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## Three Madison Funds Achieve Five-Star Ratings by Morningstar

Madison Investors (MINVX), Madison Mid Cap (GTSGX) and Madison Dividend Income (BHBFX)

Madison, Wis. Madison Investments' U.S. Equity Team has received five-stars, Morningstar's highest rating, for three of the Madison Funds the team manages. This is a risk-adjusted metric that looks at performance over three, five and ten years. Just the top 10% of funds in any given category achieve this ranking.



Madison Investments Head of Equities, Rich Eisinger, spoke about the achievement. "We have always been long-term investors. We have often said that our results should be measured over a full market cycle, one which has experienced both up and down periods. We've certainly seen that variety over the past few months. Our careful, risk-conscious and fundamentals-driven approach to investing is the way we invest our own money. We've developed a terrific team to implement and monitor that strategy."

Ratings as of 5/31/2020	Ticker	Morningstar Rating Overall <sup>1</sup>	Morningstar Risk Rating Overall
Madison Investors Fund, Class Y	MINVX	****	Below Avg
Number of investments ranked		1,220	
Madison Mid Cap Fund, Class Y	GTSGX	****	Below Avg
Number of investments ranked		366	
Madison Dividend Income Fund, Class Y	BHBFX	****	Low
Number of investments ranked		1,097	

Funds are rated for three time periods—three-, five-, and 10 years—and these ratings are combined by Morningstar to produce an overall rating. See more information in the disclosure section at the end of this piece.<sup>1</sup>

Madison Investments was founded in 1974 and has had strong leadership since inception. Head of Equities, Rich Eisinger, took over stewardship of the Madison Mid Cap Equity strategy in 1998. Rich manages the strategy along with Haruki Toyama, Director of Research/Portfolio Manager, and Andy Romanowich, Portfolio Manager. The Madison Investors Fund is under the direction of Matt Hayner who has been with Madison since 2002. Rich Eisinger serves as co-portfolio manager on the Investors Fund. The Madison Dividend Income Fund is headed by John Brown and Drew Justman. John has managed Dividend Income strategies since 1983 and has been with Madison since 2009. Drew has been with Madison since 2005.



A key component of Madison's strategies is risk control. As Eisinger points out, "over the past ten years we've seen one of the longest bull markets in history. Fundamentals, including valuation, tend to get lost over these years. Our discipline keeps us focused on both the upside potential of quality companies and the risks that can escalate over time."

Steve Carl, Chief Distribution Officer, Principal, commented "In addition to being extremely proud of our excellent risk adjusted returns, we at Madison are also proud of our long history of offering Clean Shares<sup>2</sup> "no load, no 12b-1 shares" to a wide array of both retail and institutional clients."

## **About Madison Funds and Madison Investments**

Based in Wisconsin's capital city since its founding in 1974, the Madison Investments organization has grown from a local investment adviser to approximately \$17 billion (as of 5/31/2020) in assets under management that serves clients across all fifty states and Canada. We aim to provide clients a range of investment strategies across mutual funds, separately managed accounts and customized investment portfolios.

## **DISCLOSURES**

Returns and Ratings as of 5/31/2020		1-Yr	3-Yr		5-Yr		10-Yr	
Investment	Ticker	Cumulative Return (%)	Morningstar Rating	Annualized Return (%)	Morningstar Rating	Annualized Return (%)	Morningstar Rating	Annualized Return (%)
Madison Investors Fund Class Y	MINVX	7.93	****	10.60	****	10.74	****	12.31
S&P 500 Index		12.84		10.23		9.86		13.15
Number of investments ranked in Morningstar Large Blend Category			1,220		1,148		997	
Madison Mid Cap Fund Class Y	GTSGX	3.35	****	8.96	****	8.31	****	12.16
Russell Mid Cap Index		2.63		5.51		5.94		11.43
Number of investments ranked in Morningstar Mid-Cap Blend Category			366		325		279	
Madison Dividend Income Fund Class Y	BHBFX	2.68	****	7.98	****	8.50	****	10.33
Russell 1000 Value Index		-1.64		2.60		4.36		9.85
S&P 500 Index		12.84		10.23		9.86		13.15
Lipper Equity Income Funds Index		1.86		4.68		5.64		9.95
Number of investments ranked in Morningstar Large Value Category			1,097		1,039		913	

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2 Clean Shares - A class of fund shares without any front-end load, deferred sales charge, or other asset-based fee for sales or distribution.

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