

# NORTHERN FUNDS

## SMALL CAP INDEX FUND

EQUITY

MUTUAL FUND

AS OF 3Q24

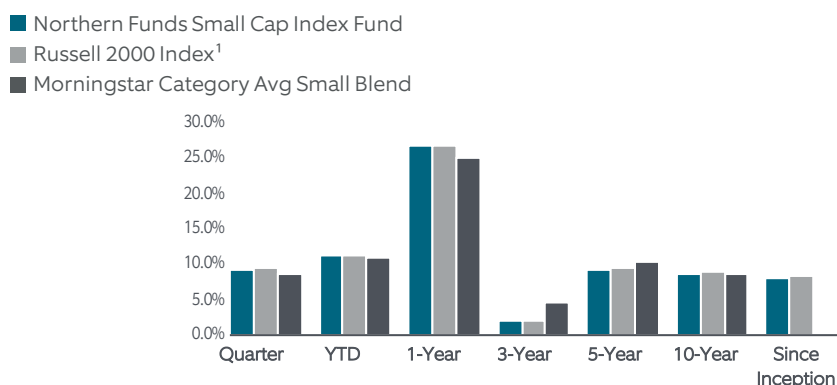
### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide investment results approximating the aggregate price and dividend performance of the securities included in the Russell 2000® Index (the Index).

### Investment Approach

The Fund will invest substantially all (and at least 80%) of its net assets in the equity securities included in the Russell 2000® Index, in weightings that approximate the relative composition of securities contained in the Russell 2000® Index.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % — AS OF 9/30/24



#### Average Annual Returns

	9.22	11.10	26.64	1.76	9.21	8.63	7.83
■ Fund	9.22	11.10	26.64	1.76	9.21	8.63	7.83
■ Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	9.27	11.17	26.76	1.84	9.39	8.78	8.16
■ Morningstar	8.45	10.91	25.03	4.42	10.20	8.63	—

**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 Russell 2000 Index <sup>1</sup>
Morningstar Category	Small Blend
Inception Date	9/3/99
Total Net Assets	\$1.3 Billion
Symbol/CUSIP	NSIDX
Dividend Schedule	Annually
Expense Ratio - Gross (%)	0.16
Expense Ratio - Net (%)	0.10

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, 2025. Please read the current prospectus for more complete information on fees and expenses.

### FUND

#### CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Number of Holdings	1,976	1,977
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	3,490.4	3,491.7
Return on Equity (%)	4.1	4.1
Trailing 12-month Price-to-Earnings Ratio	18.3	18.3
Price-to-Book Ratio	2.1	2.1
Annual Portfolio Turnover as of 3/31/24 (%)	11.9	

### PERFORMANCE AND

#### RISK CHARACTERISTICS (3 YR)

	Fund
Beta	1.00
Information Ratio	-0.80
Upside Capture Ratio	99.93
Downside Capture Ratio	100.14

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

NOT FDIC INSURED

MAY LOSE VALUE

NO BANK GUARANTEE

## SMALL CAP INDEX FUND

## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS %

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Small Cap Index Fund	16.83	-20.51	14.67	19.54	25.22	-11.14	14.59	21.17	-4.56	4.69
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.65	21.31	-4.41	4.89
Morningstar Small Blend	16.18	-16.24	24.19	10.99	23.75	-12.72	12.28	20.78	-5.38	3.79

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## TOP HOLDINGS %

	Fund
Vaxcyte, Inc.	0.5
FTAI Aviation Ltd.	0.5
Insmed Incorporated	0.4
Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	0.4
Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.	0.3
Fabrinet	0.3
Mueller Industries, Inc.	0.3
Fluor Corporation	0.3
Ensign Group, Inc.	0.3
UFP Industries, Inc.	0.3

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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

## DISCLOSURE

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

<sup>1</sup> Russell 2000® Index is an unmanaged index which measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies, based on market capitalization. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

## SECTOR

ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Financials	18.1	18.1
Health Care	17.5	17.5
Industrials	17.1	17.0
Information Technology	12.8	12.8
Consumer Discretionary	10.0	10.0
Real Estate	6.4	6.4
Energy	5.3	5.3
Materials	4.5	4.5
Utilities	2.8	2.8
Consumer Staples	2.8	2.8
Communication Services	2.7	2.7

## ASSET ALLOCATION %

	Fund
Stocks	98.1
Cash	1.9



## DEFINITIONS AND RISKS

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

**Characteristics:** Benchmark and Fund analytics have been calculated using a third party vended model. All material has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but the accuracy, completeness and interpretation cannot be guaranteed. Information contained herein is current as of the date appearing in this material only and is subject to change without notice. Certain benchmark calculations may not match the published benchmark characteristics.

**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.

**Derivatives Risk:** The risk that derivatives may pose risks in addition to and greater than those associated with investing directly in securities, currencies and other instruments, may be illiquid or less liquid, more volatile, more difficult to value and leveraged so that small changes in the value of the underlying instrument may produce disproportionate losses to the Fund. Derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party to the transaction will not perform its contractual obligations. The use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with investments in more traditional securities and instruments.

**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.

**Index Fund Risk:** The risk that that the Fund would not necessarily buy or sell a security unless that security is added or removed, respectively, from the Index, even if that security generally is underperforming, because unlike many investment companies, the Fund does not utilize an investing strategy that seeks returns in excess of the Index. Additionally, the Fund rebalances its portfolio in accordance with the Index, and, therefore, any changes to the Index's rebalance schedule will result in corresponding changes to the Fund's rebalance schedule.

**Non-Diversification Risk:** The risk that because the Fund is non-diversified and may invest a larger percentage of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than a diversified fund, the Fund's performance will be more vulnerable to changes in the market value of a single issuer or group of issuers, and more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence.

**Sector Risk:** The risk that companies in similar businesses may be similarly affected by particular economic or market events, which may, in certain circumstances, cause the value of securities of all companies in a particular sector of the market to decrease.

**Small-Cap Risk:** The risk that stocks of smaller companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. Small companies may have limited product lines or financial resources, or may be dependent upon a small or inexperienced management group, and their securities may trade less frequently and in lower volume than the securities of larger companies, which could lead to higher transaction costs.

**Tracking Risk:** The risk that the Fund's performance may vary from the performance of the index it tracks as a result of share purchases and redemptions, transaction costs, expenses and other factors. Market disruptions, regulatory restrictions or other abnormal market conditions could have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to adjust its exposure to required levels in order to track its Index or cause delays in the Index's rebalancing schedule. During any such delay, it is possible that the Index, and, in turn, the Fund will deviate from the Index's stated methodology and therefore experience returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal rebalancing schedule.

**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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