

# NORTHERN FUNDS

## LARGE CAP CORE FUND

EQUITY

MUTUAL FUND

AS OF 1Q21

### Investment Objective

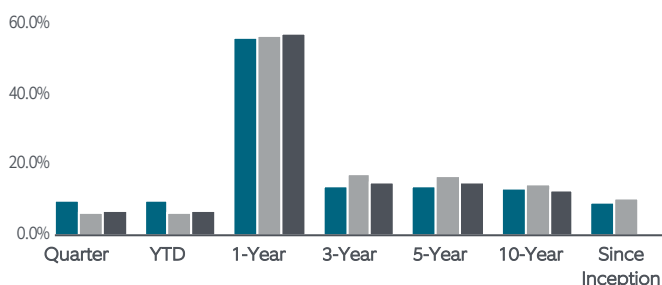
The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital. Any income received is incidental to this objective.

### Investment Approach

The Fund seeks to efficiently deliver excess returns by investing in a diverse portfolio of large capitalization, U.S. companies. The Fund employs a multi-factor investment process using value, quality and momentum to select securities and construct a portfolio with the potential to provide excess return to its benchmark.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % — AS OF 3/31/21

- Northern Funds Large Cap Core Fund
- S&P 500 Index<sup>1</sup>
- Morningstar Category Avg Large Blend



#### Average Annual Returns

	9.56	9.56	55.62	13.34	13.79	12.77	8.83
■ Fund	9.56	9.56	55.62	13.34	13.79	12.77	8.83
■ Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	6.17	6.17	56.35	16.78	16.29	13.91	10.01
■ Morningstar	6.74	6.74	56.80	14.87	14.80	12.40	—

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.

Northern Trust Investments, Inc. has contractually agreed to reimburse a portion of the operating expenses of the Fund (other than certain excepted expenses, i.e., acquired fund fees and expenses; the compensation paid to each Independent Trustee of the Trust, expenses of third party consultants engaged by the Board of Trustees, membership dues paid to the Investment Company Institute and Mutual Fund Directors Forum, expenses in connection with the negotiation and renewal of the revolving credit facility, and extraordinary expense and interest) to the extent the "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" exceed 0.45%. This contractual limitation may not be terminated before July 31, 2021 without the approval of the Board of Trustees. The "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Expense Reimbursement" may be higher than the contractual limitation as a result of the excepted expenses that are not reimbursed. In the absence of contractual expense reimbursements, 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.

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

### FUND OVERVIEW

	Fund
Benchmark/Index	S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>
Morningstar Category	Large Blend
Inception Date	12/16/05
Total Net Assets	\$270.7 Million
Symbol/CUSIP	NOLCX
Dividend Schedule	Quarterly
Expense Ratio - Gross (%)	0.56
Expense Ratio - Net (%)	0.46

The Gross and Net Expense Ratios are as of the most recent prospectus. The Net Expense Ratio includes contractual expense reimbursements that, if not extended, will end on July 31, 2021.

### FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Number of Holdings	170	505
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	468,545.9	465,020.3
Return on Equity (%)	28.3	22.6
Trailing 12-month Price-to-Earnings Ratio	23.5	29.0
Price-to-Book Ratio	3.9	4.3
Annual Portfolio Turnover as of 3/31/20 (%)	37.9	

### PERFORMANCE AND RISK CHARACTERISTICS (3 YR)

	Fund
Beta	1.01
Information Ratio	-1.47
Upside Capture Ratio	91.12
Downside Capture Ratio	104.35

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

NOT FDIC INSURED

MAY LOSE VALUE

NO BANK GUARANTEE

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## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS %

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Large Cap Core Fund	11.89	25.64	-5.89	20.31	11.23	-1.50	13.84	36.27	14.51	4.13
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39	16.00	2.11
Morningstar Large Blend	15.83	28.78	-6.27	20.44	10.37	-1.07	10.96	31.50	14.96	-1.27

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## TOP HOLDINGS %

	Fund
Apple Inc.	6.4
Microsoft Corporation	5.9
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.6
Facebook, Inc. Class A	2.1
Johnson & Johnson	1.8
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	1.7
Bank of America Corp	1.6
Intel Corporation	1.4
Cisco Systems, Inc.	1.3

## SECTOR

ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Information Technology	27.1	26.7
Health Care	13.1	13.0
Financials	11.9	11.3
Consumer Discretionary	10.8	12.4
Communication Services	10.7	10.9
Industrials	8.9	8.9
Consumer Staples	6.2	6.1
Real Estate	2.9	2.5
Materials	2.8	2.7
Utilities	2.8	2.7
Energy	2.7	2.8

## ASSET ALLOCATION %

	Fund
Stocks	99.4
Cash	0.6

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Refer to Northern Trust's website for more information on the Portfolio Management Team managing this fund.

## DISCLOSURE AND RISKS

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

**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.

## DEFINITIONS

<sup>1</sup> S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged index consisting of 500 stocks and is a widely recognized common measure of the performance of the overall U.S. stock market. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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

**Down Market Capture:** A measure of a managers performance in down markets relative to the market.

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

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

**Return on Equity:** Amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity.

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

**Up Market Capture:** A measure of a managers performance in up markets relative to the market.

Please carefully read the prospectus and summary prospectus and consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Northern Funds before investing. Call 800-595-9111 to obtain a prospectus and summary prospectus, which contain this and other information about the funds.

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