

Monthly Socially Responsible Investment Fund Ranking Report

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		Average Monthly Return	Monthly Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha	Beta			MSCI EAFE	DEX Universe Bond						
Name	Rating						TSX	S&P 500			3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	MER	
Fixed Income Funds																
1	PH&N Community Values Bond	D	0.35%	1.02%	0.27	-0.01%	0.94	-0.0963	0.2024	0.2245	0.9944	-0.2%	4.7%	3.6%	4.3%	0.60
2	NEI Income Fund	F	0.22%	0.87%	0.17	-0.07%	0.77	-0.1009	0.1850	0.2089	0.9605	-1.0%	1.6%	1.5%	2.7%	1.63
3	NEI Canadian Bond Fund Series A	F	0.25%	1.05%	0.16	-0.12%	0.96	-0.1456	0.1603	0.1808	0.9956	-0.4%	3.1%	1.9%	2.9%	1.62
4	Meritas Canadian Bond Fund	F	0.19%	0.98%	0.12	-0.15%	0.89	-0.1786	0.1320	0.1420	0.9909	-0.4%	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%	1.93
Benchmark (DEX Universe Bond Index)			0.38%	1.07%	0.29			-0.1612	0.1444	0.1587	1.0000	-0.1%	4.9%	3.7%	4.6%	
Category Average			0.25%	0.98%	0.18			-0.1303	0.1699	0.1890	0.9853	-0.5%	3.0%	2.1%	3.0%	1.45

Balanced Funds

1 PH&N Community Values Balanced	A	0.68%	1.70%	0.36	0.27%	0.86	0.8010	0.7952	0.8702	0.1807	-2.4%	6.0%	11.6%	8.3%	1.03
2 Meritas Balanced Portfolio	A	0.46%	1.17%	0.33	0.20%	0.56	0.7297	0.8296	0.8349	0.2985	-1.0%	3.9%	7.3%	5.6%	2.55
3 Meritas Growth & Income Portfolio	A	0.56%	1.46%	0.33	0.22%	0.71	0.7737	0.8264	0.8453	0.1577	-1.0%	5.2%	9.3%	6.7%	2.57
4 Ethical Select Canadian Balanced Port.	A	0.55%	1.45%	0.32	0.22%	0.68	0.7253	0.8318	0.8838	0.2502	-2.0%	3.9%	8.6%	6.6%	2.44
5 Meritas Growth Portfolio	A	0.61%	1.71%	0.31	0.24%	0.78	0.7555	0.8517	0.8488	0.0527	-1.0%	6.2%	11.7%		2.58
6 Ethical Select Canadian Growth Portfolio Class A	A	0.64%	1.82%	0.31	0.29%	0.70	0.7885	0.8241	0.8754	0.1013	-2.5%	3.8%	10.5%	7.8%	2.54
7 IA Clarington Inhance Growth SRI Pt.	A	0.59%	1.70%	0.30	0.25%	0.68	0.8188	0.7849	0.8292	0.1373	-3.8%	2.0%	9.6%	7.2%	2.50
8 IA Clarington Inhance Monthly Inc SRI Pt.	A	0.52%	1.47%	0.30	0.23%	0.58	0.8187	0.5778	0.6116	0.0543	-4.6%	-4.9%	6.7%	6.3%	2.30
9 IA Clarington Inhance Balanced SRI Pt.	B	0.52%	1.39%	0.32	0.19%	0.70	0.7737	0.7791	0.8223	0.2744	-3.3%	1.8%	8.0%	6.3%	2.44
10 IA Clarington Inhance Conservative SRI Pt.	C	0.42%	1.07%	0.32	0.01%	0.97	0.6419	0.7207	0.7615	0.5277	-2.6%	1.6%	5.9%	5.1%	2.40
11 Meritas Income & Growth Portfolio	C	0.35%	0.89%	0.31	0.02%	0.79	0.5943	0.7675	0.7720	0.5323	-0.8%	3.5%	5.6%		2.21
12 Ethical Select Conservative Portfolio Class A	C	0.41%	1.10%	0.30	0.01%	0.96	0.6113	0.7766	0.8067	0.5152	-1.5%	3.8%	6.0%	5.0%	2.15
13 NEI Ethical Balanced Fund Series A	D	0.19%	1.57%	0.07	-0.16%	0.75	0.7754	0.6957	0.6199	0.0961	-2.5%	-1.5%	2.9%	2.2%	2.32
14 RBC Jantzi Balanced	F	0.52%	1.82%	0.24	-0.22%	0.68	0.6248	0.7060	0.7591	0.1386	-3.2%	-3.1%	7.7%	6.2%	2.15
Benchmark (40% DEX / 60% TSX)		0.59%	1.63%	0.32			0.9678	0.5092	0.5852	0.0356	0.0%	0.7%	8.0%	6.5%	
Category Average		0.50%	1.45%	0.30			0.7309	0.7691	0.7958	0.2369	-2.3%	2.3%	8.0%	6.1%	2.30

Canadian Equity

1 NEI Ethical Canadian Equity Fund Series A	A	0.68%	2.31%	0.26	0.32%	0.68	0.8310	0.5465	0.5625	-0.2125	-4.3%	-6.4%	10.6%	8.1%	2.59
2 Meritas Monthly Dividend and Income	A	0.62%	2.28%	0.24	0.30%	0.60	0.7525	0.4496	0.3798	-0.1512	-4.0%	-7.6%	10.4%	7.4%	2.58
3 PH&N Community Values Cdn Equity	B	0.68%	2.90%	0.21	0.15%	0.99	0.9635	0.4995	0.6087	-0.2523	-6.9%	-6.6%	11.7%	7.9%	1.20
4 IA Clarington Inhance Canadian Equity SRI Pt.	C	0.56%	2.74%	0.18	0.08%	0.92	0.9478	0.5346	0.6391	-0.2119	-5.4%	-7.3%	9.8%	6.5%	2.51
5 RBC Jantzi Canadian Equity	D	0.48%	2.65%	0.15	-0.01%	0.92	0.9864	0.4294	0.5426	-0.2106	-7.8%	-11.1%	7.7%	5.5%	2.09
6 Meritas Jantzi Social Index Fund	D	0.49%	2.74%	0.15	0.00%	0.92	0.9492	0.4924	0.6003	-0.2238	-4.5%	-7.1%	8.5%	5.6%	2.22
7 Desjardins Environment	D	0.48%	2.99%	0.13	-0.04%	0.98	0.9279	0.5596	0.6280	-0.1227	-2.8%	-4.2%	10.1%	5.3%	2.50

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Benchmark (S&P/TSX Composite)		0.53%	2.79%	0.16			1.0000	0.4558	0.5527	-0.1612	-7.0%	-8.7%	8.3%	6.1%	
Category Average		0.57%	2.66%	0.19			0.9083	0.5017	0.5659	-0.1979	-5.1%	-7.2%	9.8%	6.6%	2.24

Canadian Small / Mid Cap Equity

1	NEI Ethical Special Equity Fund Series A	A	1.00%	2.43%	0.38	0.74%	0.52	0.7102	0.4172	0.4712	-0.3583	-6.0%	-11.1%	13.0%	12.3%	2.81
2	AGF Global Sustainable Growth Equity Fund Series	A	0.75%	3.68%	0.18	0.39%	0.72	0.6652	0.7126	0.7407	-0.0658	-3.9%	1.8%	12.7%	8.5%	3.22
	Benchmark (S&P/TSX Composite)		0.53%	2.79%	0.16			1.0000	0.4558	0.5527	-0.1612	-7.0%	-8.7%	8.3%	6.1%	
	Category Average		0.88%	3.06%	0.28			0.6877	0.5649	0.6060	-0.2121	-4.9%	-4.6%	12.9%	10.4%	3.01

U.S. Equity

1	Meritas U.S. Equity Fund	F	1.27%	2.29%	0.52	-0.09%	0.84	0.3444	0.9619	0.6348	0.1232	1.0%	19.8%	20.7%	16.0%	2.63
2	NEI Ethical American Multi-Strategy Fund Series A	F	1.31%	2.76%	0.45	-0.24%	0.95	0.5730	0.9081	0.7191	0.0702	-2.0%	11.9%	21.9%	16.3%	2.54
	Benchmark (S&P 500 C\$)		1.63%	2.59%	0.60			0.4558	1.0000	0.7274	0.1444	-0.5%	21.6%	25.9%	20.9%	
	Category Average		1.29%	2.52%	0.48			0.4587	0.9350	0.6770	0.0967	-0.5%	15.9%	21.3%	16.2%	2.59

Global / International Equity

1	RBC Jantzi Global Equity	D	1.17%	2.78%	0.39	-0.11%	0.96	0.5700	0.9016	0.8685	0.0799	-3.4%	15.9%	20.9%	14.5%	2.24
2	PH&N Community Values Global Equity	F	1.17%	3.18%	0.34	-0.32%	1.12	0.5557	0.8828	0.9144	0.1754	-0.9%	20.4%	23.0%	14.3%	1.24
3	IA Clarington Inhance Global Equity SRI Pt.	F	1.05%	2.98%	0.33	-0.29%	1.01	0.6089	0.8639	0.8501	0.1083	-4.8%	13.9%	18.5%	12.7%	2.62
4	NEI Ethical Global Equity Fund Series A	F	0.90%	3.05%	0.27	-0.49%	1.04	0.6424	0.8480	0.8855	0.0555	-2.7%	7.8%	16.4%	10.7%	2.70
5	Ethical Global Dividend	F	0.91%	3.12%	0.27	-0.39%	0.98	0.5642	0.6581	0.9205	0.1282	-3.0%	8.4%	14.1%	10.9%	2.63
6	NEI Ethical International Equity Fund Series A	F	0.70%	3.48%	0.18	-0.27%	0.94	0.5818	0.7398	0.9314	0.1254	-0.8%	12.7%	15.4%	8.0%	2.69
	Benchmark (MSCI World Index C\$)		1.33%	2.71%	0.46			0.5757	0.9176	0.9369	0.1460	-1.4%	17.4%	23.0%	16.7%	
	Category Average		0.98%	3.10%	0.30			0.5872	0.8157	0.8951	0.1121	-2.6%	13.2%	18.0%	11.8%	2.35

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Methodology & Ratings Definitions

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Methodology:

Fund Ratings which are highlighted in Green indicate an upgraded rating from the previous month. Fund Ratings highlighted in Red indicate a downgraded rating from the previous month. Only funds with greater than 36 months of data are eligible to receive a rating.

The period under review is the most recent 60 month period, or the inception date of the fund, whichever is shorter.

To determine our rankings, fund returns are scored on six key risk reward metrics. The scores are totaled and a rating assigned based on the results.

Fund Score	Rating
More than 80%	A
65% to 80%	B
55% to 65%	C
40% to 55%	D
Below 40%	F

The metrics are:

Alpha – This is the excess return that a manager has been able to generate. The higher the Alpha, the higher the score.

Sharpe Ratio – This is a measure of risk adjusted performance. It measures how much return an investment has delivered for each unit of risk assumed. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the more return the investment has delivered for each unit of risk.

Standard Deviation – this is a measure of volatility or risk. It measures the fluctuation that an investment has exhibited. The higher the standard deviation, the more fluctuation the fund has shown, so the lower the score it receives in the ratings model

Information Ratio – is a measure of how consistently a manager has outperformed its benchmark. It is basically the Sharpe Ratio of the monthly excess returns. Like with the Sharpe Ratio, the higher the better.

Batting Average – this is another measure of how consistently the fund has outperformed. While the information ratio will factor in the level of outperformance, batting average is a measure of how frequently. It's like the win/loss percentage in baseball. A batting average of 500 means it has outperformed as often as it has underperformed. The model favours funds that win more than they lose. The higher the batting average, the better the score.

R-Squared – This is a statistical measure that shows how much of the return of an investment are the result of the benchmark. The higher the R-Square, the more the fund behaves like the benchmark. And as we know, if you want to beat the benchmark, you can't be the benchmark. The model favours those funds that have a lower R-Squared.

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Information used in this analysis is historic in nature. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

Monthly Standard Deviation is the most recent 60 month historical standard deviation of returns.

Sharpe Ratio is a measure of risk adjusted returns. The higher the ratio, the better the manager has been at delivering more return for less risk.

Alpha represents the excess return which the manager has been able to deliver over and above the applicable benchmark.

Beta represents the volatility of the fund relative to its applicable benchmark. A beta of one means that there is a level of volatility equal that of the benchmark. A beta in excess of one indicates that the volatility is greater than the benchmark, while a beta of less than one indicates that volatility is less than the benchmark.

Correlation measures the similarity in return patterns between the fund and a benchmark. The correlation will range between -1 and $+1$. A correlation close to $+1$ indicates that the fund and the index have very similar return patterns. A correlation close to -1 indicates that the returns are almost opposite, while a correlation close to zero indicates no relationship.

Historic returns are calculated using the monthly return data in our database. Slight variations in return results will be attributable to decimal rounding and number truncation. Past performance does not guarantee future performance.

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