



PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT FORUM MEMBER MUTUAL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

A review of 160 socially responsible mutual funds from 22 members of the Social Investment Forum (SIF) finds that the vast majority of the funds -- 65 percent -- outperformed their benchmarks in calendar year 2009, most by significant margins.

These SRI funds topped benchmarks across nearly all asset classes, including balanced, large cap, small cap and global funds, as well as bonds. The performance data that was analyzed by the Social Investment Forum covered all of 2009 and was provided by an independent third party, Thomson Reuters.

Particular standouts on SRI mutual fund performance were the 73 large cap funds, the largest single category of SIF member funds, where nearly three out of four (72.6 percent) outperformed the S&P 500. On average, large cap SRI funds bested the S&P 500 by more than 6 percentage points. A majority of the large cap funds offered by SIF members also outperformed the S&P 500 over three years and over 10 years. (See Table 1, next page.)

The 22 fund families represented in the SIF analysis are: Access Capital Strategies; AHA; Appleaseed; Ariel; Azzad; Calvert; Community Capital Management; Domini; Gabelli; Green Century; Integrity; Legg Mason; Meeder Asset Management; MMA Praxis; Neuberger Berman; New Alternatives; Parnassus; Pax World; Portfolio 21; Sentinel; Walden; and Winslow.

Information about SIF member mutual funds can be found online on SIF's Mutual Fund Performance Chart at <http://www.socialinvest.org/resources/mfpc/>. The chart allows interested investors to learn more about SRI mutual funds based on asset class, performance record, approaches to environmental, social and governance (ESG or sustainability) issues, proxy voting guidelines, and other investment criteria.

For example, the Chart showed that as of December 31, 2009, more than 50 percent of SIF member mutual funds were considering companies' executive pay practices when developing their portfolios, and more than two-thirds were looking for companies with good records on climate change issues and community development. Virtually all exclude tobacco companies altogether from their portfolios or restrict their involvement in such firms. (See Table 2, on page 3.)

For a detailed breakdown of issues weighed by SIF member mutual funds, go to <https://www.socialinvest.org/resources/mfpc/screening.cfm>.



Table 1				
SIF Member Mutual Fund Performance by Benchmark				
(Average Annual Returns)				
	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
U.S. Large Cap				
Benchmark: S&P 500	26.46%	(5.63)%	0.41%	(0.95)%
# SRI funds analyzed	73	56	41	32
SRI fund performance	32.67%	(4.92)%	(0.24)%	0.03%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	72.6%	50.0%	36.6%	62.5%
U.S. Mid Cap				
Benchmark: S&P 400 Mid Cap	37.38%	(1.83)%	3.27%	6.36%
# SRI funds analyzed	9	9	6	4
SRI fund performance	36.24%	(4.00)%	(0.15)%	0.77%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	25.0%
U.S. Small Cap				
Benchmark: Russell 2000	27.17%	(6.07)%	0.51%	3.51%
# SRI funds analyzed	16	10	6	5
SRI fund performance	32.37%	(7.65)%	(4.70)%	1.46%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	62.5%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%
U.S. Balanced				
Benchmark: Blend 60% S&P 500, 40% Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate	18.40%	(0.67)%	2.52%	2.25%
# SRI funds analyzed	9	7	7	7
SRI fund performance	20.54%	(2.70)%	0.78%	1.12%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	77.8%	14.3%	0.0%	28.6%
U.S. Fixed Income Bonds				
Benchmark: Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate	5.93%	6.04%	4.97%	6.33%
# SRI funds analyzed	15	14	13	10
SRI fund performance	8.04%	4.86%	4.13%	5.40%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	66.7%	14.3%	7.7%	0.0%
International Equity – EAFE				
Benchmark: MSCI – EAFE	32.46%	(5.57)%	4.02%	1.58%
# SRI funds analyzed	16	12	5	5
SRI fund performance	28.11%	(10.45)%	(1.16)%	(2.94)%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	31.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
International Equity – Global				
Benchmark: MSCI – World	30.79%	(5.09)%	2.57%	0.23%
# SRI funds analyzed	5	1	1	1
SRI fund performance	35.03%	(2.26)%	4.24%	3.33%
% SRI funds beating benchmark average	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent of SRI funds (all asset classes) beating benchmark	65.0%	32.7%	21.5%	37.5%
Sources: Benchmarks selected by and data from Thomson Reuters; Analysis by Social Investment Forum, Washington, DC.				
Note: Mutual fund performance data is presented net of expenses, but do not reflect deduction of any applicable sales charges. .				

Table 2
SIF Member Mutual Funds' Approaches to Issues

Issue Area	Excludes (x)	Restricts (r)	Positive screen (p)	Not active (-)
Climate and/or clean technologies	0.0%	5.0%	65.6%	29.4%
Pollution and toxics	0.0%	3.1%	65.0%	31.9%
Other environmental	2.5%	1.3%	88.8%	7.5%
Community development	0.0%	0.0%	72.5%	27.5%
Diversity and EEO	0.0%	1.9%	83.1%	15.0%
Human rights	0.0%	36.9%	49.4%	13.8%
Labor relations	0.0%	1.9%	80.6%	17.5%
Board issues	0.0%	0.0%	63.1%	36.9%
Executive pay	0.0%	1.3%	53.8%	45.0%
Alcohol	28.8%	55.0%	0.0%	16.3%
Animal testing	3.8%	71.9%	0.6%	23.8%
Defense and weapons	26.3%	65.0%	0.0%	8.8%
Gambling	28.8%	50.6%	0.0%	20.6%
Tobacco	37.5%	58.1%	0.0%	4.4%

(x) Screens out companies involved in this issue.
 (r) Restricts investments in worst performers on this issue.
 (p) Selects best performers on this issue.
 (-) Is not active on this issue.

Source: Social Investment Forum, Washington, DC