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The New Germany Fund, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (617) 295-1000

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Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/03

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

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

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 Europe and Russia Fund--investing primarily in Central and Eastern European companies as well as in Russia.

Please consult your broker for advice on any of the above or call 1-800-GERMANY (in the U.S.) or 617-443-6918 (outside of the U.S.) for shareholder reports.

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THE NEW GERMANY
FUND, INC.
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2003

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.

LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

August 25, 2003

Dear Shareholder,

The German equity market staged a major rebound from its low point reached on March 12, 2003. Stock market sentiment has substantially improved due to reduced uncertainties related to the Iraq war and investors are refocusing once more on fundamentals, such as valuations and growth. Another important factor has been Chancellor Schroeder's proposed reform program, the so-called "Agenda 2010". Its most important aim is to increase the German economy's competitiveness and thus reduce unemployment. Additionally, the German government announced its intention to bring forward major income tax cuts to stimulate consumption. Finally, the European Central Bank continued its easy monetary policy stance by reducing its benchmark rate to 2%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, the net asset value per share of the New Germany Fund increased 36.9% and its share price increased 38.9%, while the Fund's benchmark, the Midcap Market Performance Index, increased by 29.0% in US dollar terms during the same period. Second quarter returns were exceptionally strong with the Fund's net asset value up by 34.5%, its share price up 39.3% and the Mid Cap Market Index up 35.0%.

As in previous quarters, performance of the New Germany Fund was driven by stock selection and company-specific news flow. During the second quarter the Fund sold its entire holding in Wella after P&G took a controlling stake in the company. In the financial sector, positions in the banking and insurance sectors were increased due to favorable valuations and the fact that the European Central Bank signaled its willingness to further cut interest rates. Buying positions in EADS, MG Technologies and Rheinmetall increased the Fund's exposure to the machinery and industrial sectors. Rheinmetall is expected to benefit from a restructuring program while MG Technologies trades at a significant discount to its sum-of-the-parts valuation. We are basing our EADS position on expected profit from strong order flows and revenue growth as some of the key defense programs move into production. Overall the midcap segment still enjoys a

valuation advantage over the large-cap segment and forward P/E's of 12 times for 2004 still seem reasonable.

The New Germany Fund continued its open-market purchases of its shares, buying 274,900 shares during the first six months of 2003. The Fund's discount to its net asset value averaged 20.9% during this period.

Sincerely,

/S/Christian Strenger /S/Richard Hale Christian Strenger Richard T. Hale Chairman President

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND INCLUDING PERFORMANCE, DIVIDENDS, PRESENTATIONS, PRESS RELEASES, DAILY NAV AND SHAREHOLDER REPORTS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.NEWGERMANYFUND.COM

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FUND HISTORY AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

STATISTICS:

Net Assets	\$168,741,858
Shares Outstanding	27,212,543
NAV Per Share	\$6.20

DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS:

ORDINARY	LT CAPITAL	
INCOME	GAINS	TOTAL
\$	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$
\$0.01	\$1.30	\$1.31
\$0.07	\$0.35	\$0.42
\$0.05	\$1.02	\$1.07
\$1.00	\$2.66	\$3.66
	INCOME \$ \$ 0.01 \$0.07 \$0.05	INCOME GAINS \$ \$ \$ 0.01 \$1.30 \$0.07 \$0.35 \$0.05 \$1.02

TOTAL RETURNS:

	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE	YEARS ENDED DEC
	JUNE 30, 2003	2002	2001	2000
Net Asset Value (a)	36.87%	(39.60)%	(35.68)%	(11.46)%
Market Value	38.87%	(39.52)%	(33.86)%	(14.35)%
Benchmark	28.95% 1	(37.58)% 2	(33.46)% 3	3 (16.13)% 3

⁽¹⁾ Represents 75% MDAX*/25% NEMAX 50** for 1/1/03-3/31/03 and 100% MCAPM*** for 4/1/03-6/30/03. At the February 3, 2003 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change to the Fund's benchmark. Effective April 1, 2003, the Fund's new benchmark became the MCAPM (Midcap Market Performance

Index). The index is composed of 50 MDAX and 30 TecDAX issues. The previous benchmark (75% MDAX and 25% NEMAX 50) is no longer viable long-term as the Deutsche Boerse has announced plans to discontinue the NEMAX 50.

- (2) 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.
- (3) Represents 60% MDAX/40% NEMAX 50.
- (4) Represents the MDAX Index.
 - * MDAX is a total rate of return index of 50 mid-cap issues that rank below the DAX. DAX is the total rate of return index of 30 selected German blue chips stocks traded on the Frankfurt stock exchange.
- ** NEMAX 50 is comprised of the 50 largest technology issues from the Prime Segment that are ranked below the DAX.
- *** MCAPM is a total return index that is composed of various MDAX and TecDAX issues, reflecting the performance of the mid-caps across all sectors of the Prime Segment.

OTHER INFORMATION:

NYSE Ticker Symbol	
NASDAQ Symbol	KGFNX
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	Yes
Voluntary Cash Purchase Program	Yes
Annualized Expense Ratio	L.55%

FUND PERFORMANCE IS HISTORICAL, ASSUMES REINVESTMENT OF ALL DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL GAINS, AND IS NOT INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS. INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE.

(A) TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURNS REFLECT CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE DURING EACH PERIOD AND ASSUME THAT DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL GAINS DISTRIBUTIONS, IF ANY, WERE REINVESTED. THESE PERCENTAGES ARE NOT AN INDICATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF A SHAREHOLDER'S INVESTMENT IN THE FUND BASED ON MARKET PRICE.

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 JUNE 30, 2003 (AS % OF PORTFOLIO)

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

Tires & Inner Tubes (7.2%)

Services - Information Retrieval Services (7.0%)

Pharmaceutical Preparations (6.6%)

Wholesales - Medical, Dental& Hospital Equipment (5.5%)

Guided Missiles & Space Vehicles (5.5%)

Rubber & Plastic Footwear (4.4%)

Special Industry Machinery (4.1%)

Wholesales - Computer & Peripheral Equipment & Software (4.0%)

Surgical & Medical Instruments & Apparatus (3.4%)

National Commercial Banks (3.1%)

Wholesale - Drugs Proprietaries & Druggists Sundries (3.1%)

Electromedical & Electrotherapeutic (3.0%)

Airports, Flying Fields & Airports (2.9%)

General Industrial Machinery & Equipment (2.9%)

Heavy Construction (2.8%) Electronic Computers (2.8%) Others (31.7%)

10 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

		% of Portfolio
1.	Continental T-Online International	7.2 7.0
3.	Beiersdorf	5.5
4.	European Aeronautic Defense	5.5
5.	Puma	4.4
		% of Portfolio
6.	Stada Arzneimittel	4.0
7.	Medion	4.0
8.	Singulus Technologies	3.3
9.	Depfa Bank Plc	3.1
10.	Celesio	3.1

Portfolio by Market Sector and 10 Largest Equity Holdings are subject to change.

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INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

QUESTION: What makes you think that the "Agenda 2010" reform package will actually go through in its entirety, without being diluted by special interest groups?

ANSWER: "Reform" has certainly become one of the most cliched words in Germany today. In view of lame growth, stubbornly rising unemployment and a social security system beset with major financing problems, there is broad consensus about the fact that something has to change. The "Agenda 2010" is certainly not a concept that will solve Germany's structural problems once and for all, but it represents a major turn around from the vantage point of the left-wing party base and parts of the trade unions. Mr. Schroeder has linked his political fate to the Agenda, and it seems that he has gained the upper hand in his own party. The proposed reform package received the blessing of around 90% of the delegates at the Social Democratic Party's extraordinary party congress in Berlin on June 1st after a fierce debate and some concessions regarding transition periods for unemployment payments and the special situation of Eastern Germany. Interestingly, the opposition has already signaled that it might support Mr. Schroeder's reform package, as long as the key issues are not watered down and reform continues.

QUESTION: Assuming the reform is on track, what are some of the key proposals in Chancellor Schroeder's proposed reform program and how would it benefit the German economy?

ANSWER: The core of the reform measures is that the state healthcare system will no longer pay for certain benefits, and going forward it will have to be financed either by the beneficiaries themselves or by the taxpayer. Higher extra

payments for drugs and visits to the doctor and measures to increase competition among medical providers and pharmacies should lead to a reduction in healthcare expenditures. It is estimated that the overall cost to the healthcare system could be reduced by about Euro 20 bn, which is equivalent to about 2% of the total contributions to the state healthcare system. Currently, contribution rates average around 14.3%, and paid in equal parts by employers and employees. Therefore employers would benefit most, as their non-wage labor costs would decline in line with the cut. In addition to health care reform, the proposal includes a provision for labor market and old-age pension reform. The labor market reform includes a major cut in unemployment benefits in order to increase the incentive to find a job and to bring financial relief to the unemployment system. Old age pensions are expected to be cut due to demographic developments and a higher life expectancy.

QUESTION: What about the tax cuts? This seems to be last year's story. What is new and how will the economy benefit?

ANSWER: The government decided to bring forward the third stage of the tax reform by one year, from 2003 to January 2004. The government estimates that the additional relief for households would come to about Euro 15 bn, and together with the second stage of the tax reform would be equal to about Euro 22 bn. This step is expected to be financed by higher borrowings, more radical cuts in tax subsidies for commuters and homeowners as well as privatization revenues. Overall, this step would improve business and consumer sentiment, and is expected to give some additional impulses to growth this and next year. Assuming that the savings ratio will rise only slightly it is expected to add about .3% to next year's GDP growth.

QUESTION: Wouldn't this tax cut jeopardize the already high budget deficit in Germany and with that exceed the 3% Maastricht deficit ceiling?

ANSWER: Yes, it is likely that Germany's 2004 deficit will exceed the Maastricht limit for the third time in a row. However, this is not necessarily the governments' view. So far, if we can believe Finance Minister Eichel, he seems to be confident, that the Maastricht deficit will be back below the 3% ceiling in 2004, provided that the economy grows by 2% next year.

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

Recent news flow confirms that the German economy is at the beginning of a rebound. One common indicator for business sentiment is the Ifo index, which increased in July from 88.8 to 89.2 and was solely driven by the business expectations component, which advanced for the third time in a row from 98.6 to 100.2. Another positive signal was received from the German labor market, as the number of unemployed fell by 33,000 in June after falling by 10,000 in May. These numbers were contrary to market expectations, and were enough to lower the unemployment rate for the first time in two years from 10.7% to 10.6%. Our assumption is that economic growth should also receive a boost from the pending tax reform and the low interest rate environment. The outlook on inflation remains good with July's inflation number falling to .9% year on year.

The European Central Bank ("ECB") kept interest rates on hold in July and

sent a neutral message to the market with regards to future interest rate cuts. However, with the refinancing rate at a low 2%, the ECB kept its monetary policy easy enough to stimulate the Western European economies. Market participants still expect another interest rate cut, which seems rather unlikely in the near term. Especially, as the ECB is going through its yearly routine of handing over its presidency and will therefore need the subsequent months to prepare the 2004 budgets. This could delay a potential interest rate cut until December 4th. However, key risks to such an expectation include a more powerful recovery of the European economy and a weaker Euro.

The Euro exchange rate has topped out at around 1.19 against the US\$ at the end of May after strengthening more than 29% from a year and a half ago. This pause seems normal as Europe's current account surplus is narrowing and investment flows into the Euro area are reversing. Our expectation is that the Euro will strengthen further against the US\$, but this appreciation could be delayed if a possible recovery in the US economy gives rise to renewed capital outflows from Euroland.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC. SCHEDULE OFINVESTMENTS -- JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	IN GERMAN SECURITIES84.9% COMMON STOCKS75.3% ACCIDENT & HEALTH INSURANCE1.8%	
115,000	Hannover Rueckversicherungs*	\$ 2,987,291
210,000	AIRPORTS, FLYING FIELDS & AIRPORT-Fraport*	
25,000	AUTOMOTIVE TRIMMING, APPAREL FINDI W.E.T. Automotive	NGS0.9%
23,000	Systems*	1,547,667
206,000	BEET SUGAR2.1% Suedzucker	3,542,175
58,181	CEMENT0.8% Heidelberg Cement*	1,285,304
225,000	ELECTRONIC CAPACITATORS1.7% Epcos*	2,901,660
582,120 35,000	ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS2.8% Kontron* Leoni*	2,903,845 1,741,916
		4,645,761
46,600	GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS0.4% Hochtief	737,014
	GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY	

& EOUIPMENT--2.8%

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	465,000	Mg Technologies	4,714,034
	182,200	HEAVY CONSTRUCTION2.7% Bilfinger & Berger	4,638,668
	64,820	LIFE INSURANCE2.5% AMB Generali Holding	4,254,184
	36,085	NEWSPAPER: PUBLISHING OR PUBLISHING & PRINTING1.2% Axel Springer	2,032,329
	124,000 15,000 103,410	PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS6.4% Merck	3,605,899 575,849 6,584,814
	SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	124,700	PLASTICS MATERIAL, SYNTHETIC RESINS & NONVULCAN ELASTOMERS1 Celanese	
	62,000	PRINTING TRADES MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT0.9% Heidelberger Druckmaschinen*	1,553,529
	30,934	PUMP AND PUMPING EQUIPMENT0.5% Pfeiffer Vacum Technology	835 , 555
	113,725	RETAIL-MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES1.5% Douglas	2,457,452
	48,600	RETAIL-OPTICAL GOODS STORES1.2% Fielmann	1,932,785
	72,000	RUBBER & PLASTIC FOOTWEAR4.2% Puma	7,158,463
	295,000	SERVICES-COMMERCIAL PHYSICAL & BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH1.1% GPC Biotech*	1,814,041
	79 , 750	SERVICES-COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SERVICES1.2% Fja	2,001,039
	126,789	SERVICES-COMPUTER RENTAL & LEASING1.4% Grenkeleasing	2,419,139
1,	,109,200	SERVICES-INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICES6.8% T-Online International*	11,474,230

	SERVICES-NONPHYSICAL R ESEARCH1.2%	
106,600	GFK	2,009,427
	SPECIAL INDUSTRY MACHINERY4.0%	
315,700	Singulus Technologies*	5,472,013
260,900	Suess MicroTec*	1,316,466
		6,788,479

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS -- JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
120,000	STEEL WORKS, BLAST FURNACES & ROLLING & FINISHING MILLS0.5 Salzgitter	
565,000	TIRES & INNER TUBES7.0% Continental	11,871,233
149,100	WHOLESALE-COMPUTER & PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE3.8% Medion	6,488,278
130,000	WHOLESALE-DRUGS PROPRIETARIES & DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES3.0% Celesio	5,113,221
40,000	WHOLESALE-INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT0.9% Vossloh	1,436,290
67 , 500	WHOLESALE-MEDICAL DENTAL & HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT5.4% Beiersdorf	9,030,836
	Total Common Stocks (cost \$115,547,540)	127,079,842
206,400	PREFERRED STOCKS9.6% CARBURETORS, PISTONS, PISTON RINGS2.3% Rheinmetall	3,890,673
	ELECTROMEDICAL &	

^{*}Non-income producing security.

103,300	ELECTROTHERAPEUTIC2.9% Fresenius	4,885,864
165,000	MEN'S AND BOYS SUITS AND COATS1	2,438,912
86,850	SERVICES-OFFICES & CLINICS OF DOCTORS OF MEDICINE2.0% Rhoen-Klinikum	3,369,107
SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
40,000	SURGICAL & MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS & APPARATUS1.0% Draegerwerk	\$ 1,643,642
	Total Preferred Stocks (cost \$12,992,449)	16,228,198
	Total Investments in German Securities (cost \$128,539,989)	143,308,040
INVESTMENTS STOCKS		
710,000	GUIDED MISSILES & SPACE VEHICLES European Aeronautic Defense	8,976,814
469,150	SURGICAL & MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS & APPARATUS2.4% Qiagen*	3,963,421
	IN IRISH COMMON STOCKS3.1% NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANKS3.1% Depfa Bank Plc (cost \$3,170,559)	5,139,542
INVESTMENTS	IN SWISS COMMON STOCK1.6% SEMICONDUCTORS EQUIPMENT & RELATED DEVICES1.6% Micronas Semiconductor*	
	<pre>(cost \$2,739,292) Total Investments97.3% (cost \$144,958,911) Cash and other assets in excess of liabilities2.7%</pre>	
	NET ASSETS100.0%	

*Non-income producing security.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS

Cash and foreign currency (cost \$5,278,692) Foreign withholding tax refund receivable Receivable for securities sold Interest receivable Other assets and receivables	5,234,8 429,5 1,212,8 5,7 12,9
Total assets	
LIABILITIES Payable for securities purchased Payable for shares repurchased Management fee payable Investment advisory fee payable Accrued expenses and accounts payable Total liabilities	2,022,8 17,6 85,3 43,3 95,0
NET ASSETS	\$168,741,8
Net assets consist of: Paid-in capital, \$.001 par (Authorized 80,000,000 shares)	\$432,874,5 (77,204,5 1,203,0 (207,287,1 19,155,8
Net assets	
Net asset value per share (\$168,741,858 / 27,212,543 shares of common stock issued and outstanding)	

Investments, at value (cost \$144,958,911) \$164,110,1

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

NET INVESTMENTINCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Investment income	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$362,628)	\$ 2,257,772 25,005
Intelest	
Total investment income	2,282,777
Expenses	
Management fee	432,204
Investment advisory fee	223,579
Reports to shareholders	63,766
Custodian and Transfer Agent's fees and expenses	91,197
Directors' fees and expenses	93 , 781
Legal fee	82 , 376
Audit fee	23,750
NYSE listing fee	19,007
Miscellaneous	51,219
Total expenses before custody credits*	
Less: custody credits	(1,158)
Net expenses	
Net investment income	
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(3,869,965)
Foreign currency transactions	536,704
Investments	47,594,711
Translation of other assets and liabilities from foreign currency	(57, 399)
Wet gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	44,204,051
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	

^{*} The custody credits are attributable to interest earned on U.S. cash balances.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC. STATEMENT OFCHANGES IN NET ASSETS (UNAUDITED)

		FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS Operations		
Net investment income (loss) Net realized gain (loss) on:	\$ 1,203,056	\$ (749,608)
Investments Foreign currency transactions Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:	(3,869,965) 536,704	(71,803,030) 1,007,333
Investments Translation of other assets and liabilities from	47,594,711	
foreign currency Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting	(57,399) 	35 , 163
from operations	45,407,107 	(84,380,000)
Capital share transactions: Cost of shares repurchased (274,900 and 870,500 shares,	(1.100 EE0)	(2.766.001)
respectively)	(1,169,559)	(3,766,021)
Net decrease in net assets from capital share transactions	(1,169,559)	(3,766,021)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	44,237,548	(88,146,021)
NET ASSETS Beginning of period	124,504,310	212,650,331
End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$1,203,056 and \$0 as of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively)	\$168,741,858 ======	\$124,504,310 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)

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 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:

NOTE 2. MANAGEMENT ANDINVESTMENT 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.

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (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 Advisor 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 behalf of the Fund.

NOTE 3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, Deutsche Bank AG, the German parent of the Manager and Investment Adviser, and its affiliates received \$76,863 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 ${\sf AG.}$

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 six months ended June 30, 2003, were \$63,568,224 and \$62,273,931, 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 six months ended June 30, 2003 and the year ended December 31, 2002, the Fund purchased 274,900 and 870,500 of its shares of common stock on the open market at a total cost of \$1,169,559 and \$3,766,021, respectively. The weighted average discount of these purchases comparing the purchase price to the net asset value at the time of purchase was 20.7% and 17.9%, respectively. These shares are held in treasury.

NOTE 6. DIVIDEND

On July 14, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Fund declared a dividend of \$0.003 per share to stockholders of record on July 24, 2003, payable on July 30, 2003

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (UNAUDITED)

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

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		2003		2002		2001		200	
Per share operating performance: Net asset value: Beginning of period	. \$	4.53	\$	7.50	\$	11.66	\$	15	
Net investment income (loss)		.04		(.03)		(.01)		(

foreign currency transactions	1.62	(2.97)	(4.22)	(1
Increase (decrease) from Investment operations	1.66	,	(4.23)	(1
Increase resulting from share repurchases		.03	.07	
Distributions from net investment income Distributions from net realized				
foreign currency gains				
short-term capital gains				(
long-term capital gains				(1
Total distributions+				(1
Dilution in NAV from dividend reinvestment				(
Net asset value: End of period	\$ 6.20 ======	\$ 4.53 ======	\$ 7.50 ======	\$ 11 =====
Market value: End of period Total investment return for the period:++	\$ 4.93	\$ 3.55	\$ 5.87	\$ 8.
Based upon market value	38.87%*** 36.87%***	(39.52)% (39.60)%	(33.86)% (35.68)%	(14.3 (11.4
Ratio to average net assets: Total expenses before custody credits* Net investment income (loss)	1.55%** .86%*** 91.56%**	(.46)%	1.25% (.06)% 86.65%	1. (.4 69.
Net assets at end of period (000's omitted)				\$345,

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THE NEW GERMANY FUND, INC.
REPORT OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING (UNAUDITED)

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The New Germany Fund, Inc. was held on

June 24, 2003. At the Meeting, the following matters were voted upon by the stockholders (the resulting votes are presented below):

1. To elect three $\,$ Directors, $\,$ each to serve for a term of three years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

NUMBER OF VOTES

	FOR	WITHHELD				
Dr. Franz Wilhem Hopp	21,709,786	1,086,002				
Ernst Ulrich Matz	21,714,344	1,081,444				
Frank Tromel	21,715,215	1,080,573				

2. To ratify the appointment by the Board of Directors of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003.

FOR

22,312,651

NUMBER OF VOIES	
AGAINST	ABSTAIN

212,189 270,948

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154

(FOR LATEST NET ASSET VALUE, SCHEDULE OF THE FUND'S LARGEST HOLDINGS, DIVIDEND DATA AND SHAREHOLDER INQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 1-800-GERMANY IN THE U.S. OR 617-443-6918 OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.)

MANAGER

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

DEUTSCHE ASSET MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL GMBH

CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT

INVESTORS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

LEGAL COUNSEL

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER KATHLEEN SULLIVAN D'ERAMO ASSISTANT TREASURER

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VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PROGRAM AND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

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. Plan participants may invest as little as \$100 in any month and may invest up to \$36,000 annually. The Plan has been amended to allow current shareholders, who are not already participants in the Plan, and first time investors to enroll in the Plan by making an initial cash deposit of at least \$250 with the plan agent. Share purchases are combined to receive a beneficial brokerage fee. A brochure is available by writing or telephoning the plan agent:

Investors Bank & Trust Company Shareholder Services P.O. Box 9130 Boston, MA 02117 Tel. 1-800-437-6269

This report, including the financial statements herein, is transmitted to the shareholders of The New Germany Fund, Inc. for their information. This is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase of shares of the Fund or any securities mentioned in this report. The information contained in the letter to shareholders, the interview with the chief investment officer and the report from the investment adviser and manager in this report is derived from carefully selected sources believed reasonable. We do not guarantee its accuracy or completeness, and nothing in this report shall be construed to be a representation of such guarantee. Any opinions expressed reflect the

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.

current judgment of the author, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of

Deutsche Bank AG or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates.

Comparisons between changes in the Fund's net asset value per share and changes in the MDAX, NEMAX 50 and MCAPM 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.

Fund shares are not FDIC-insured and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any bank. Fund shares involve investment risk, including possible loss of principal.

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Please note that the Fund is producing monthly newsletters which are e-mailed in Acrobat. If you would like to receive these please call our Shareholder Services Department: 1-800-GERMANY ext. 0 and a representative will take your request.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not currently applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not currently applicable.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not currently applicable.

- ITEM 5. [RESERVED]
- ITEM 6. [RESERVED]
- ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIERS AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.
- ITEM 8. [RESERVED]
- ITEM 9. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.
- (a) The Chief Executive and Financial Officers concluded that the Registrant's Disclosure Controls and Procedures are effective based on the evaluation of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

Form N-CSR Item F

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: The New Germany Fund

/s/ Richard T. Hale By: Richard T. Hale Chief Executive Officer

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August 19, 2003

Pursuant	to	the	requ	uire	emer	nts	of	the	Sec	urit	ies	Excl	hang	e Act	of	1934	and	the
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following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Date:

By:

Registrant: The New Germany Fund

/s/ Richard T. Hale Richard T. Hale

Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 19, 2003

By: /s/ Charles A. Rizzo

Charles A. Rizzo

Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 19, 2003