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Prospectus

Class R Shares

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#### Contents

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities agency has approved the fund's shares or determined whether this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a crime.

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Contact your investment professional to discuss how the fund fits into your portfolio.

Basic information about the fund

Investment objective

Current income and long-term growth of capital from a portfolio consisting primarily of income producing equity securities of U.S. corporations.

Principal investment strategies

Normally, the fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in income producing equity securities of U.S. issuers. The income producing equity securities in which the fund may invest include common stocks, preferred stocks, equity-based exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and equity interests in real estate investment trusts (REITs). The remainder of the portfolio may be invested in debt securities, most of which are expected to be convertible into common stocks.

The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to any change to the requirement that it invest at least 80% of its assets in income producing equity securities of U.S. issuers.

Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., the fund's investment adviser, uses a value approach to select the fund's investments. Using this investment style, Pioneer seeks securities selling at substantial discounts to their underlying values and then holds these securities until the market values reflect their intrinsic values. Pioneer evaluates a security's potential value, including the attractiveness of its market valuation, based on the company's assets and prospects for earnings growth. Pioneer also considers a security's potential to provide a reasonable amount of income. In making these assessments, Pioneer employs due diligence and fundamental research, an evaluation of the issuer based on its financial statements and operations, employing a bottom-up analytic style. Pioneer relies on the knowledge, experience and judgment of its staff and the staff of its affiliates who have access to a wide variety of research. Pioneer focuses on the quality and price of individual issuers, not on economic sector or market-timing strategies. Factors Pioneer looks for in selecting investments include:

- o Favorable expected returns relative to perceived risk
- o Management with demonstrated ability and commitment to the company
- o Low market valuations relative to earnings forecast, book value, cash flow and sales
- o Good prospects for dividend growth

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Basic information about the fund

Principal risks of investing in the fund Even though the fund seeks current income and long-term growth of capital, you could lose money on your investment or not make as much as if you invested elsewhere if:

- o The stock market goes down or performs poorly relative to other investments (this risk may be greater in the short term)
- o Value stocks fall out of favor with investors
- o The fund's investments remain undervalued or do not have the potential value originally expected
- o Stocks selected for income do not achieve the same return as securities

o Interest rates or inflation increases

# Market segment risks

To the extent the fund emphasizes, from time to time, investments in a market segment, the fund will be subject to a greater degree to the risks particular to the industries in that segment, and may experience greater market fluctuation, than a fund without the same focus. For example, industries in the financial segment, such as banks, insurance companies, broker-dealers and REITs, may be sensitive to changes in interest rates and general economic activity and are subject to extensive government regulation. Industries in the technology segment, such as information technology, communications equipment, computer hardware and software, and office and scientific equipment, are subject to risks of rapidly evolving technology, short product lives, rates of corporate expenditures, falling prices and profits, competition from new market entrants, and general economic conditions.

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The fund's past performance

The bar chart and table indicate the risks of investing in the fund by showing how the fund has performed in the past. The fund's performance will vary from year to year.

The fund's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As a shareowner, you may lose or make money on your investment.

# Fund performance

The chart shows the year-by-year performance of the fund's Class R shares.

The performance of Class R shares for the period prior to the commencement of operations of Class R shares is based on the net asset value performance of the fund's Class A shares, reduced to reflect the higher distribution and service fees of Class R shares. For the period after Class R shares commenced operations, the actual performance of Class R shares is reflected, which performance may be influenced by the smaller asset size of Class R shares compared to Class A shares.

The chart does not reflect any sales charge you may pay when you buy or sell fund shares. Any sales charge will reduce your return. You do not pay a sales charge on purchases of Class R shares.

Annual return Class R shares (%)

(Year ended December 31)

#### [THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS REPRESENTED AS A BAR CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL]

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'96
        12.23
'97
        34.22
98
        16.83
99
        0.26
00
       12.49
01
       -6.24
02
       -17.44
       22.86
'03
04
       16.65
'05
        5.25
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The highest calendar quarterly return was 14.76% (03/31/2003 to 06/30/2003)

The lowest calendar quarterly return was -18.10% (06/30/2002 to 09/30/2002)

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Comparison with the Russell 1000 Value Index

The table shows the average annual total returns for Class R shares of the fund over time and compares these returns to the returns of the Russell 1000 Value Index. This index measures the performance of large-cap U.S. value stocks.

Unlike the fund, the index is not managed and does not incur expenses. The table:

- o Assumes that you sell your shares at the end of the period
- o Assumes that you reinvest all of your dividends and distributions

The performance of Class R shares for the period prior to the commencement of operations of Class R shares is based on the performance of the fund's Class A shares, reduced to reflect the higher distribution and service fees of Class R shares. For the period after Class R shares commenced operations, the actual performance of Class R shares is reflected, which performance may be influenced by the smaller asset size of Class R shares compared to Class A shares.

You do not pay a sales charge on purchases of Class R shares.

Average annual total return (%) (for periods ended December 31, 2005)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

	1 Year			Since Inception	
<s> Class R +</s>	<c></c>			<c></c>	<c> 7/25/90</c>
Return before taxes		3.27	8.83	10.61	
Return after taxes					
on distributions		2.92	8.65	10.48	
Return after taxes on					
distributions and sale of shares		2.71	7.81	9.67	
Russell 1000 Value Index					
(reflects no deduction for taxes)		5.28	10.94	12.33	

  |  |  |  |  |After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. Since Class R shares are only offered to retirement plans, these after-tax returns may not be relevant to you.

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Fees and expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund.

Shareowner fees

<sup>#</sup> Inception date of the fund's Class A shares. Class R shares commenced operations on April 1, 2003.

<sup>+</sup> The performance of Class R shares does not reflect the 1% CDSC that was in effect prior to July 1, 2004.

Maximum deferred sales charge (load) when you sell shares None </TABLE>

Annual fund operating expenses

<TABLE> <CAPTION> paid from the assets of the fund as a percentage of average daily net assets Class R <S> Management Fee 0.60% \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution (12b-1) Fee 0.50% \_\_\_\_\_ Other Expenses 0.16% Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses1 1.26% \_\_\_\_\_ </TABLE>

# Example

This example helps you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. It assumes that: a) you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods shown, b) you reinvest all dividends and distributions, c) your investment has a 5% return each year and d) the fund's total operating expenses remain the same.

Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, under these assumptions your costs would be:

# <TABLE> <CAPTION>

	Number	of years	you own	your shares	
	1	3		5	10
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	
Class R	\$128	\$400	\$692	\$1 <b>,</b> 523	

  |  |  |  |  |1 Total annual fund operating expenses in the table have not been reduced by any expense offset arrangements.

#### Basic information about the fund

Non-principal investment strategies and related risks
As discussed, the fund primarily invests in income producing equity securities
of U.S. corporations to seek current income and long-term capital growth.

This section describes additional investments that the fund may make or strategies that it may pursue to a lesser degree to achieve the fund's goal. Some of the fund's secondary investment policies also entail risks. To learn more about these investments and risks, you should obtain and read the statement of additional information (SAI).

#### Debt securities

The portion of the fund's assets not invested in equity securities may be invested in debt securities of corporate and government issuers. Most of the debt securities the fund acquires are expected to be securities convertible into common stocks. Generally, the fund acquires debt securities that are investment grade, but the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in below investment grade debt securities, including convertible debt securities. The fund invests in debt securities when Pioneer believes they are consistent with the fund's investment objective of current income and long-term capital growth, to diversify the fund's portfolio or for greater liquidity.

Debt securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal or interest payments on its obligations. Factors that could contribute to a decline in the market value of debt securities in the fund's portfolio include rising interest rates or a reduction in the perceived creditworthiness of the issuer of the securities. A debt security is investment grade if it is rated in one of the top four categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or determined to be of equivalent credit quality by Pioneer. Debt securities rated below investment grade are commonly referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered speculative. Below investment grade debt securities involve greater risk of loss, are subject to greater price volatility, and are less liquid, especially during periods of economic uncertainty or change, than higher-quality debt securities.

#### Investments in REITs

The fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in REITs. REITs are companies that invest primarily in real estate or real estate related loans. Investing in REITs involves unique risks. They are significantly affected by the market for real estate and are dependent upon management skills and cash flow. In addition to its own expenses, the fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any management and other expenses paid by REITs in which it invests.

Cash management and temporary investments

Normally, the fund invests substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. The fund may invest the remainder of its assets in securities with remaining maturities of less than one year, cash equivalents or may hold cash. For temporary defensive purposes, including during periods of unusual cash flows, the fund may depart from its principal investment strategies and invest part or all of its assets in these securities or may hold cash. During such periods, the fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective. The fund intends to adopt a defensive strategy when Pioneer believes securities in which the fund normally invests have extraordinary risks due to political or economic factors and in other extraordinary circumstances.

#### Short-term trading

The fund usually does not trade for short-term profits. The fund will sell an investment, however, even if it has only been held for a short time, if it no longer meets the fund's investment criteria. If the fund does a lot of trading, it may incur additional operating expenses, which would reduce performance, and could cause shareowners to incur a higher level of taxable income or capital gains. See "Financial highlights" for actual annual turnover rate.

#### Derivatives

The fund may use futures and options on securities, indices and other derivatives. A derivative is a security or instrument whose value is determined by reference to the value or the change in value of one or more securities, indices or other financial instruments. Although there is no specific limitation on investing in derivatives, the fund does not use derivatives as a primary investment technique and generally limits their use to hedging. However, the fund may use derivatives for a variety of non-principal purposes, including:

- o As a hedge against adverse changes in stock market prices or interest rates
- o As a substitute for purchasing or selling securities
- o To increase the fund's return as a non-hedging strategy that may be considered speculative

Even a small investment in derivatives can have a significant impact on the fund's exposure to stock market values or interest rates. If changes in a derivative's value do not correspond to changes in the value of the fund's other investments, the fund may not fully benefit from or could lose money on the derivative position. In addition, some derivatives involve risk of loss if the person who issued the derivative defaults on its obligation. Certain derivatives may be less liquid and more difficult to value. The fund will only invest in derivatives to the extent Pioneer believes these investments do not prevent the fund from seeking its investment objective.

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Pioneer, the fund's investment adviser, selects the fund's investments and oversees the fund's operations.

Pioneer is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of UniCredito Italiano S.p.A., one of the largest banking groups in Italy. Pioneer is part of the global asset management group providing investment management and financial services to mutual funds, institutional and other clients. As of December 31, 2005, assets under management were approximately \$187 billion worldwide, including over \$48 billion in assets under management by Pioneer.

## Investment adviser

Pioneer's main office is at 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. The firm's U.S. mutual fund investment history includes creating in 1928 one of the first mutual funds.

# Portfolio management

Day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio is the responsibility of John A. Carey, portfolio manager, and Walter Hunnewell, Jr., assistant portfolio manager. Mr. Carey and Mr. Hunnewell are supported by the domestic equity team. Members of this team manage other Pioneer funds investing primarily in U.S. equity securities. The portfolio managers and the team also may draw upon the research and investment management expertise of the global research team, which provides fundamental research on companies and includes members from Pioneer's affiliate, Pioneer Investment Management Limited.

Mr. Carey is director of portfolio management and an executive vice president of Pioneer. Mr. Carey joined Pioneer as an analyst in 1979. Mr. Hunnewell is a vice president of Pioneer. He joined Pioneer in August 2001 and has been an investment professional since 1985. Prior to joining Pioneer, Mr. Hunnewell was an independent investment manager and a fiduciary of private asset portfolios from 2000 to 2001.

The fund's statement of additional information provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of shares of the fund.

#### Management fee

The fund pays Pioneer a fee for managing the fund and to cover the cost of providing certain services to the fund. Pioneer's annual fee is equal to 0.60% per year of the fund's average daily net assets up to \$10 billion and 0.575% on the assets over \$10 billion. The fee is computed daily and paid monthly.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the management contract is available in the fund's semiannual report to shareholders, dated April 30, 2005.

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Distributor and transfer agent

Pioneer Funds Distributor, Inc. is the fund's distributor. Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc. is the fund's transfer agent. The fund compensates the distributor and transfer agent for their services. The distributor and the transfer agent are affiliates of Pioneer.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings

The fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities are described in the statement of additional information and on Pioneer's website at www.pioneerfunds.com.

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Net asset value

The fund's net asset value is the value of its portfolio of securities plus any other assets minus its operating expenses and any other liabilities. The fund calculates a net asset value for each class of shares every day the New York Stock Exchange is open when regular trading closes (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time).

The fund generally values its portfolio securities using closing market prices or readily available market quotations. When closing market prices or market quotations are not available or are considered by Pioneer to be unreliable, the fund uses a security's fair value. All methods of determining the value of a security used by the fund, including those discussed below, on a basis other than market value, are forms of fair value. All valuations of securities on a fair value basis are made pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The use of fair value pricing by the fund may cause the net asset value of its shares to differ from the net asset value that would be calculated only using market prices. For market prices and quotations, as well as for some fair value methods, the fund relies upon securities prices provided by pricing services.

The fund uses the fair value of a security, including a non-U.S. security, when Pioneer determines that the closing market price on the primary exchange where the security is traded no longer accurately reflects the value of the security at the time the fund calculates its net asset value. This may occur for a variety of reasons that affect either the relevant securities markets generally or the specific issuer. For example, with respect to non-U.S. securities held by the fund, developments relating to specific events in the securities markets

or the specific issuer may occur between the time the primary market closes and the time the fund determines its net asset value. In those circumstances when the fund believes the price of the security may be affected, the fund uses the fair value of the security. International securities markets may be open on days when the U.S. markets are closed. For this reason, the values of any international securities owned by the fund could change on a day you cannot buy or sell shares of the fund.

Certain types of securities, including those discussed in this paragraph, are priced using fair value rather than market prices. The fund uses a pricing matrix to determine the value of fixed income securities that do not trade daily. A pricing matrix is a means of valuing a debt security on the basis of current market prices for other debt securities and historical trading patterns in the market for fixed income securities. The fund values cash equivalent securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less at amortized cost. To the extent that the fund invests in the shares of other registered open-end investment companies that are not traded on an exchange (mutual funds), such shares are valued at their published net asset values per share as reported by the funds. The prospectuses of these funds explain the circumstances under which the funds will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

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You buy or sell Class R shares at the share price.

Share price

The net asset value per share calculated on the day of your transaction.

Eligible Class R share investors

Class R shares are available to certain tax-deferred retirement plans (including 401(k) plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, 457 plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans, defined benefit plans and non-qualified deferred compensation plans) held in plan level or omnibus accounts. Class R shares also are available to IRA rollovers from eligible retirement plans that offered one or more Class R share Pioneer funds as investment options. Class R shares are not available to non-retirement accounts, traditional or Roth IRAs, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, SEPs, SAR-SEPs, SIMPLE IRAs, individual 403(b)s and most individual retirement accounts or retirement plans that are not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Other classes of shares of the fund may be offered through one or more separate prospectuses. Eligible Class R share investors are also eligible to purchase these other classes. However, plan participants may only purchase classes of shares that are available through their plan. Each class has different sales charges and expenses.

Your investment professional can help you determine which class is appropriate. You should ask your investment professional if you qualify for a waiver of sales charges on another class. If you do qualify, another class of shares may

be more appropriate for you. Plan fiduciaries should consider their obligations under ERISA in determining which class is an appropriate investment for the plan. Your investment firm may receive different compensation depending upon which class is chosen.

# Distribution and service plans

The fund has adopted a distribution plan for Class R shares in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Under the Class R distribution plan, the fund pays distribution fees of 0.50% of average daily net assets attributable to Class R shares to the distributor. The distributor uses this fee, among other things, to compensate broker-dealers who engage in or support the distribution of the fund's Class R shares. Because these fees are an ongoing expense of the fund, over time they increase the cost of your investment and your shares may cost more than shares that are subject to other types of sales charges.

The fund has also adopted a separate service plan for Class R shares. Under the service plan, the fund may pay securities dealers, plan administrators or other service organizations who agree to provide certain services to plans or plan

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participants holding shares of the fund a service fee of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets attributable to Class R shares held by such plan participants. The services provided under the service plan include acting as a shareholder of record, processing purchase and redemption orders, maintaining participant account records and answering participant questions regarding the fund.

# Additional dealer compensation

The distributor or its affiliates may pay additional compensation, out of their own assets, to certain brokerage firms and other intermediaries or their affiliates, based on sales or assets attributable to the firm, or such other criteria agreed to by the distributor. The firms to which payments may be made are determined by the distributor. These payments may provide an incentive, in addition to any sales charge, to these firms to actively promote the Pioneer funds or cooperate with the distributor's promotional efforts.

## Sales charges

You buy Class R shares at net asset value per share. The fund does not impose any initial or contingent deferred sales charge on Class R shares.

# Information for Plan Participants

Participants in retirement plans generally must contact the plan's administrator to purchase, redeem or exchange shares. Shareowner services may only be available to plan participants through a plan administrator. Plans may require separate applications and their policies and procedures may be different than those described in this prospectus. Participants should contact

their plan administrator for information regarding shareholder services pertaining to participants' investments in the fund.

The fund allows you to exchange your Class R shares for Class R shares of another Pioneer fund that is available through your plan. Exchanges are made at net asset value.

Before you request an exchange, consider each fund's investment objective and policies as described in the fund's prospectus. Other Pioneer funds may not be available in certain retirement plans.

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Information for Plan Sponsors and Administrators

# Opening an account

Eligible retirement plans generally may open an account and purchase Class R shares by contacting any investment firm or plan administrator authorized to sell the fund's shares. A retirement plan sponsor can obtain retirement plan applications from its investment firm or plan administrator or by calling the Retirement Plans Department at 1-800-622-0176.

If the retirement plan invests in the fund through investment professionals or other financial intermediaries, including wrap programs and fund supermarkets, additional conditions may apply to an investment in the fund, and the investment professional or intermediary may charge a transaction-based or other fee for its services. These conditions and fees are in addition to those imposed by the fund and its affiliates. In addition, the options and services available to a retirement plan may be different from those discussed in this prospectus. You should ask your investment professional or financial intermediary about its services and any applicable fees.

Minimum investment amounts

There is no minimum initial amount for Class R share investments.

# Account options

Use an account application to select options and privileges for accounts opened on behalf of the retirement plan. A retirement plan can change the selection of account options available to the plan and its participants at any time by sending a completed account options form to the transfer agent. Plan sponsors may be required to obtain a signature guarantee to make certain changes to an existing account.

Call or write to the transfer agent for account applications, account options forms and other account information:

Pioneer Investment Management

Shareholder Services, Inc. P.O. Box 55014 Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5014 Telephone 1-800-225-6292

# Share price

If the plan or a participant in the plan places an order to purchase, exchange or sell shares through a plan administrator or broker-dealer by the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (currently 4:00 p.m. Eastern time), the transaction will be completed at the share price determined as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange that day. If the order is placed through a plan administrator or broker-dealer after 4:00 p.m., or the order is not in good

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order, the transaction will be completed at the share price next determined after the order is received in good order by the fund. The plan administrator or broker-dealer is responsible for transmitting the order to the fund in a timely manner.

Good order means that:

- o The plan or its agents have provided adequate instructions
- o There are no outstanding claims against the account
- o There are no transaction limitations on the account
- o The plan or its agent's request includes a signature guarantee if the plan:
  - Is selling over \$100,000 or exchanging over \$500,000 worth of shares
  - Changed its account registration or address within the last 30 days
  - Instructs the transfer agent to mail the check to an address different from the one on the account
  - Wants the check paid to someone other than the account owner(s)
  - Is transferring the sale proceeds to a Pioneer mutual fund account with a different registration

# Buying

Plans and their participants can buy Class R shares at net asset value per share. The distributor may reject any order until it has confirmed the order in writing and received payment.

Normally, the plan's investment firm will send a purchase request to the fund's transfer agent. Consult the plan's investment professional for more information. The investment firm receives a commission from the distributor, and may receive additional compensation from Pioneer, for purchase of fund shares by the plan or plan participants.

# Exchanging

The fund allows plans and plan participants to exchange Class R shares at net asset value.

#### Selling

Class R shares will be sold at net asset value per share next calculated after the fund or its authorized agent, such as broker-dealers, receives a request in good order.

The fund generally will send any sale proceeds to the plan's custodian by check, bank wire or electronic funds transfer. Normally, sales proceeds will be paid within seven days. If the plan recently purchased the shares being sold, the fund may delay payment of the sale proceeds until the check has cleared. This may take up to 15 calendar days from the purchase date. If a signature guarantee is required, the plan must submit its request in writing.

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Information for IRA Rollover Accounts

## Opening your account

IRA Rollover Accounts may be eligible to open an account and purchase Class R shares by contacting any investment firm authorized to sell the fund's shares. You can obtain an application from your investment firm or by calling the Retirement Plans Department at 1-800-622-0176. You may also open your Class R share account by completing an account application and sending it to the transfer agent by mail or by fax.

If you invest in the fund through investment professionals or other financial intermediaries, including wrap programs and fund supermarkets, additional conditions may apply to your investment in the fund, and the investment professional or intermediary may charge you a transaction-based or other fee for its services. These conditions and fees are in addition to those imposed by the fund and its affiliates. In addition, the options and services available to you may be different from those discussed in this prospectus. You should ask your investment professional or financial intermediary about its services and any applicable fees.

## Minimum account size for IRA Rollovers

The fund requires that you maintain a minimum account value of \$500. If you hold less than \$500 in your account, the fund reserves the right to notify you that it intends to sell your shares and close your account. You will be given 60 days from the date of the notice to make additional investments to avoid having your shares sold.

# Minimum investment amounts

There is no minimum initial amount for Class R share investments.

# Account options

Use your account application to select options and privileges for your account.

You can change your selections at any time by sending a completed account options form to the transfer agent. You may be required to obtain a signature guarantee to make certain changes to an existing account.

Call or write to the transfer agent for account applications, account options forms and other account information:

Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc. P.O. Box 55014 Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5014 Telephone 1-800-225-6292

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# Share price

If you place an order to purchase, exchange or sell shares with the transfer agent or a broker-dealer by the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (currently 4:00 p.m. Eastern time), your transaction will be completed at the share price determined as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange on that day. If your order is placed with the transfer agent or a broker-dealer after 4:00 p.m., or your order is not in good order, your transaction will be completed at the share price next determined after your order is received in good order by the fund. The broker-dealer is responsible for transmitting your order to the fund in a timely manner.

Good order means that:

- o You have provided adequate instructions
- o There are no outstanding claims against your account
- o There are no transaction limitations on your account
- o The request includes a signature guarantee if you:
  - Are selling over \$100,000 or exchanging over \$500,000 worth of shares
  - Changed your account registration or address within the last 30 days
  - Instruct the transfer agent to mail the check to an address different from the one on your account
  - Want the check paid to someone other than the account owner(s)
  - Are transferring the sale proceeds to a Pioneer mutual fund account with a different registration

#### Buying

You may buy fund shares from any investment firm that has a sales agreement with the distributor. If you are an eligible investor and do not have an investment firm, please call 1-800-225-6292 for information on how to locate an investment professional in your area.

You can buy Class R shares at net asset value per share. The distributor may reject any order until it has confirmed the order in writing and received payment. Normally, your investment firm will send your purchase request to the

fund's transfer agent. Consult your investment professional for more information. Your investment firm receives a commission from the distributor, and may receive additional compensation from Pioneer, for your purchase of fund shares.

# Exchanging

You may exchange Class R shares for the Class R shares of another Pioneer mutual fund.

The fund allows you to exchange your Class R shares at net asset value.

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Before you request an exchange, consider each fund's investment objective and policies as described in the fund's prospectus. Other Pioneer funds may not be available in certain retirement plans.

You can exchange fund shares by mailing or faxing a letter of instruction to the transfer agent. You can exchange fund shares directly through the fund only if your account is registered in your name. However, you may not fax an exchange request for more than \$500,000. Include in your letter:

- o The name, social security number and signature of all registered owners
- o A signature guarantee for each registered owner if the amount of the exchange is more than \$500,000
- o The name of the fund out of which you are exchanging and the name of the fund into which you are exchanging
- o The class of shares you are exchanging
- o The dollar amount or number of shares you are exchanging

# By phone

After you establish an eligible fund account, you can exchange fund shares by phone if:

- o You are exchanging into an existing account or using the exchange to establish a new account, provided the new account has a registration identical to the original account
- o The fund into which you are exchanging offers the same class of shares
- o You are not exchanging more than \$500,000 worth of shares per account per day
- o You can provide the proper account identification information

# Selling

Normally, your investment firm will send your request to sell shares to the fund's transfer agent. Consult your investment professional for more information. The fund has authorized the distributor to act as its agent in the repurchase of fund shares from qualified investment firms. The fund reserves the right to terminate this procedure at any time.

The fund generally will send your sale proceeds by check, bank wire or electronic funds transfer. Normally you will be paid within seven days. If you recently purchased the shares being sold, the fund may delay payment of the sale proceeds until your check has cleared. This may take up to 15 calendar days from the purchase date. If a signature guarantee is required, you must submit your request in writing.

You generally may sell fund shares by phone only if your account is an IRA (tax penalties may apply). You may not sell your shares by phone if you have changed your address (for checks) or your bank information (for wires and transfers) in the last 30 days.

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You may receive your sale proceeds:

- o By check, provided the check is made payable exactly as your account is registered
- o By bank wire or by electronic funds transfer, provided the sale proceeds are being sent to your bank address of record

You can sell some or all of your fund shares by writing directly to the fund only if your account is registered in your name. Include in your request your name, your social security number, the fund's name, your fund account number, the class of shares to be sold, the dollar amount or number of shares to be sold and any other applicable requirements as described below. The transfer agent will send the sale proceeds to your address of record unless you provide other instructions. Your request must be signed by all registered owners and be in good order.

The transfer agent will not process your request until it is received in good order.

You may sell up to \$100,000 per account per day by fax.

Sales may be taxable transactions to shareowners.

You may incur taxes and tax penalties if the proceeds are sent to the beneficiary of the IRA.

# Account options

See the account application form for more details on each of the following options.

# Automatic exchanges

You can automatically exchange your fund shares for Class R shares of another Pioneer mutual fund. The automatic exchange will begin on the day you select when you complete the appropriate section of your account application or an account options form. In order to establish automatic exchange:

- o You must select exchanges on a monthly or quarterly basis
- o Both the originating and receiving accounts must have identical registrations
- o The originating account must have a minimum balance of \$5,000

# Distribution options

The fund offers three distribution options. Any fund shares you buy by

reinvesting distributions will be priced at the applicable net asset value per share.

- (1) Unless you indicate another option on your account application, any dividends and capital gain distributions paid to you by the fund will automatically be invested in additional fund shares.
- (2) You may elect to have the amount of any dividends paid to you in cash and any capital gain distributions reinvested in additional shares.

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(3) You may elect to have the full amount of any dividends and/or capital gain distributions paid to you in cash.

Options (2) or (3) are not available to retirement plan accounts or accounts with a current value of less than \$500. If you are under 591/2, taxes and tax penalties may apply.

If your distribution check is returned to the transfer agent or you do not cash the check for six months or more, the transfer agent may reinvest the amount of the check in your account and automatically change the distribution option on your account to option (1) until you request a different option in writing. These additional shares will be purchased at the then current net asset value.

## Directed dividends

If you are over the age of 591/2, you can invest the dividends paid by one of your Pioneer mutual fund accounts in a second Pioneer mutual fund account. The value of your second account must be at least \$1,000. You may direct the investment of any amount of dividends. There are no fees or charges for directed dividends. If you have a retirement plan account, you may only direct dividends to accounts with identical registrations.

## Systematic withdrawal plans

When you establish a systematic withdrawal plan for your account, the transfer agent will sell the number of fund shares you specify on a periodic basis and the proceeds will be paid to you or to any person you select. You must obtain a signature guarantee to direct payments to another person after you have established your systematic withdrawal plan. Payments can be made either by check or by electronic transfer to a bank account you designate.

To establish a systematic withdrawal plan:

o Your account must have a total value of at least \$10,000 when you establish your plan

- o You must request a periodic withdrawal of at least \$50
- o You may not request a periodic withdrawal of more than 10% of the value of any Class R share account (valued at the time the plan is implemented)

The above limits are waived for required minimum distributions from your IRA Rollover account.

Systematic sales of fund shares may be taxable transactions for you unless you are exempt from tax.

Direct deposit

If you establish a systematic withdrawal plan, you may choose to have those cash payments deposited directly into your savings, checking or NOW bank account.

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Information for All Shareowners

Shareowner services

For plan participants, shareowner services may only be available through the plan administrator and may be different than those described in this prospectus. Participants should contact the appropriate plan administrator for information regarding the administration of participants' investments in the fund.

Pioneer website

www.pioneerfunds.com

The website includes a full selection of information on mutual fund investing. You can also use the website to get:

- o Current account information if your shares are registered in your own name and not the name of your plan or other intermediary
- o Prices, returns and yields of all publicly available Pioneer mutual funds
- o Prospectuses for all the Pioneer mutual funds
- o A copy of Pioneer's privacy notice

FactFoneSM 1-800-225-4321

You can use FactFoneSM to:

- o Obtain current information on your Pioneer IRA Rollover accounts
- o Inquire about the prices and yields of all publicly available Pioneer mutual funds
- o Request account statements

If your account is registered in the name of an employer-sponsored retirement

plan, broker-dealer or other third party, you may not be able to use FactFoneSM to obtain account information.

#### Confirmation statements

The transfer agent maintains an account for each investment firm or individual shareowner and records all account transactions. Plans and IRA Rollover accounts will be sent confirmation statements showing the details of your transactions as they occur.

### Tax information for IRA Rollovers

In January following the year in which you take a reportable distribution, the transfer agent will mail you a tax form reflecting the total amount(s) of distribution(s) received by the end of January.

#### Privacy

The fund has a policy that protects the privacy of your personal information. A copy of Pioneer's privacy notice was given to you at the time you opened your account. The fund will send you a copy of the privacy notice each year. You may also obtain the privacy notice by calling the transfer agent or through Pioneer's website.

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Shareowner account policies

# Identity verification

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. When you open an account, you will need to supply your name, address, date of birth, and other information that will allow the fund to identify you.

The fund may close your account if we cannot adequately verify your identity. The redemption price will be the net asset value (less applicable sales charges) on the date of redemption.

Signature guarantees and other requirements

Plans and IRA Rollover Accounts are required to obtain a signature guarantee when:

- o Requesting certain types of exchanges or sales of fund shares
- o Requesting certain types of changes for your existing account

You can obtain a signature guarantee from most broker-dealers, banks, credit unions (if authorized under state law) and federal savings and loan associations. You cannot obtain a signature guarantee from a notary public.

The Pioneer funds generally accept only medallion signature guarantees. A medallion signature guarantee may be obtained from a domestic bank or trust company, broker, dealer, clearing agency, savings association, or other financial institution that is participating in a medallion program recognized by the Securities Transfer Association. Signature guarantees from financial institutions that are not participating in one of these programs are not accepted as medallion signature guarantees. The fund may accept other forms of guarantee from financial intermediaries in limited circumstances.

Fiduciaries and corporations are required to submit additional documents to sell fund shares.

# In kind purchases

Pioneer may accept securities to purchase shares of the fund in lieu of cash provided that Pioneer, in its sole discretion, determines that the securities are consistent with the fund's objective and policies and their acquisition is in the best interests of the fund. If the fund accepts your securities, they will be valued for purposes of determining the number of fund shares to be issued to you in the same way the fund will value the securities for purposes of determining its net asset value. For federal income tax purposes, you may be taxed in the same manner as if you sold the securities that you exchange for cash in an amount equal to the value of the fund shares that you receive in exchange. Your sales charge for purchases of fund shares will be based upon the value of the fund

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shares that you receive. Your broker may also impose a fee in connection with processing your purchase of fund shares with securities.

# Exchange limitation

You may only make up to four exchange redemptions of \$25,000 or more per account per calendar year out of the fund. The fund's exchange limitation is intended to discourage short-term trading in fund shares. Short-term trading can increase the expenses incurred by the fund and make portfolio management less efficient. In determining whether the exchange redemption limit has been reached, Pioneer may aggregate a series of exchanges (each valued at less than \$25,000) and/or fund accounts that appear to be under common ownership or control. Pioneer may view accounts for which one person gives instructions or accounts that act on advice provided by a single source to be under common control.

The exchange limitation does not apply to automatic exchange transactions or to exchanges made by participants in employer-sponsored retirement plans qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. While financial intermediaries that maintain omnibus accounts that invest in the fund are

requested to apply the exchange limitation policy to shareholders who hold shares through such accounts, we do not impose the exchange limitation policy at the level of the omnibus account and are not able to monitor compliance by the financial intermediary with this policy.

# Excessive trading

Frequent trading into and out of the fund can disrupt portfolio management strategies, harm fund performance by forcing the fund to hold excess cash or to liquidate certain portfolio securities prematurely and increase expenses for all investors, including long-term investors who do not generate these costs. An investor may use short-term trading as a strategy, for example, if the investor believes that the valuation of the fund's portfolio securities for purposes of calculating its net asset value does not fully reflect the then current fair market value of those holdings. The fund discourages, and does not take any intentional action to accommodate, excessive and short-term trading practices, such as market timing. Although there is no generally applied standard in the marketplace as to what level of trading activity is excessive, we may consider trading in the fund's shares to be excessive for a variety of reasons, such as if:

- o You sell shares within a short period of time after the shares were purchased;
- o You make two or more purchases and redemptions within a short period of time;
- o You enter into a series of transactions that is indicative of a timing pattern or strategy; or
- o We reasonably believe that you have engaged in such practices in connection with other mutual funds.

The fund's Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures with respect to frequent purchases and redemptions of fund shares by fund investors.

Pursuant to

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these policies and procedures, we monitor selected trades on a daily basis in an effort to detect excessive short-term trading. If we determine that an investor or a client of a broker has engaged in excessive short-term trading that we believe may be harmful to the fund, we will ask the investor or broker to cease such activity and we will refuse to process purchase orders (including purchases by exchange) of such investor, broker or accounts that we believe are under their control. In determining whether to take such actions, we seek to act in a manner that is consistent with the best interests of the fund's shareholders.

While we use our reasonable efforts to detect excessive trading activity, there can be no assurance that our efforts will be successful or that market timers will not employ tactics designed to evade detection. If we are not successful, your return from an investment in the fund may be adversely affected. Frequently, fund shares are held through omnibus accounts maintained by

financial intermediaries such as brokers and retirement plan administrators, where the holdings of multiple shareholders, such as all the clients of a particular broker, are aggregated. Our ability to monitor trading practices by investors purchasing shares through omnibus accounts is limited and dependent upon the cooperation of the financial intermediary in observing the fund's policies.

In addition to monitoring trades, the policies and procedures provide that:

- o The fund imposes limitations on the number of exchanges out of an account holding the fund's Class A, Class B, Class C and Class R shares that may occur in any calendar year. See "Exchange limitation."
- o Certain funds managed by Pioneer have adopted redemption fees that are incurred if you redeem shares within a short period after purchase, including exchanges. These redemption fees are described in the applicable prospectuses under "Fees and expenses."

The fund may reject a purchase or exchange order before its acceptance or an order prior to issuance of shares. The fund may also restrict additional purchases or exchanges in an account. Each of these steps may be taken, for any reason, without prior notice, including transactions that the fund believes are requested on behalf of market timers. The fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request by any investor or financial institution if the fund believes that any combination of trading activity in the account or related accounts is potentially disruptive to the fund. A prospective investor whose purchase or exchange order is rejected will not achieve the investment results, whether gain or loss, that would have been realized if the order were accepted and an investment made in the fund. The fund and its shareholders do not incur any gain or loss as a result of a rejected order. The fund may impose further restrictions on trading activities by market timers in the future. The fund's prospectus will be amended or supplemented to reflect any material additional restrictions on trading activities intended to prevent excessive trading.

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# Telephone and website access

You may have difficulty contacting the fund by telephone or accessing pioneerfunds.com during times of market volatility or disruption in telephone or Internet service. On New York Stock Exchange holidays or on days when the exchange closes early, Pioneer will adjust the hours for the telephone center and for online transaction processing accordingly. If you are unable to access pioneerfunds.com or reach the fund by telephone, you should communicate with the fund in writing.

#### Share certificates

The fund does not offer share certificates. Shares are electronically recorded.

# Other policies

The fund and the distributor reserve the right to:

- o reject any purchase or exchange order for any reason, without prior notice
- o charge a fee for exchanges or to modify, limit or suspend the exchange privilege at any time without notice. The fund will provide 60 days' notice of material amendments to or termination of the exchange privilege
- o revise, suspend, limit or terminate the account options or services available to shareowners at any time, except as required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission

The fund reserves the right to:

- o stop offering Class R shares
- o suspend transactions in shares when trading on the New York Stock Exchange is closed or restricted, when the Securities and Exchange Commission determines an emergency or other circumstances exist that make it impracticable for the fund to sell or value its portfolio securities
- o redeem in kind by delivering to you portfolio securities owned by the fund rather than cash. Securities you receive this way may increase or decrease in value while you hold them and you may incur brokerage and transaction charges and tax liability when you convert the securities to cash

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How to contact us

# By phone

For information or to request a telephone transaction between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Eastern time) by speaking with a shareholder services representative call 1-800-225-6292

To request a transaction using FactFoneSM call 1-800-225-4321

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) 1-800-225-1997

By mail
Send your written instructions to:
Pioneer Investment Management
Shareholder Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 55014
Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5014

Pioneer website www.pioneerfunds.com

By fax
Fax your exchange and sale requests to:
1-800-225-4240

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Dividends, capital gains and taxes

Dividends and capital gains

The fund generally pays any distributions of net short—and long—term capital gains in November. The fund generally pays dividends from any net investment income quarterly during March, June, September and December. The fund may also pay dividends and capital gain distributions at other times if necessary for the fund to avoid U.S. federal income or excise tax. If you invest in the fund close to the time that the fund makes a distribution, generally you will pay a higher price per share and, unless you are exempt from tax, you will pay taxes on the amount of the distribution whether you reinvest the distribution or receive it as cash.

#### Taxes

Shareholders that are exempt from U.S. federal income tax, such as retirement plans that are qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, generally are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on fund dividends or distributions or on sales or exchanges of fund shares. However, in the case of fund shares held through a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, fund dividends and distributions received by the plan and sales and exchanges of fund shares by the plan generally will be taxable to the employer sponsoring such plan in accordance with U.S. federal income tax laws governing deferred compensation plans.

A plan participant whose retirement plan invests in the fund generally is not taxed on fund dividends or distributions received by the plan or on sales or exchanges of fund shares by the plan for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, distributions to plan participants from a retirement plan generally are taxable to plan participants as ordinary income.

You must provide your social security number or other taxpayer identification number to the fund along with any certifications required by the Internal Revenue Service when you open an account.

You should ask your tax adviser about any federal, state, local and foreign tax considerations. You may also consult the fund's statement of additional information for a more detailed discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations that may affect the fund and its shareowners.

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The financial highlights table helps you understand the fund's financial performance since the inception of Class R shares.

Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that you would have earned or lost on an investment in Class R shares of the fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions).

The information below has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whose report is included in the fund's annual report along with the fund's financial statements. The annual report is available upon request.

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Financial highlights

Pioneer Equity Income Fund

Class R shares

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		Year Ended 10/31/04	
	\$27.08	\$23.71	\$19.97
<pre>Net asset value, beginning of period <s> Net increase from investment operations:</s></pre>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Net investment income  Net realized and unrealized gain	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.23
on investments	2.48	3.38	3.73
Net increase from investment operations Distributions to shareowners:	\$ 2.87	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.96
Net investment income	( 0.56)	( 0.45)	( 0.22)
Net increase in net asset value	\$ 2.31	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.74
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 29.39	\$ 27.08	\$ 23.71
Total return*	10.64%	16.23%	19.87 %

Ratio of net investment income to average net assets+	1.86%	1.98%	0.97%**
net assets+	1.00%	1.90%	0.975
Portfolio turnover rate	14%	22%	15%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$10,213	\$ 2 <b>,</b> 072	\$ 1,098
Ratios with reduction for fees paid indirectly:			
Net expenses	1.26%	1.17%	1.21%**
Net investment income	1.86%	1.98%	0.97%**

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- (a) Class R shares were first publicly offered on April 1, 2003.
- \* Assumes initial investment at net asset value at the beginning of each year, reinvestment of all distributions, and the complete redemption of the investment at net asset value at the end of each period.
- \*\* Annualized
- + Ratios with no reduction for fees paid indirectly.

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Notes

Pioneer Equity Income Fund

You can obtain more free information about the fund from your investment firm or by writing to Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc., 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. You may also call 1-888-294-4480.

The fund makes available the statement of additional information and shareowner reports, free of charge, on the fund's website at www.pioneerfunds.com.

# Shareowner reports

Annual and semiannual reports to shareowners, and quarterly reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, provide information about the fund's investments. The annual report discusses market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

Statement of additional information
The statement of additional information provides more detailed information about the fund. It is incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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You can also review and copy the fund's shareowner reports, prospectus and statement of additional information at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Call 1-202-942-8090 for information. The Commission charges a fee for copies. You can get the same information free from the Commission's EDGAR database on the Internet (http://www.sec.gov). You may also e-mail requests for these documents to publicinfo@sec.gov or make a request in writing to the Commission's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

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