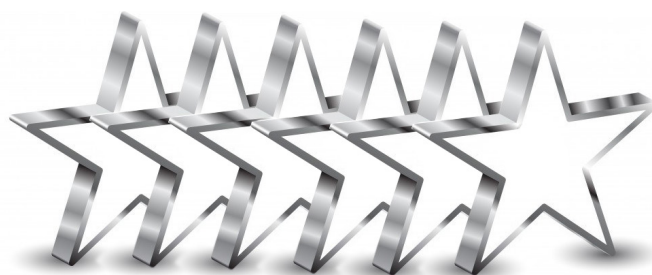


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The Zacks Mid Cap Core Strategy Earns 6-Stars



CHICAGO--(PR NEWSWIRE)—March 31, 2017 — The Zacks Mid Cap Core Strategy has received a 6-Star Ranking from PSN Top Guns in the Mid Cap Core Equity Universe. This award was given to the top ten performing firms in their peer group for the three-year period ending March 31, 2017.

“We are proud to be a part of this elite distinction in being awarded the 6 star ranking from PSN Top Guns,” said Mitch Zacks of Zacks Investment Management. The Zacks Mid Cap Core Strategy seeks to outperform the Russell Midcap Index. The Strategy selects positions for inclusion based on a multi-factor analysis. The Strategy invests in both growth and value stocks and is optimized for the best risk-adjusted return potential.

Zacks Investment Management’s core philosophy is based on the belief that each individual company’s stock price is driven by earnings expectations. By tracking analysts’ earnings estimate revisions, Zacks seeks to profit from future stock price movement, creating the potential for strong returns for their shareholders.

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PSN and Informa Investment Solutions have no affiliation with Zacks Investment Management, but rather evaluate investments managers' performance on an objective basis. Products must have an R-Squared of .80 or greater relative to the style benchmark for the latest five-year period ending march 31, 2017. Moreover, products must have returns greater than the style benchmark for the latest three-year period ending march 31, 2017. Products are then selected which have a standard deviation for the five-year period equal or less than the median standard deviation for the peer group. At this point, the top ten information ratios for the latest five-year period ending march 31,2017 then become 6 STAR TOP GUNS.



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