

BEST MUTUAL FUNDS

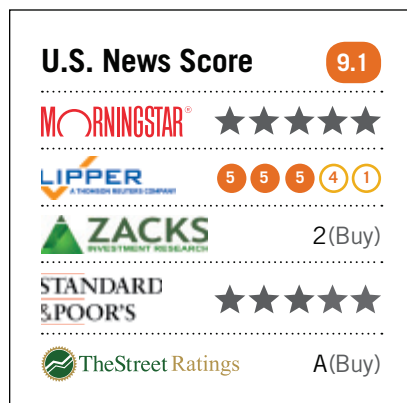
The Best Funds for the Long Term

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When it comes to choosing a mutual fund, there's nothing better than a solid track record. After the market's swoon during the financial crisis, and its subsequent bounce back, funds with long-term results and trusted reputations are still the ones being sought out aggressively by investors who got burned by shortsighted bets during less-stressful economic times.

Using our exclusive *U.S. News Score*, we've compiled lists of the best long-term performers in some of the most popular fund categories. We chose funds with positive 10-year trailing returns and, for stock funds, names that beat the S&P 500 over that time frame. All boast a *U.S. News Score* of seven or better on our 1-10 scale. Our score is based on the

ratings of some of the mutual fund industry's best-known analysts, including Morningstar, Lipper, Standard & Poor's, TheStreet, and Zacks. In the name of affordability, funds also have minimum investments of \$25,000 or less. Funds with the same scores are ordered by 10-year returns.



ABOUT THE U.S. NEWS SCORE:

The *U.S. News Mutual Fund Score* is produced using an equal weighting of the overall ratings of our data sources. Rating systems are each normalized to a 100-point scale, then added together. The sum is divided by the number of sources. That number is normalized to a 10-point scale to produce our score. Our universe of more than 4,500 funds includes only those ranked by all five sources.

What it is: A snapshot of expert opinion and a starting point for your own investing research.

What it isn't: A buy or sell recommendation. Investors should do their own analysis or consult a professional when considering their specific needs.

Learn more about the *U.S. News Score*, our methodology, and all of your mutual fund investing options at www.usnews.com/funds.

LARGE-CAP VALUE

Fund Name	U.S. News Score	Total Net Assets (\$ mil.)	3-year return	5-year return	10-year return	Morningstar Risk Rating	Expense Ratio
1 The Yacktman Fund	9.5	2,005	8.9%	8.5%	13.6%	Above Average	0.93%
2 Van Kampen Growth and Income	8.6	6,883	-2.5%	3.4%	4.4%	Below Average	0.88%
3 California Investment Equity Income	8.6	22	-2.7%	3.1%	3.1%	Below Average	0.97%
4 Amana Trust Income	8.4	1,134	2.2%	7.7%	6.1%	Low	1.32%
5 Valley Forge	8.4	11	3.2%	5.2%	6.0%	Low	1.37%
6 Forester Value	8.4	101	4.5%	4.2%	5.6%	Low	1.35%
7 SunAmerica Focused Dividend Strategy	8.3	225	2.1%	5.3%	6.5%	Above Average	0.94%
8 Prudential Jennison Equity Income	8.0	222	-0.7%	4.8%	3.5%	Above Average	2.15%
9 Auxier Focus	7.9	108	1.1%	4.4%	6.2%	Low	1.35%
10 Homestead Value	7.9	524	-5.0%	2.9%	5.6%	Average	0.80%

MID-CAP BLEND

Fund Name	U.S. News Score	Total Net Assets (\$ mil.)	3-year return	5-year return	10-year return	Morningstar Risk Rating	Expense Ratio
1 The Westport Fund	8.7	293	2.3%	6.6%	6.8%	Below Average	1.31%
2 Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	8.6	30,336	-1.1%	5.1%	11.4%	Below Average	0.98%
3 Aston/Optimum Mid Cap	8.6	1,573	3.9%	7.6%	10.2%	High	1.20%
4 FMI Common Stock	8.5	941	2.5%	7.8%	10.4%	Below Average	1.26%
5 Westport Select Cap	8.0	866	-0.1%	5.2%	6.2%	Below Average	1.31%
6 Ariel Appreciation	7.9	1,566	0.0%	3.7%	8.3%	Average	1.25%
7 AIM Mid-Cap Core Equity	7.7	2,575	1.4%	5.3%	5.8%	Low	1.24%
8 Dreyfus Mid-Cap Value	7.6	1,314	1.6%	6.4%	8.0%	High	1.22%
9 California Investment S&P Mid-Cap Index	7.6	127	-1.5%	4.5%	5.7%	Average	0.58%
10 Dreyfus Mid-Cap Index	7.6	2,101	-1.2%	4.8%	5.6%	Average	0.50%

Trailing return, total net assets, expense ratio, and Morningstar Risk Rating data are as of the end of the first quarter. Returns are annualized. *U.S. News Score* is as of April 8. Mutual funds data and categories provided by Morningstar.

Methodology

The *U.S. News* Mutual Fund Score is produced using an equal weighting of the overall ratings provided by their data sources. Individual fund rating systems are normalized to a 100-point scale based on point totals assigned to individual scoring systems. For Morningstar's and S&P's five-star ranking and Zacks five-point scale, each star or point awarded would receive 20 points. In TheStreet.com's A-to-E scale, a highly rated "A" fund would receive 100 points, while a low-rated "E" would receive 20 points. The five Lipper Leader categories are each worth a total of 20 points, giving 4 points to each 1-to-5 point scale assigned to each section of the Lipper rankings. The *U.S. News* score is calculated by dividing total points awarded according to the above system by the number data sources (5). Points are then normalized to a 1-to-10 scale, which constitutes the *U.S. News* score. The combined *U.S. News* Mutual Fund Score rates funds on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. **Notes:** Funds must be ranked by all five data sources to receive a *U.S. News* Mutual Fund Score. Lipper rankings are comprised of five unique measures (Total Return, Consistent Return, Preservation, Expense, and Tax Efficiency), each with a 1-to-5 score. While the *U.S. News* Mutual Fund Score combines all five equally weighted category scores to achieve its weighting in our score, Lipper intends its measures to be used as individual assessments of a fund's ability to meet specific goals, rather than as a cumulative measure of fund quality. The *U.S. News* Mutual Fund Score groups funds by their Morningstar fund category. However, some systems use different categorizations when ranking funds.

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