

# ACTIVE M INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

MUTUAL FUND

AS OF 1Q24



Overall Morningstar Rating™ among 696 Foreign Large Blend funds derived from a weighted average of the fund's 3- 5- and 10-year risk-adjusted returns as of 3/31/24.<sup>1</sup>

### Investment Objective

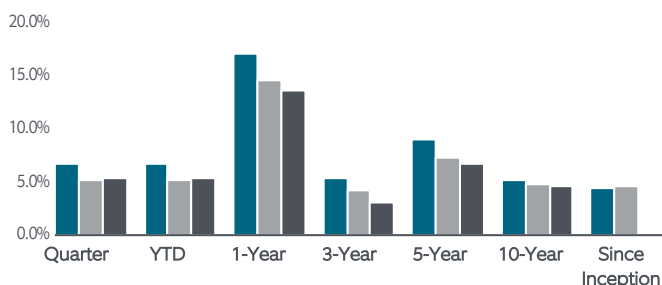
The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio of primarily non-U.S. equity securities. Any income received is incidental to this objective.

### Investment Approach

The Fund blends managers from a broad universe into a single fund to provide an attractive combination of risk/return seeking to deliver alpha and broad diversification, while maintaining factor neutral biases (such as size, value and momentum) across the international equity market.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % — AS OF 3/31/24

- Northern Funds Active M International Equity Fund
- MSCI World ex USA IM Index<sup>2</sup>
- Morningstar Category Avg Foreign Large Blend



#### Average Annual Returns

	6.71	6.71	17.01	5.20	8.92	5.15	4.25
■ Fund	6.71	6.71	17.01	5.20	8.92	5.15	4.25
■ Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	5.18	5.18	14.56	4.06	7.18	4.76	4.59
■ Morningstar	5.24	5.24	13.54	2.92	6.56	4.53	—

**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.**

In the absence of applicable expense reimbursements and fee waivers, fund performance and returns since inception and dividends would have been reduced. Total return is based on net change in NAV assuming reinvestment of distributions.

Please see following pages for calendar year returns, index definitions and investment terms.

### FUND OVERVIEW

Benchmark/Index	Fund MSCI World ex USA IM Index <sup>2</sup>
Morningstar Category	Foreign Large Blend
Inception Date	6/22/06
Total Net Assets	\$486.0 Million
Symbol/CUSIP	NMIEX
Dividend Schedule	Annually
Redemption Fee	2% on shares sold or exchanged within 30 days of purchase
Expense Ratio - Gross (%)	0.94
Expense Ratio - Net (%)	0.85

The Gross and Net Expense Ratios are as of the most recent prospectus. The Net Expense Ratio includes contractual expense reimbursements by the advisor through at least July 31, 2024. Please read the current prospectus for more complete information on fees and expenses.

### FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Number of Holdings	465	3,224
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	77,394.2	83,327.5
Return on Equity (%)	14.6	14.4
Trailing 12-month Price-to-Earnings Ratio	16.4	16.4
Price-to-Book Ratio	1.9	1.9
Annual Portfolio Turnover as of 3/31/23 (%)	51.7	

### PERFORMANCE AND RISK CHARACTERISTICS (3 YR)

	Fund
Beta	1.04
Information Ratio	0.30
Upside Capture Ratio	110.34
Downside Capture Ratio	102.32

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

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## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS %

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Active M International Equity Fund	20.72	-17.14	14.43	11.69	22.93	-13.74	29.05	-1.16	-5.15	-5.81
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	17.18	-15.26	12.40	8.32	22.91	-14.68	25.17	2.95	-1.95	-4.45
Morningstar Foreign Large Blend	16.25	-15.84	9.72	9.30	21.59	-14.59	25.12	0.79	-1.59	-4.98

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## TOP HOLDINGS %

	Fund
ICON Plc	2.7
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	2.1
Aon Plc Class A	1.6
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	1.6
Ferrari NV	1.5
ASML Holding NV	1.4
Evolution AB	1.3
SAP SE	1.3
Rolls-Royce Holdings plc	1.3
AstraZeneca PLC	1.2

## SECTOR

ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Financials	18.8	19.8
Industrials	18.2	17.3
Information Technology	13.9	9.4
Health Care	13.3	10.6
Consumer Discretionary	13.2	11.6
Consumer Staples	6.0	7.9
Materials	5.0	8.0
Energy	4.9	5.5
Communication Services	3.0	3.7
Real Estate	1.9	3.2
Utilities	1.8	3.0

TOP REGIONS/  
COUNTRIES %

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
United Kingdom	19.8	13.1
United States	12.4	0.0
Japan	12.1	22.5
France	10.9	9.8
Germany	6.9	7.3
Netherlands	6.3	4.1
Canada	5.5	10.4
Italy	4.3	2.6
Switzerland	4.3	7.8
South Korea	2.9	0.0

## ASSET ALLOCATION %

	Fund
Stocks	96.6
Cash	3.4

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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

## SUB-ADVISER ALLOCATION

Sub-Adviser	Target Allocation*	Role in Portfolio
WCM Investment Management, LLC	30%	A concentrated large-cap growth manager focusing on companies that possess a durable and growing competitive advantage.
Wellington Management Company LLP	25%	A large/mid-cap, contrarian value approach with a focus on companies trading at significant discount to current market price and strong balance sheets.
Causeway Capital Management, LLC	21%	A fundamental, bottom-up value manager. The portfolio is relatively concentrated with a preference toward yield and risk-adjusted rates of return.
Victory Capital Management Inc/Trivalent Investments	14%	A diversified, small-cap specialist manager with positive exposure to momentum and value.
Polen Capital Management LLC	10%	A concentrated large-cap growth manager that invests in companies with consistent earnings growth and strong balance sheets that offer a "margin of safety".

\*Actual allocations may vary.



NORTHERN FUNDS

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## DISCLOSURE AND RISKS

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

**<sup>1</sup> Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Ratings reflect fee waivers in effect; in their absence, ratings may have been lower.**

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or “star rating,” is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk - Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating /30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Active M International Equity Fund received 4 stars for the 3-year rating among 696 Foreign Large Blend funds, 4 stars for the 5-year rating among 646 funds and 4 stars for the 10-year rating among 425 funds.

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**Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging market investing is subject to additional economic, political, liquidity and currency risks not associated with more developed countries.

**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.

**Foreign Securities Risk:** The risk that investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities may result in the Fund experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies, due to less liquid markets, and adverse economic, political, diplomatic, financial, and regulatory factors. Foreign governments may impose limitations on foreigners’ ownership of interests in local issuers, restrictions on the ability to repatriate assets, and may also impose taxes. Any of these events could cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline.

**Geographic Risk:** The risk that if the Fund invests a significant portion of its total assets in certain issuers within the same country or geographic region, an adverse economic, business or political development affecting that country or region may affect the value of the Fund’s investments more, and the Fund’s investments may be more volatile, than if its investments were not so concentrated in such country or region.

**International Risk:** International investing involves increased risk and volatility.

**Multi-Manager Risk:** The risk that the sub-advisers’ investment styles will not always be complementary or that the investment adviser’s allocation of assets amongst sub-advisers will not achieve the intended result, which could negatively impact the performance of the Fund.

## DEFINITIONS

<sup>2</sup> MSCI World ex-USA IM Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. It captures large, mid and small cap representation across 22 developed markets, excluding the United States, and covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. The index is calculated net of foreign tax withholdings. 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 manager’s 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 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.

**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 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.

**Up Market Capture:** A measure of a manager’s 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 carefully 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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