

NORTHERN FUNDS

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS™ HIGHLIGHTS

AS OF 12/31/17

| Fund Name (Ticker Symbol) | Morningstar Category | Overall Rating | 3-Year Rating | 5-Year Rating | 10-Year Rating |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | # of funds in category | | |
| EQUITY | | | | | |
| Global Tactical Asset Allocation ^{1,4,10,16} (BBALX) | World Allocation | ★★★★ 372 | ★★★★ 372 | ★★★ 328 | ★★★★ 149 |
| Income Equity ^{1,3,10} (NOIEX) | Large Value | ★★★★ 1,090 | ★★★★★ 1,090 | ★★★ 965 | ★★★★★ 695 |
| Large Cap Core ¹ (NOLCX) | Large Value | ★★★★ 1,090 | ★★★★ 1,090 | ★★★★★ 965 | ★★★★ 695 |
| Small Cap Value ^{1,14,15} (NOSGX) | Small Value | ★★★★ 346 | ★★★ 346 | ★★★★★ 298 | ★★★★ 205 |
| Multi-Manager Global Listed Infrastructure ^{1,4,7,9,11,14,*} (NMFIX) | Infrastructure | ★★★★ 76 | ★★★★ 76 | ★★★★★ 48 | — |
| Stock Index ^{1,8} (NOSIX) | Large Blend | ★★★★ 1,217 | ★★★★ 1,217 | ★★★★★ 1,079 | ★★★★ 800 |
| Mid Cap Index ^{1,7,8} (NOMIX) | Mid-Cap Blend | ★★★★ 359 | ★★★★ 359 | ★★★★★ 324 | ★★★★ 220 |
| FIXED INCOME | | | | | |
| Arizona Tax-Exempt ^{2,5,6,9} (NOAZX) | Municipal Single State Intermediate | ★★★★★ 148 | ★★★★★ 148 | ★★★★★ 137 | ★★★★★ 119 |
| Ultra-Short Fixed Income ² (NUSFX) | Ultra Short Bond | ★★★★ 141 | ★★★★ 141 | ★★★★★ 110 | — |
| Core Bond ^{2,18} (NOCBX) | Intermediate-Term Bond | ★★★★ 847 | ★★★ 847 | ★★★ 778 | ★★★★ 554 |
| Multi-Manager High Yield Opportunity ^{2,3,20} (NMHYX) | High Yield Bond | ★★★★ 609 | ★★★★ 609 | ★★★★★ 501 | — |

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- ¹ **Equity Risk:** Equity securities (stocks) are more volatile and carry more risk than other forms of investments, including investments in high-grade fixed income securities. The net asset value per share of this Fund will fluctuate as the value of the securities in the portfolio changes.
- ² **Bond Risk:** Bond funds will tend to experience smaller fluctuations in value than stock funds. However, investors in any bond fund should anticipate fluctuations in price, especially for longer-term issues and in environments of rising interest rates.
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- ⁴ **International Risk:** International investing involves increased risk and volatility.
- ⁵ **Tax-Free/AMT Risk:** Tax-exempt funds' income may be subject to certain state and local taxes and, depending on your tax status, the federal alternative minimum tax.
- ⁶ **Regional Investment Risk:** The geographical concentration of portfolio holdings in a fund may involve increased risk.
- ⁷ **Mid-Cap Risk:** Mid-capitalization stocks typically carry additional risk, since smaller companies generally have higher risk of failure and, historically, their stocks have experienced a greater degree of volatility.
- ⁸ **Index Fund Risk:** The performance of the Fund is expected to be lower than that of the Index because of Fund fees and expenses. It is important to remember that there are risks associated with index investing, including the potential risk of market decline, as well as the risks associated with investing in specific companies.
- ⁹ **Non-Diversified Risk:** The Fund invests in a smaller number of securities than the average mutual fund. The change in value of a single holding may have a more pronounced effect on the Fund's net asset value and performance than for other funds.
- ¹⁰ **Interest-Rate Risk:** Increases in prevailing interest rates will cause fixed income securities, including convertible securities, held by the Fund to decline in value.
- ¹¹ **Emerging and Frontier Markets Risk:** Emerging and frontier market investing may be subject to additional economic, political, liquidity and currency risks not associated with more developed countries. Additionally, frontier countries generally have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than traditional emerging markets and, as a result, the risks of investing in emerging market countries are magnified in frontier countries.
- ¹² **REIT/Real Estate Risk:** Investments in the Fund are subject to the risks related to direct investment in real estate, such as real estate risk, regulatory risks, concentration risk, and diversification risk. Investments in REITs involve certain additional unique risks. By itself the Fund does not constitute a complete investment plan and should be considered a long-term investment for investors who can afford to weather changes in the value of their investments.
- ¹³ **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging market investing is subject to additional economic, political, liquidity and currency risks not associated with more developed countries.
- ¹⁴ **Small-Cap Risk:** Small-capitalization funds typically carry additional risks since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Their stocks are subject to a greater degree of volatility, trade in lower volume and may be less liquid.
- ¹⁵ **Value Risk:** Value-based investments are subject to the risk that the broad market may not recognize their intrinsic value.
- ¹⁶ **Asset Allocation Risk:** An asset allocation strategy does not guarantee any specific result or profit nor protect against a loss.
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- ¹⁸ **Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk:** Mortgage-backed investments involve risk of loss due to prepayments and, like any bond, due to default. Because of the sensitivity of mortgage-related securities to changes in interest rates, the Fund's performance may be more volatile than if it did not hold these securities.
- ¹⁹ **U.S. Government Guarantee:** U.S. government guarantees apply only to the underlying securities of a Fund's portfolio and not the Fund's shares.
- ²⁰ **Multi-Manager Risk:** The sub-advisers' styles will not always be complementary, which could affect the performance of the Fund.

* **More Detailed Risk:** For more information on risks specific to an investment in this fund please see the prospectus.

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