

NORTHERN FUNDS

TAX FACTS 2016

NORTHERN GLOBAL REAL ESTATE INDEX
FUND AND NORTHERN MULTI-MANAGER
GLOBAL REAL ESTATE FUND



LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS

Listed in the table are the long-term capital gain distributions per share made by the Global Real Estate Index Fund and the Multi-Manager Global Real Estate Fund, as applicable.

NORTHERN FUND	Capital Gains
Global Real Estate Index	—
Multi-Manager Global Real Estate	1.02365

FOREIGN TAXES

To avoid double taxation, you are entitled to claim a foreign tax credit or take an itemized deduction, as applicable, on your federal income tax return for the foreign taxes paid by the Global Real Estate Index Fund and/or the Multi-Manager Global Real Estate Fund during 2016. Generally, you may owe less federal income tax if you claim the foreign tax credit by filing IRS Form 1116. (For corporations, use Form 1118.)

Determining Your Credits & Deductions

Qualifying Foreign Taxes Paid: Form 1099-DIV (box 6) reports the foreign taxes paid. This is your qualifying foreign taxes paid used in Part II of Form 1116. If you do not receive Form 1099-DIV the foreign tax credit per share

information is available on northernfunds.com/tax-center.

Gross Income from Sources Outside the U.S.: Multiply the “Foreign Source Income Factor” in the table below by the amount in box 1a of your Form 1099-DIV. This result is your gross income from sources outside the U.S. used in Part I of Form 1116.

For additional information, refer to IRS Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals, or call the Foreign Tax Credit Department of the IRS at 800-829-1040.

NORTHERN FUND	Foreign Source Income Factor
Global Real Estate Index	—
Multi-Manager Global Real Estate	—

PERCENTAGE OF QDI AND DRD

Income & Capital Gain Distributions

For the 2016 calendar year, 100% of the dividends paid by the fixed income funds is taxable as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. Listed in this table are the annualized percentages of ordinary income distributed (dividend income plus short-term gain) by the equity funds, as applicable, that can be treated as Qualified Dividend Income (QDI). For monthly, quarterly or annual information (as applicable) please see the 2016 Qualified Dividend Income information on northernfunds.com/tax-center.

Percentage of Dividends Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction

Mutual fund dividends derived from certain domestic corporations may

be eligible for the dividends received deduction (DRD) for corporations. A portion of the ordinary income distribution (dividend income plus short-term gain) paid in 2016 by the Funds listed below may qualify for this deduction. The table below shows the portion of annualized ordinary income distribution (dividend income plus short-term gain) attributable to such domestic corporations for each of the Funds for 2016. For monthly, quarterly or annual information (as applicable) please see the 2016 Corporate Dividends Received Deduction information on northernfunds.com/tax-center.

NORTHERN FUND	% QDI	% DRD
Global Real Estate Index	20.55%	—
Multi-Manager Global Real Estate	20.05%	0.08%

CAPITAL GAIN INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF RHODE ISLAND

For Rhode Island residents, the following chart shows the percentage of capital gain distributions for assets held one to

five years and five years or more. This information may be necessary to prepare your Rhode Island state tax filings.

NORTHERN FUND	Assets held more than 1 year and up to 5 years	Assets held more than 5 years
Global Real Estate Index	—	—
Multi-Manager Global Real Estate	35.45%	64.55%

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