

EARNEST Partners Fixed Income Trust Ranked in the Top 5% of U.S. News & World Report's Universe of Intermediate-Term Bond Funds

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EARNEST Partners' Fixed Income Trust (EPFTX) ranks in the top 5% of Intermediate Term Bond Funds, according to U.S. News & World Report. In a report dated February 24, 2010, U.S. News included the EARNEST Partners Fixed Income Trust Fund as part of its "Best Mutual Funds for 2010" study. The ranking is based on analysis of 328 intermediate-term bond mutual funds and is available on the U.S. News & World Report website.

EARNEST Partners CEO Paul Viera remarked that "long experience and a disciplined, consistent process generated outperformance relative to the primary benchmark in the volatile and challenging three year period ended February 28, 2010. We understand that our role as a fixed income manager is to seek to protect client capital and to provide liquidity, whatever the market conditions may be."

The U.S. News ranking is based on data from Morningstar, Lipper, Zacks, TheStreet.com and Standard & Poor's and considers factors ranging from absolute performance to capital preservation/risk adjusted return and quality.¹

About EARNEST Partners

EARNEST Partners is an independent, employee-owned asset management firm currently advising on over \$15 billion in assets for clients around the world. EARNEST Partners manages portfolios for more than 300 clients including corporations, government pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, jointly-trusted plans, endowments and foundations. The firm also manages the EARNEST Partners Fixed Income Trust (EPFTX) and is the sole subadvisor of the Hancock Horizon Diversified International Fund, the Touchstone Large Cap Relative Value Fund and the Harbor Small Cap Value Fund. EARNEST Partners is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with an office in Beijing, China.

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¹ The U.S. News Mutual Fund Score is produced using an equal weighting of the overall ratings provided by Morningstar, Lipper, Zacks, TheStreet.com, and Standard & Poor's. 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). Funds must be ranked by all five data sources to receive a U.S. News Mutual Fund Score. 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. The U.S. News Mutual Fund Score groups funds by their Morningstar fund category.

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