NEI U.S. Equity RS Fund

Designed with downside protection to deliver long-term value



Investment objective

This <u>fund</u> 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.

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.

Risk rating



The portfolio sub-advisor

AllianceBernstein (AB) is a leading global investment management and research firm with \$792 billion of assets under management.* With 47 locations in 21 countries, their global teams collaborate across asset classes and investment strategies to help spark new thinking and deliver effective solutions. AB is a signatory of the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment.

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: 1.10% Fund series PF: 0.94%	

Fund codes

Prefix: NWT

Series	FE	NL
Α	063	-
F	-	963
P	8063	-
PF	_	8963

