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#### PRUDENTIAL EQUITY FUND

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Prudential Mutual Funds  
Supplement dated January 2, 1998

The following information supplements the Statement of Additional Information of each of the Funds listed below.

SHAREHOLDER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT--  
TAX-DEFERRED RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Individual Retirement Accounts. An Individual retirement account (IRA) permits the deferral of federal income tax on income earned in the account until the earnings are withdrawn. The following chart represents a comparison of the earnings in a personal savings account with those in an IRA, assuming a \$2,000 annual contribution, an 8% rate of return and a 39.6% federal income tax bracket and shows how much more retirement income can accumulate within an IRA as opposed to a taxable individual savings account.

Tax-Deferred Compounding<sup>1</sup>

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Contributions Made Over	Personal Savings	IRA
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<S>	<C>	<C>
10 years.....	\$ 26,165	\$ 31,291
15 years.....	44,675	58,649
20 years.....	68,109	98,846
25 years.....	97,780	157,909
30 years.....	135,346	244,692

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1 The chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the performance of the Fund or any specific investment. It shows taxable versus tax-deferred compounding for the periods and on the terms indicated. Earnings in a traditional IRA account will be subject to tax when withdrawn from the account. Distributions from a Roth IRA which meet the conditions required under the Internal Revenue Code will not be subject to tax upon withdrawal from the account.

Listed below are the names of the Prudential Mutual Funds and the dates of the Prospectuses to which this Supplement relates.

Name of Fund	Prospectus Date
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Cash Accumulation Trust	
National Money Market Fund	December 22, 1997
Liquid Assets Fund	December 22, 1997
The BlackRock Government Income Trust	August 29, 1997

The Global Total Return Fund, Inc.	February 28, 1997
Command Government Fund	August 28, 1997
Command Money Fund	August 28, 1997
Command Tax-Free Fund	August 28, 1997
Global Utility Fund, Inc.	December 2, 1997
Nicholas-Applegate Fund, Inc.	March 4, 1997
Prudential Balanced Fund	November 25, 1997
Prudential Distressed Securities Fund, Inc.	January 29, 1997

Name of Fund -----	Prospectus Date -----
Prudential Diversified Bond Fund, Inc.	March 25, 1997
Prudential Dryden Fund	
Prudential Bond Market Index Fund	June 18, 1997
Prudential Europe Index Fund	June 18, 1997
Prudential Pacific Index Fund	June 18, 1997
Prudential Small-Cap Index Fund	June 18, 1997
Prudential Stock Index Fund	June 18, 1997
Prudential Emerging Growth Fund, Inc.	December 30, 1997
Prudential Equity Fund, Inc.	March 5, 1997
Prudential Equity Income Fund	December 30, 1997
Prudential Europe Growth Fund, Inc.	July 1, 1997
Prudential Global Genesis Fund, Inc.	July 30, 1997
Prudential Global Limited Maturity Fund, Inc.	December 30, 1997
Prudential Government Income Fund, Inc.	May 1, 1997
Prudential Government Securities Trust (Short-Intermediate Series)	February 3, 1997
(Money Market Series)	February 3, 1997
(U.S. Treasury Money Market Series)	February 3, 1997
Prudential High Yield Fund, Inc.	March 6, 1997
Prudential Institutional Liquidity Portfolio, Inc.	July 9, 1997
Prudential Intermediate Global Income Fund, Inc.	February 28, 1997
Prudential International Bond Fund, Inc.	August 8, 1997
Prudential Jennison Series Fund, Inc. (Prudential Jennison Growth Fund)	January 13, 1997
(Prudential Jennison Growth and Income Fund)	January 13, 1997
Prudential MoneyMart Assets, Inc.	February 28, 1997
Prudential Mortgage Income Fund, Inc.	March 5, 1997
Prudential Multi-Sector Fund, Inc.	June 30, 1997
Prudential Natural Resources Fund, Inc.	July 30, 1997
Prudential Small-Cap Quantum Fund, Inc.	September 25, 1997
Prudential Small Company Value Fund, Inc.	December 2, 1997
Prudential Special Money Market Fund, Inc.	August 27, 1997
Prudential Structured Maturity Fund, Inc.	March 3, 1997
Prudential Tax-Free Money Fund, Inc.	February 28, 1997
Prudential Utility Fund, Inc.	March 5, 1997
The Target Portfolio Trust	April 7, 1997

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