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## **Merk Hard Currency Fund**

## **Merk Asian Currency Fund**

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CITIGROUP INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY,  
RETIREMENT/EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
CUSTODIAN

This is our policy as of June 2006. This privacy policy applies to individuals, and we reserve the right to change any or all of the principles, along with related provisions, at any time.



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## **Protecting Your Privacy**

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You trust us with your financial and other personal information; we in turn are committed to respect your privacy and safeguard that information.

By adhering to the practices described in this brochure, we affirm our continuing commitment to protecting your privacy.

## **Collection and use of shareholder information**

**Merk Mutual Funds** (the “Fund”) and the retirement/ educational savings account custodian collect only relevant information about the Fund’s shareholders that the law allows or requires us to have in order to conduct our business and properly service you.

We collect non-public financial and other personal information about you from the following sources (“Personal Information”):

Information you provide on applications or other forms (for example, your name, address, social security number and birth date)

Information derived from your transactions with us (for example, transaction amount, account balance and account number)

Information you provide to us if you access account information or conduct account transactions online (for example, password, account number, e-mail address, alternate telephone number)

## **Keeping information secure**

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your Personal Information, and we continually assess new technology with the aim of adding new safeguards to those we have in place.

## **Use of personal and financial information by us and third parties**

We do not sell Personal Information about current or former customers or their accounts to any third parties, and we have policies and procedures intended to prevent the disclosure of such information to third parties unless necessary to support the operations and administration of the Fund, the Fund’s compliance with applicable laws and regulations, or as otherwise permitted by law.

Those who may receive Personal Information include companies that provide services to the Fund, such as transfer agency, technology and administrative services, as well as the investment adviser who is an affiliate of the Fund (collectively, “Service Providers”).

## **Limiting employee access to information**

We limit access to Personal Information to only those employees of the Service Providers with a business reason to know such information.

## **Accuracy of information**

We strive to keep our records of your Personal Information accurate, and we take immediate steps to correct errors. If there are any inaccuracies in your statements or in any other communications from us, please contact us or contact your investment professional.