



Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund Wins 2018 Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Award

Eighth Year Lipper Has Recognized Boston Partners' Fund Performance

BOSTON, March 1, 2018 — Boston Partners, a premier provider of value equity investment products, today announced that the Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund, Institutional, has been named a 2018 Thomson Reuters Lipper® Fund Award winner in the category of Alternative Long/Short Equity Funds for the 10-year period ending November 30, 2017.

The annual Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards honor funds and fund management firms in more than 20 countries that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The highest Lipper leader for consistent return value within each eligible classification determines the fund classification winner over three, five or 10 years. The Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund, Institutional ranked best among the 18 funds in the Lipper Alternative Long/Short Equity Funds category.

The Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation while reducing exposure to general equity market risk. The fund seeks a total return greater than that of the S&P 500 Index over a full market cycle. Managed by Senior Portfolio Manager Robert Jones, the fund employs the same three-circle approach used by all Boston Partners funds, a bottom-up fundamental analysis incorporating lenses through which stocks are assessed on valuation, fundamentals, and business momentum.

The Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund was previously honored by Lipper in 2014, 2015 and 2016, in the same category. From 2011 to 2013, the fund won in both the 3-Year and 5-Year classifications, and in 2010, in the 3-Year category. And in 2017, in the 10-year category.

The Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund closed to new investors in 2010. However, Boston Partners, which has been managing long/short portfolios since 1997, offers additional long/short strategies.

About Boston Partners

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characteristics and strong business fundamentals, where there is a catalyst for positive change. Boston Partners currently manages \$99.2 billion (as of December 31, 2017) in a range of investment products including Value Equity, Long/Short Equity, Global and International Equity, Global Long/Short, Small and Micro Cap Equity, and Volatility Harvesting. The firm, founded in 1995, has a longstanding reputation for superior client service. For more information, please visit www.boston-partners.com.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The value of a fund's investments will vary from day to day based on many factors. Stock values fluctuate in response to issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments. The value of small and mid-capitalization securities may be more volatile than those of larger issuers. Investments in foreign issuers may be more volatile than in the U.S. market. Since the fund has both a long and a short portfolio, an investment in the Fund will involve risks associated with twice the number of investment decisions made for a typical stock fund and short selling carries a risk on unlimited loss. These types of funds typically have a high portfolio turnover that could increase transaction costs and cause short-term capital gains to be realized.

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Boston Partners Investment Funds carefully before investing. Call (888) 261-4073 to obtain a prospectus with this and other information about the Funds. It should be read carefully before investing.

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