

Northern Funds MULTI-MANAGER MID CAP FUND

1Q2012

NMMCX/EQUITY

OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™



among 385 mid-cap blend funds derived from a weighted average of the fund's 3- and 5-year risk-adjusted returns as of 3/31/12*

FUND FACTS

Fund Objective: Capital Appreciation
Inception Date: June 22, 2006
Ticker Symbol: NMMCX
Gross Expense Ratio: 1.20%
Net Expense Ratio: 1.10%¹
Dividend Schedule: Annually
Benchmark: Russell Midcap® Index
Morningstar Category: Mid-Cap Blend

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Total Net Assets: \$1.1 billion
Number of Holdings: 305
Annual Portfolio Turnover: 62.29% (as of 3/31/11)
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$mil): \$8,225

	Fund	Benchmark ²
Trailing 12-month Price to Earnings Ratio	15.70	17.49
Price to Book Ratio	1.67	1.90

RISK CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark ²
Beta	0.99	1.00
Up Market Capture	97.23	100.00
Down Market Capture	102.96	100.00
Information Ratio	-0.75	0.00

Above risk characteristics are based on 3-year time period.

FUND STRATEGY

- Invest in mid-cap stocks through a variety of external mid-cap managers who have distinct investment styles and strategies.
- Select complementary managers from a broad universe of investment managers.
- Blend managers into a single fund in an effort to provide an attractive combination of risk and return.

SUB-ADVISER ALLOCATION

Sub-Adviser	Target Allocation	Role in Portfolio
SYSTEMATIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LP	30%	Relative value approach. Seek companies that are trading at low valuations, but have some signs of positive earnings momentum.
LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT	30%	Deep value style with quantitative approach. Systematically exploits judgmental biases and behavioral weaknesses influencing investors.
GENEVA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD.	20%	Conservative approach. Offers growth characteristics, with a valuation overlay.
TCW INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY	20%	Aggressive growth approach, providing strong up-market capture during periods of market strength.

PERFORMANCE as of 3/31/12

	ANNUALIZED						
	Quarter	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
FUND	13.55%	13.55%	1.93%	27.17%	3.78%	—	5.42%
RUSSELL MIDCAP® INDEX ²	12.94%	12.94%	3.31%	29.13%	3.03%	—	5.63%
MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY AVG MID-CAP BLEND	12.51%	12.51%	0.17%	25.87%	1.97%	—	—

Performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown here. Performance data current to the most recent month end is available by calling 800-595-9111.

The Advisor has agreed to reimburse certain expenses of the Fund. The contractual reimbursement arrangement is expected to continue until at least December 31, 2012. After this date, the contractual arrangements may be terminated if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders. In the absence of fee waivers, yield, total return, growth since inception and dividends would have been reduced. Total return is based on net change in NAV assuming reinvestment of distributions.

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.

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.

¹ The Net Expense Ratio, as reported in the most recent prospectus, includes contractual expense reimbursements that, if not extended, will end on December 31, 2012.

Please see back page for calendar year returns, investment terms and index definitions.



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May lose value/No bank guarantee

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Company	Fund % of Net Assets
KeyCorp	1.1%
Macy's Inc	1.1%
Lincoln National Corp	1.0%
PPL Corp	1.0%
Dick's Sporting Goods Inc	1.0%
Discover Financial Services	1.0%
CBL & Associates Properties Inc	1.0%
Fifth Third Bancorp	1.0%
Timken Co	0.9%
FMC Technologies Inc	0.9%
TOTAL	10.0%

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS

Economic Sector	Fund	Benchmark ²
Financials	20.0%	19.4%
Consumer Discretionary	16.9%	16.2%
Information Technology	16.2%	13.7%
Industrials	13.5%	12.9%
Health Care	9.4%	9.7%
Energy	8.6%	7.5%
Utilities	5.7%	6.5%
Materials	4.8%	6.6%
Consumer Staples	4.7%	6.3%
Telecommunication Services	0.2%	1.2%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

ASSET ALLOCATION

Stocks	97.6%
Cash	2.4%
TOTAL	100.0%

All data is as of date indicated and subject to change.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



JESSICA K. HART | Began career in 1999
With Northern Trust since 2000

Ms. Hart received a B.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from New York University, Stern School of Business.

CHRISTOPHER E. VELLA | Began career in 1993
With Northern Trust since 2004

Mr. Vella graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lehigh University with a B.S. in finance and a minor in applied mathematics. He is a CFA charterholder.

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
FUND	-2.99%	24.32%	39.69%	-38.89%	7.05%
RUSSELL MIDCAP [®] INDEX ²	-1.55%	25.48%	40.48%	-41.46%	5.60%
MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY AVG MID-CAP BLEND	-3.81%	22.52%	37.39%	-39.18%	4.85%

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A Risk-Managed Investment Approach

Northern Trust has built a tradition of strength and stability in investment management. Markets fluctuate over time, but we have remained steadfast in our disciplined, risk-managed investment philosophy.

² **Russell Midcap[®] Index** is an unmanaged index measuring the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000[®] Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Trailing 12-month Price to Earnings Ratio: The sum of a company's price-to-earnings. Calculated by taking the current stock price and dividing it by the current earnings per share for the past 12 months.

Price to Book Ratio: A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share.

Beta: Beta represents the systematic risk of a portfolio and measures its sensitivity to a benchmark.

Up Market Capture: Measure of a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market.

Down Market Capture: Measure of a manager's performance in down markets relative to the market.

Information Ratio: A measure of risk-adjusted relative return.

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Ratings reflect fee waivers in effect; in their absence, ratings may have been lower.

Star ratings are based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The overall rating is a weighted average of the 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) returns. 5 stars = top 10% of funds in an asset category; 4 stars = next 22.5% of funds; 3 stars = next 35%; 2 stars = next 22.5% and 1 star = next 10%. A fund must be in existence three years to be rated. Ratings are subject to change monthly. The Multi-Manager Mid Cap Fund received 3 stars for the 3-year rating among 385 mid-cap blend funds and 4 stars for the 5-year rating among 314 funds. The 10-year Morningstar Rating is not available.

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