German exporters relative to the US, evidence shows that German exports have remained stable while the US trade deficit continues to record new highs. Furthermore, a stronger euro facilitates an easy monetary policy by the European Central Bank as a stronger currency reduces inflationary pressures. Lower interest rates are exactly what Germany needs, as they would increase economic activity and domestic spending. Another positive effect is that the surge in the price of oil during the past year has been less painful in Europe than in the US, as oil is priced in US dollars.

QUESTION: How will the regional elections of February 2nd affect the German economy?

ANSWER: On February 2nd German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder scored the worst result in more than 50 years in two regional elections, in the state of Lower Saxony and Hesse. In Lower Saxony, Schroeder's party, the Social Democrats (SPD), were voted out of power after 13 years in the majority. In Hesse, the opposition party, the Christian Democrats (CDU), increased its seats to rule without a coalition partner for the first time ever. SPD's defeat in the two elections increased the opposition's majority in the Bundesrat, the upper house of parliament, making it harder for Schroeder to pass laws. In our view, the recent elections were the preferred outcome and will be positive for Germany as it makes Schroeder's planned tax increases almost impossible to be signed into law. The pro-business CDU should make it very difficult, if not impossible, for Chancellor Schroeder to push through any agenda that does not have the support of the CDU. During the election campaign, the CDU made it very clear that they will not agree to any tax increases. Longer term, having the CDU in control of the upper house should lead to a more pro-growth policy, rather than the current deficit reduction policy introduced by the SPD.

QUESTION: Why should I own German equities when economic growth is expected to be stronger in the US?

ANSWER: While it is true that economic growth this year is expected to be stronger in the US than in Europe, Europe does have significant advantages over the US that could lead to outperformance over the longer term. First, US companies suffer from an over-capacity problem that is much larger than in Europe. US companies spent significantly more money on office equipment and technology than European companies, so there is less room for growth. Second, the US consumer has over-spent and sits on significantly higher debt levels than any European country, especially Germany. For the euro-zone area, household debt was 46% of GDP in 2001 while it was 82% in the US. Going forward, German consumer spending should enjoy much higher growth relative to the US. Third, Germany enjoys a large trade surplus, while the trade deficit in the US continues to get larger and larger. The net effect of this is a transfer of cash out of the US and into Germany and the rest of Europe. Over time, this should lead to increased consumer power in Germany and Europe.

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HANSPETER ACKERMANN, Chief Investment Officer of the New Germany Fund

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REPORT FROM THE INVESTMENT ADVISER AND MANAGER

OUTLOOK FOR THE GERMAN ECONOMY

Developments in the Middle East will continue to take their toll on both financial markets and economic activity. Currently, risks remain heavily tilted towards a military conflict in Iraq, which could take place during the first quarter of the year. In any case, global growth should still be weakened by lingering uncertainties. However, a peaceful solution cannot be ruled out either. In this scenario, economic activity should start to pick up significantly in the second quarter. Recent economic data seem to indicate that Germany's economy might at least reach the bottom during the first quarter. The latest production and order intake data from November surprised on the upside and the ZEW index, a key business confidence indicator, jumped strongly in January after falling six months in a row. Household consumption will probably remain sluggish as tax hikes that came into effect at the beginning of the year will dampen real disposable income growth. Moreover unemployment is still rising and remains a problem. It is only towards the end of the year that we can expect the labor market to stabilize. Inflation data have developed favorably last year, helped by a marked decline in food prices. Inflation is forecast to be just 1.0%, down from 1.3% last year. For 2003, Germany's economy is expected to grow 0.6%. While relatively modest, it is an improvement over last year's growth of only 0.2%. In 2004, the economy is expected to grow at a much more healthy rate of 3.0%.

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DIRECTORS OF THE FUND

NAME, AGE, CLASS

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS

John A. Bult, 66 (1)(2)
Class II

Chairman of PaineWebber International (1985 to present). Director of Growth Fund, Inc. and The Greater China Fund, Inc.

John H. Cannon, 60
Class II

Consultant. Vice President and Treasurer of Footlocker Inc. (2001).

Richard Karl Goeltz, 60
Class I

Consultant. Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Ameriquest (1996-2000); Group Chief Financial Officer and Member of the National Westminster Bank Plc. (1992-1996). Director of The Westminster Bank. Member of the Court of Governors of the London School of Economics and Business School.

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Dr. Franz Wilhelm Hopp, 60
Class III

Member of the Boards of Management of ERGO Versicherungsgruppe Europa Beteiligungsgesellschaft AG and ERGO International AG. Supervisory Boards of VORSORGE Lebensversicherung AG and Medi the Supervisory Boards of MEAG Munich ERGO Kapitalanlagegesellschaft Österreichische Volksbanken AG, VICTORIA Pensionskasse AG, Immobilieninstitute GmbH, Bankhaus Ellwanger & Geiger and Jen of the Boards of Management of VICTORIA Holding, VICTORIA Leb VICTORIA Versicherung AG, VICTORIA International, VICTORIA RU D.A.S. Versicherungs-AG.

Ernst-Ulrich Matz, 68
Class III

Consultant. Chief Financial Officer and member of the Board of Aktiengesellschaft (until 2000). Vice Chairman of the Supervi Reuther AG. (until 2001). Member of the Supervisory Boards of 2001) and ARO SA (until 2000). Member of the District Advisor Gerling-Konzern (until 2002). Chairman of the Rumanian Group Trade Committee (until 2002). Member of Advisory Council of P

Christian H. Strenger, 59 (1) (2)
Class I

Director (since 1999) and Managing Director (1991-1999) of DW Member of the Supervisory Boards of Fraport AG and Metro AG.

Dr. Frank Tromel, 66
Class III

Consultant. Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of DELTO Member (since 2000) and Vice President (since 2002) of the Ge Standards Board. Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors (1990-1999). Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of A Member of the Board of ALTANA AG (1977-1987).

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DIRECTORS OF THE FUND (CONTINUED)

NAME, AGE, CLASS

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS

Robert H. Wadsworth, 63 (1) (3)
Class II

President, Robert H. Wadsworth Associates, Inc. (1982 to pres President and Trustee, Trust for Investment Managers (1999 to Investment Company Administration, LLC (1992-2001) and Presid Director, First Fund Distributors, Inc. (1990-2002). Vice Pre Managed Portfolios (1992-2002) and Advisors Series Trust (199 investment companies); President, Guinness Flight Investment investment companies) (1994-1998).

Peter Zuhlsdorff, 62

Managing Director of Tenglemann Unternehmensgruppe (since 199 Holding (holding company) (since 1997), and PZ Sportpark GmbH of the Supervisory Boards of GfK AG, TV Loonland AG and Escad Supervisory Boards of Merck KGaA, Deutz AG, Kaisers Kaffee AG

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 Each has served as a Director of the Fund since the Fund's inception in 1990 except for Mr. Wadsworth, Dr. Hopp, Mr. Matz and Mr. Zuhlsdorff, who were elected to the Board on June 19, 1992, June 18, 1993, June 29, 1995 and June 20, 1997, respectively. The term of office for Directors in Class II expires at the 2002 Annual Meeting, Class III at the next succeeding Annual Meeting and Class I at the following succeeding Annual Meeting.

- (1) Indicates that Mr. Wadsworth each also serve as a Director of The Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central European Equity Fund, Inc., two other closed-end registered investment companies for which Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. acts as manager.
- (2) Indicates "interested" Director, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Mr. Bult is an "interested" Director because of his affiliation with U.B.S. PaineWebber Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer; and Mr. Strenger is an "interested" Director because of his affiliation with DWS--Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Wertpapiersparen mbH ("DWS"), a majority-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank and because of his ownership of Deutsche Bank shares.
- (3) Indicates that Mr. Wadsworth also serves as a Director/Trustee of the BT Investment Funds, BT Advisor Funds, BT Pyramid Mutual Funds, BT Institutional Funds, BT Investment Portfolios, Cash Management Portfolio, Treasury Money Portfolio, International Equity Portfolio, Equity 500 Index Portfolio, Asset Management Portfolio, and Deutsche Asset Management VIT Trust. He also serves as a Director/Trustee of the Morgan Grenfell Investment Trust, Deutsche Investors Portfolios Trust, Deutsche Investors Funds, Inc., Scudder Flag Investors Value Builder Fund, Inc., Scudder Flag Investors Equity Partners Fund, Inc., Scudder Flag Investors Communications Fund, Inc., and Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown Cash Reserves Fund, Inc. He also serves as a Director/Trustee of RREEF Securities Trust, an open-end investment company, and RREEF Real Estate Fund, Inc., a closed-end investment company. These Funds are advised by either Deutsche Asset Management, Inc., Deutsche Asset Management Investment Services Limited, or Investment Company Capital Corp, each an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG.

OFFICERS OF THE FUND

NAME, AGE

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS

 Richard T. Hale, 57
 President and Chief
 Executive Officer

 Trustee and/or President of each of the investment companies
 Asset Management, Inc. or its affiliates; Managing Director,
 Management; Managing Director, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.;
 President, Investment Company Capital Corp.

Hanspeter Ackermann, 46
 Chief Investment Officer

Managing Director of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Managing
 International Equity Portfolio Manager of Deutsche Bank Trust

Robert R. Gambee, 60

Director (since 1992), First Vice President (1987-1991) and V

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Chief Operating Officer
and Secretary

(1978-1986) of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Director, Deutsche Bankers Trust Co. Secretary of Flag Investors Funds, Inc. and Investment Management, Inc. (1997-2000).

Joseph Cheung, 44
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Vice President (since 1996), Assistant Vice President (1994-1991-1994) of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Each also serves as an Officer of The Germany Fund, Inc. and The Central European Equity Fund, Inc., two other closed-end registered investment companies for which Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. acts as manager.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	INVESTMENTS IN GERMAN SECURITIES--88.0%	
	COMMON STOCKS--77.8%	
	AIR FREIGHT & COURIERS--3.6%	
255,000	Fraport	\$ 4,538,312
	AUTO COMPONENTS--6.8%	
540,000	Continental*	8,423,357
	BIOTECHNOLOGY--0.8%	
295,000	GPC Biotech*	966,655
	BUILDING PRODUCTS--1.9%	
105,000	Buderus	2,418,339
	CHEMICALS--2.5%	
140,000	Celanese*	3,077,886
	COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES--1.9%	
176,600	GFK	2,368,345
	CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING--3.1%	
256,400	Bilfinger & Berger	3,851,901
	DISTRIBUTORS--5.5%	
194,100	Medion	6,858,111
	DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL--3.4%	
65,000	Deutsche Boerse	2,596,731
151,789	Grenkeleasing*	1,620,860
		4,217,591
	FOOD PRODUCTS--3.0%	

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230,000	Suedzucker	3,773,132
	HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS & SERVICES--2.8%	
90,000	Gehe	3,495,599
	INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES--2.6%	
589,200	T-Online International*	3,281,554
	IT CONSULTING & SERVICES--0.0%	
32,650	GFT Technology*	44,436
	MACHINERY--7.0%	
132,000	Heidelberger Druckmaschinen	3,040,198
125,000	IWKA	1,334,797
331,500	Singulus Technologies*	4,345,033
		8,720,028

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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	MEDIA--1.7%	
126,949	Constantin Film*	\$ 340,232
36,085	Springer (Axel)*	1,775,537
		2,115,769

	METALS & MINING--0.5%	
95,000	Salzgitter	595,739
	MULTILINE RETAIL--0.9%	
63,725	Douglas Holding	1,122,792
	PERSONAL PRODUCTS--5.6%	
62,500	Beiersdorf	6,942,256
	PHARMACEUTICALS--12.2%	
155,000	Merck	4,121,645
105,000	Schwarz Pharma	3,809,983
180,000	Stada Arzneimittel	7,217,329
		15,148,957

	SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT & PRODUCTS--2.4%	
599,320	Kontron*	1,769,347
410,900	Suess MicroTec*	1,152,859
		2,922,206

	SOFTWARE--1.3%	
79,750	FJA	1,618,042
	SPECIALTY RETAIL--2.2%	
78,600	Fielmann	2,764,821
	TEXTILES & APPAREL--5.1%	
93,000	Puma	6,331,431

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(cost \$147,534,583)	119,091,115
Cash and other assets in excess of liabilities--4.3%	5,413,195

NET ASSETS--100.0%	\$ 124,504,310
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*Non-income producing security.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2002

ASSETS

Investments, at value (cost \$147,534,583) ..	\$ 119,091,115
Cash and foreign currency (cost \$5,145,538)	5,155,701
Foreign withholding tax refund receivable ..	472,977
Receivable for securities sold	437,147
Interest receivable	9,676

Total assets	125,166,616

LIABILITIES

Payable for securities purchased	376,990
Payable for shares repurchased	87,420
Management fee payable	68,544
Investment advisory fee payable	35,802
Accrued expenses and accounts payable	93,550

Total liabilities	662,306

NET ASSETS	\$ 124,504,310
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Net assets consist of:

Paid-in capital, \$.001 par (Authorized 80,000,000 shares)	\$ 432,874,599
Cost of 7,261,898 shares held in treasury ..	(76,034,997)
Undistributed net realized foreign currency gains(a) 54,535 Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(204,008,385)
Net unrealized depreciation of investments and foreign currency	(28,381,442)

Net assets	\$ 124,504,310
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Net asset value per share

(\$124,504,310 (DIVIDE) 27,487,443 shares of common stock issued and outstanding) .	\$4.53
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(a) Characterized as Ordinary income for U.S. tax purposes.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

NET INVESTMENT LOSS	
Investment income	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$234,094)	\$1,542,605
Interest	98,242

Total investment income	1,640,847

Expenses	
Management fee	1,000,089
Investment advisory fee	509,277
Reports to shareholders	267,880
Custodian and Transfer Agent's fees and expenses	206,676
Directors' fees and expenses	167,857
Legal fee	133,485
Audit fee	47,500
NYSE listing fee	36,961
Miscellaneous	26,525

Total expenses before custody credits*	2,396,250
Less: custody credits	(5,795)

Net expenses	2,390,455

Net investment loss	(749,608)

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(71,803,030)
Foreign currency transactions	1,007,333
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation on:	
Investments	(12,869,858)
Translation of other assets and	

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liabilities from foreign currency	35,163

Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(83,630,392)

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (84,380,000)
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* The custody credits are attributable to interest earned on U.S. cash balances.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
Operations		
Net investment loss	\$ (749,608)	\$ (153,404)
Net realized gain (loss) on:		
Investments	(71,803,030)	(108,838,494)
Foreign currency transactions	1,007,333	(316,605)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:		
Investments	(12,869,858)	(12,969,070)
Translation of other assets and liabilities from foreign currency	35,163	(382,857)
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Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(84,380,000)	(122,660,430)
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Capital share transactions:		
Cost of shares repurchased (870,500 and 1,276,000 shares, respectively)	(3,766,021)	(10,278,616)
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Net decrease in net assets from capital share transactions ..	(3,766,021)	(10,278,616)
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Total decrease in net assets	(88,146,021)	(132,939,046)
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	212,650,331	345,589,377
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End of year (including undistributed net investment income of \$0 as of December 31, 2002 and 2001	\$ 124,504,310	\$ 212,650,331
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The New Germany Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in Maryland on January 16, 1990 as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund commenced investment operations on January 30, 1990.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

SECURITY VALUATION: Investments are stated at value. All securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last sales price on the primary exchange on which they are traded prior to the time of valuation. If no sales price is available at that time, and both bid and ask prices are available, the securities are valued at the mean between the last current bid and ask prices; if no quoted asked prices are available, they are valued at the last quoted bid price. All securities for which market quotations are not readily available will be valued as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Fund.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Cost of securities sold is calculated using the identified cost method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Such dividend income is recorded net of unrecoverable foreign withholding tax.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in United States dollars.

Assets and liabilities denominated in euros and other foreign currency amounts are translated into United States dollars at the 10:00 A.M. mid-point of the buying and selling spot rates quoted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are reported at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The resultant gains and losses arising from exchange rate fluctuations are identified separately in the Statement of Operations, except for such amounts attributable to investments which are included in net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Foreign investments may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin as a result of, among others, the possibility of political and economic developments and the level of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets.

TAXES: No provision has been made for United States Federal income tax because the Fund intends to meet the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue

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Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to shareholders.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS: The Fund records dividends and distributions to its shareholders on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with United States Federal income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences, which could be temporary or permanent in nature, may result in reclassification of distributions; however, net investment income, net realized gains and net assets are not affected.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Fund reclassified permanent book and tax differences as follows:

	INCREASE (DECREASE)
Undistributed net investment income	\$749,608
Undistributed net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	(749,608)
Paid-in capital	0

**NOTE 2. MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT
ADVISORY AGREEMENTS**

The Fund has a Management Agreement with and related undertaking by (collectively, the "Management Agreement") Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (the "Manager"), and an Investment Advisory Agreement with Deutsche Asset Management International GmbH (the "Investment Adviser"). The Manager and the Investment Adviser are affiliated companies.

THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 (CONTINUED)

The Management Agreement provides the Manager with a fee, computed weekly and payable monthly, at the annual rates of .65% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$100 million, .55% of such assets in excess of \$100 million and up to \$500 million, and .50% of such assets in excess of \$500 million. The Investment Advisory Agreement provides the Investment Adviser with a fee, computed weekly and payable monthly, at the annual rates of .35% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$100 million and .25% of such assets in excess of \$100 million.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager is the corporate manager and administrator of the Fund and, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors and pursuant to recommendations made by the Fund's Investment Adviser, determines the suitable securities for investment by the Fund. The Manager also provides office facilities and certain administrative, clerical and bookkeeping services for the Fund. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser, in accordance with the Fund's stated investment objectives, policies and restrictions, makes recommendations to the Manager with respect to the Fund's investments and, upon instructions given by the Manager as to suitable securities for investment by the Fund, transmits purchase and sale orders and selects brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions on

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behalf of the Fund.

NOTE 3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

For the year ended December 31, 2002, Deutsche Bank AG, the German parent of the Manager and Investment Adviser, and its affiliates received \$232,488 in brokerage commissions as a result of executing agency transactions in portfolio securities on behalf of the Fund.

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers of either the Manager or Deutsche Bank AG.

The Fund pays each Director not affiliated with the Manager retainer fees plus specified amounts for attended board and committee meetings.

NOTE 4. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments, for the year ended December 31, 2002, were \$155,715,757 and \$158,840,286, respectively.

The cost of investments at December 31, 2002 was \$147,534,583 for United States Federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2002, net unrealized depreciation of investments aggregated \$28,443,468, of which \$6,964,223 and \$35,407,691 related to unrealized appreciation and depreciation, respectively.

During the period November 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, the Fund incurred capital losses of \$4,748,045. This loss was deferred for federal income tax purposes to January 1, 2003.

For United States Federal income tax purposes, the Fund had a capital loss carry forward at December 31, 2002 of approximately \$199.3 million, of which \$111.0 million and \$88.3 million will expire in 2009 and 2010, respectively. No capital gains distribution is expected to be paid to shareholders until future net gains have been realized in excess of such carry forward.

NOTE 5. CAPITAL

During the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, the Fund purchased 870,500 and 1,276,000 of its shares of common stock on the open market at a total cost of \$3,766,021 and \$10,278,616, respectively. The weighted average discount of these purchases comparing the purchase price to the net asset value at the time of purchase was 17.9% and 17.1%, respectively. These shares are held in treasury.

THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected data for a share of common stock outstanding throughout each of the years indicated:

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DE

	2002	2001	2000
Per share operating performance:			
Net asset value:			
Beginning of year	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.66	\$ 15.07
Net investment income (loss)	(.03)	(.01)	(.06)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(2.97)	(4.22)	(1.60)
Increase (decrease) from investment operations	(3.00)	(4.23)	(1.66)
Increase resulting from share repurchases03	.07	.25
Distributions from net investment income	--	--	--
Distributions from net realized foreign currency gains ...	--	--	--
Distributions from net realized short-term capital gains .	--	--	(.08)
Distributions from net realized long-term capital gains ..	--	--	(1.65)
Total distributions+	--	--	(1.73)
Dilution in NAV from dividend reinvestment	--	--	(.27)
Net asset value:			
End of year	\$ 4.53	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.66
Market value:			
End of year	\$ 3.55	\$ 5.87	\$ 8.875
Total investment return for the year:++			
Based upon market value	(39.52)%	(33.86)%	(14.35)%
Based upon net asset value	(39.60)%	(35.68)%	(11.46)%
Ratio to average net assets:			
Total expenses before custody credits*	1.48%	1.25%	1.09%
Net investment income (loss)	(.46)%	(.06)%	(.40)%
Portfolio turnover	98.55%	86.65%	69.61%
Net assets at end of year (000's omitted)	\$124,504	\$212,650	\$345,589

+For U.S. tax purposes, total distributions consisted of:

Ordinary income	--	--	\$.08
Long term capital gains	--	--	1.65
	--	--	\$1.73

++Total investment return based on market value is calculated assuming that shares of the Fund's common stock were purchased at the closing market price as of the beginning of the year, dividends, capital gains and other distributions were reinvested as provided for in the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan and then sold at the closing market price per share on the last day of the year. The computation does not reflect any sales commission investors may incur in purchasing or selling shares of the Fund. The total investment return based on the net asset value is similarly computed except that the Fund's net asset value is substituted for the closing market price.

*The custody credits are attributable to interest earned on U.S. cash balances. The ratio of total expenses after custody credits to average net assets are 1.47%, 1.25%, 1.08%, 1.07% and .98% for 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
The New Germany Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The New Germany Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") at December 31, 2002, 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 five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2002 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
1177 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York
February 7, 2003

PRIVACY POLICY AND PRACTICES
(UNAUDITED)

The Fund collects nonpublic personal information about its customers (stockholders) with respect to their transactions in shares of the Fund but only for those stockholders whose shares are registered in their names. We do not have knowledge of or collect personal information about stockholders who hold Fund shares in "street name" such as brokers or banks.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law.

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our stockholders to

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those employees who need to know that information to provide services to our stockholders. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard our stockholders' nonpublic personal information.

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VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PROGRAM AND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (UNAUDITED)

The Fund offers stockholders a Voluntary Cash Purchase Program and Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("Plan") which provides for optional cash purchases and for the automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund in additional Fund shares. A more complete description of the Plan is provided in the Plan brochure available from the Fund or from Investors Bank & Trust Company, the plan agent (the "Plan Agent"), Shareholder Services, P.O. Box 9130, Boston, Massachusetts 02117 (telephone 1-800-437-6269). A stockholder should read the Plan brochure carefully before enrolling in the Plan.

Under the Plan, participating stockholders ("Plan Participants") appoint the Plan Agent to receive or invest Fund distributions as described below under "Reinvestment of Fund Shares." In addition, Plan Participants may make optional cash purchases through the Plan Agent as often as once a month as described below under "Voluntary Cash Purchases." There is no charge to Plan Participants for participating in the Fund's Plan, although when shares are purchased under the Plan by the Plan Agent on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each Plan Participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred in connection with such purchases, as described below under "Reinvestment of Fund Shares" and "Voluntary Cash Purchases."

REINVESTMENT OF FUND SHARES. Whenever the Fund declares a dividend or capital gains distribution payable either in cash or in Fund shares, or payable only in cash, the Plan Agent automatically receives Fund shares for the account of each Plan Participant except as provided in the following paragraph. The number of shares to be credited to a Plan Participant's account shall be determined by dividing the equivalent dollar amount of the dividend or distribution payable to such Plan participant by the lower of the net asset value per share or the market price per share of the Fund's common stock on the payable date, or if the net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market price per share on such date, then by 95% of the market price per share.

Whenever the Fund declares a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash and the net asset value per share of the Fund's common stock exceeds the market value per share on the payable date, the Plan Agent will apply the amount of such dividend or distribution payable to Plan Participants of the Fund in Fund shares (less such Plan Participant's pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open-market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of such dividend or distribution) to the purchase on the open market of Fund shares for such Plan Participant's account. Such purchases will be made on or after the payable date for such dividend or distribution, and in no event more than 30 days after such date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchase is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities laws. The Plan Agent may aggregate a Plan Participant's purchases with the purchases of other Plan Participants, and the average price (including brokerage commissions) of all shares purchased by the Plan Agent shall be the price per share allocable to each Plan Participant.

For all purposes of the Plan, the market price of the Fund's common stock on a payable date shall be the last sales price on the New York Stock Exchange on that date, or, if there is no sale on such Exchange on that date, then the mean

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between the closing bid and asked quotations for such stock on such Exchange on such date. The net asset value per share of the Fund's common stock on a valuation date shall be as determined by or on behalf of the Fund.

The Plan Agent may hold a Plan Participant's shares acquired pursuant to the Plan, together with the shares of other Plan Participants acquired pursuant to this Plan, in non-certificated form in the name of the Plan Agent or that of a nominee. The Plan Agent will forward to each Plan Participant any proxy solicitation material and will vote any shares so held for a Plan Participant only in accordance with the proxy returned by a Plan Participant to the Fund. Upon a Plan Participant's written request, the Plan Agent will deliver to a Plan Participant, without charge, a certificate or certificates for the full shares held by the Plan Agent.

VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASES. Plan Participants have the option of making investments in Fund shares through the Plan Agent as often as once a month. Plan Participants may invest as little as \$100 in any month and may invest up to \$36,000 annually through the voluntary cash purchase feature of the Plan.

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VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PROGRAM AND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

The Plan Agent will purchase shares for Plan Participants on or about the 15th of each month. Cash payments received by the Plan Agent less than five business days prior to a cash purchase investment date will be held by the Plan Agent until the next month's investment date. Uninvested funds will not bear interest. The Plan Agent will deduct a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred in connection with voluntary cash purchases from the cash payments it receives from Plan Participants on whose behalf the purchases were made. Plan Participants may withdraw any voluntary cash payment by written notice received by the Plan Agent not less than 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

ENROLLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL. In order to become a Plan Participant, stockholders must complete and sign the authorization form included in the Plan brochure and return it directly to the Plan Agent if shares are registered in their name. Stockholders who hold Fund shares in the name of a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee should contact such nominee to arrange for it to participate in the Plan on such stockholder's behalf. Participation in the dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan is effective with the next dividend or capital gains distribution payable after the Plan Agent receives a stockholder's written authorization, provided such authorization is received prior to the record date for such dividend or distribution. A stockholder's written authorization must be received by the Plan Agent at least five business days in advance of the next cash purchase investment date (normally the 15th of every month) in order to make a cash purchase in that month.

Plan Participants may withdraw from the Plan without charge by written notice to the Plan Agent. Plan Participants who choose to withdraw may elect to receive stock certificates representing all of the full shares held by the Plan Agent on their behalf, or to instruct the Plan Agent to sell such full shares and distribute the proceeds, net of brokerage commissions, to such withdrawing Plan Participant. Withdrawing Plan Participants will receive a cash adjustment for the market value of any fractional shares held on their behalf at the time of termination. Withdrawal will be effective immediately with respect to distributions with a record date not less than 10 days later than receipt of such written notice by the Plan Agent.

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AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF PLAN. The Plan may only be amended or supplemented by the Fund or by the Plan Agent by giving each Plan Participant written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date of such amendment or supplement, except that such notice period may be shortened when necessary or appropriate in order to comply with applicable law or the rules or policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory body.

The Plan may be terminated by the Fund or by the Plan Agent by written notice mailed to each Plan Participant. Such termination will be effective with respect to all distributions with a record date at least 90 days after the mailing of such written notice to the Plan Participants.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX IMPLICATIONS OF REINVESTMENT OF FUND SHARES. Reinvestment of Fund shares does not relieve Plan Participants from any income tax which may be payable on dividends or distributions. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, when the Fund issues shares representing an income dividend or a capital gains dividend, a Participant will include in income the fair market value of the shares received as of the payment date, which will be ordinary dividend income or capital gains, as the case may be. The shares will have a tax basis equal to such fair market value, and the holding period for the shares will begin on the day after the date of distribution. If shares are purchased on the open market by the Plan Agent, a participant will include in income the amount of the cash payment made. The basis of such shares will be the purchase price of the shares, and the holding period for the shares will begin on the day following the date of purchase. State, local and foreign taxes may also be applicable.

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VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PROGRAM
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may purchase at market prices from time to time shares of its common stock in the open market.

Comparisons between changes in the Fund's net asset value per share and changes in the MDAX and NEMAX 50 indices should be considered in light of the Fund's investment policy and objectives, the characteristics and quality of the Fund's investments, the size of the Fund and variations in the foreign currency/dollar exchange rate.

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SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION

THE FUND

The New Germany Fund, Inc. is a non-diversified, actively-managed Exchange-Traded Closed-End Fund listed on the New York Stock Exchange with the symbol "GF". The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in middle-market German equities. It is managed and advised by wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Deutsche Bank Group.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

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Prices for the Fund's shares are published daily in the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions section of newspapers. Net asset value and market price information are published each Monday in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL and THE NEW YORK TIMES, and each Saturday in BARRON'S and other newspapers in a table called "Closed End Funds". Daily information on the Fund's net asset value is available from NASDAQ (symbol XGFNX). It is also available by calling: 1-800-GERMANY (in the U.S.) or 617-443-6918 (outside of the U.S.). In addition, a schedule of the Fund's largest holdings, dividend data and general shareholder information may be obtained by calling these numbers.

The foregoing information is also available on our Web site: www.newgermanyfund.com.

THERE ARE THREE EXCHANGE-TRADED CLOSED-END FUNDS INVESTING IN EUROPEAN EQUITIES MANAGED BY WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES OF THE DEUTSCHEBANK GROUP:

- o Germany Fund--investing primarily in equities of major German corporations. It may also invest up to 20% in equities of other Western European companies (with no more than 15% in any single country).
- o New Germany Fund--investing primarily in the middle-market German companies and up to 20% elsewhere in Western Europe (with no more than 10% in any single country).
- o Central European Equity Fund--investing primarily in Central and Eastern European companies as well as in Russia.

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