

EARNEST Partners Fixed Income Trust Ranked in 10 Best Intermediate-Term Bond Funds for the Long Term by U.S. News & World Report

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EARNEST Partners' Fixed Income Trust (EPFTX) ranks in the Top 10 Intermediate-Term Bond Funds for the Long Term, according to U.S. News & World Report. In an article dated February 10, 2011, U.S. News cited the fund's above-average yield and long-term performance as drivers behind the ranking. The full list and related article are available on the U.S. News & World Report website.

EARNEST Partners CEO Paul Viera commented that "an experienced team and a disciplined, effective process have been the keys to the Fund's performance over time. We seek to build excess yield into an investment-grade portfolio that can provide the possibility of consistently outperforming the benchmark and preserving client capital."

U.S. News mutual fund rankings are based on data from Morningstar, Lipper, Zacks, TheStreet.com and Standard & Poor's and consider factors ranging from absolute performance to capital preservation/risk adjusted return and quality.¹

About EARNEST Partners

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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.

Limitations associated with the compilation of the list may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: (1) since a fund must be ranked by all five data sources, there is a limited universe; (2) some systems use categorizations other than Morningstar when ranking funds; and (3) 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 its 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.

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