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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of The New Economy Fund

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The New Economy Fund (hereafter referred to as the "Fund") as of and for the year ended November 30, 2012, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting, including control over safeguarding securities, as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and to comply with the requirements of Form N-SAR, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

The management of the Fund is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls. A fund's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A fund's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the fund; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the fund are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and trustees of the fund; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of a fund's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Fund's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses under standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). However, we noted no deficiencies in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and its operation, including control over safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above as of November 30, 2012.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees of The New Economy Fund and the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
January 11, 2013

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November 30, 2012

Because the electronic format for filing Form N-SAR does not provide adequate space for responding to Items 72DD1 and 72DD2, 73A1 and 73A2, 74U1 and 74U2, and 74V1 and 74V2, complete answers are as follows:

Item 72DD1 and 72DD2

Total income dividends for which record date passed during the period

Share Class	Total Income Dividends (000's omitted)
Class A	\$25,493
Class B	\$0
Class C	\$0
Class F1	\$624
Class F2	\$552
Total	\$26,669
Class 529-A	\$767
Class 529-B	\$0
Class 529-C	\$0
Class 529-E	\$15
Class 529-F1	\$66
Class R-1	\$0
Class R-2	\$0
Class R-3	\$274
Class R-4	\$712
Class R-5	\$892
Class R-6	\$3,038
Total	\$5,764

Item 73 A1 and 73A2

Distributions per share for which record date passed during the period

Share Class	Dividends from Net Investment Income
Class A	\$0.1170
Class B	\$0.0000
Class C	\$0.0000
Class F1	\$0.1062
Class F2	\$0.1899
Class 529-A	\$0.1173
Class 529-B	\$0.0000
Class 529-C	\$0.0000
Class 529-E	\$0.0434
Class 529-F1	\$0.1656
Class R-1	\$0.0000
Class R-2	\$0.0000
Class R-3	\$0.0435

Class R-4	\$0.1276
Class R-5	\$0.1962
Class R-6	\$0.2151

Item 74U1 and 74U2

Number of shares outstanding

Share Class	Shares Outstanding (000's omitted)
Class A	205,278
Class B	1,813
Class C	6,847
Class F1	4,956
Class F2	3,681
Total	222,575
Class 529-A	6,895
Class 529-B	278
Class 529-C	2,188
Class 529-E	352
Class 529-F1	439
Class R-1	819
Class R-2	4,449
Class R-3	5,924
Class R-4	5,249
Class R-5	4,519
Class R-6	17,701
Total	48,813

Item 74V1 and 74V2

Net asset value per share (to nearest cent)

Share Class	Net Asset Value Per Share
Class A	\$28.83
Class B	\$27.45
Class C	\$27.15
Class F1	\$28.87
Class F2	\$28.88
Class 529-A	\$28.65
Class 529-B	\$27.54
Class 529-C	\$27.49
Class 529-E	\$28.35
Class 529-F1	\$28.65
Class R-1	\$27.72
Class R-2	\$27.84
Class R-3	\$28.38
Class R-4	\$28.67
Class R-5	\$28.98
Class R-6	\$28.93