

NEI U.S. Equity RS Fund

Designed with downside protection to deliver long-term value

NEI

Investment objective

This fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in quality U.S. stocks that provide stability, and downside protection while capturing most of the upside in rising markets. The Fund leverages the principles of responsible investing as a value-add and risk management tool and includes exclusionary screens, NEI's active ownership program and ESG factors in the investment decision making process.

The portfolio sub-advisor

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Key reasons to invest

High conviction

Portfolio of 50-90 stocks that demonstrate consistent performance patterns and sustainable earnings.

Actively managed

Quality mid and large cap portfolio that integrates Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in the investment and decision-making process.

Smoother ride

Designed to capture 90% of the upside and only 70% of the downside.

Stock selection based on

Quality

- Earnings quality can be a better predictor of future earnings power
- Capital discipline can lead to better stock returns

Stability

- Stability provides downside protection
- Stocks with stability have demonstrated a proven history of lower volatility

Price

- Attractive prices drive value
- Dividends reflect management's confidence in the sustainability of its earnings power

Fund facts

Fund category	US Equity
Management style	Core
Distribution policy ¹	Annual/variable
Inception date	Fund series F: 2006-07-25 Fund series PF: 2018-12-03
Minimum investment	\$500
Minimum subsequent investment	\$25
MER ²	Fund series F: 1.11% Fund series PF: 0.94%

Fund codes and fees

Prefix: NWT

Series	FE	NL
A	063	-
F	-	963
P	8063	-
PF	-	8963

*Asset under management in Canadian dollars as of June 30, 2022. ¹Distribution policy reviewed annually. ²MER audited as of September 30, 2022.

Risk rating



Performance

Trailing Return %	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	Inception Date
Fund Series A	0.1	7.3	7.0	16.9	10.1	11.6	10.4	7.5	1968-09-30
Fund Series F	0.2	7.6	7.6	18.3	11.5	12.9	11.6	9.0	2006-07-25
Fund Series P	0.1	7.4	7.1	17.2	10.4	11.8		10.5	2018-12-03
Fund Series PF	0.2	7.7	7.7	18.5	11.6	13.1		11.8	2018-12-03

Performance as of December 31, 2023

Series F and PF



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