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JOHNSON ASSET MANAGEMENT WINS REFINITIV LIPPER FUND AWARD

*Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund
is a 2021 Winner*



**REFINITIV LIPPER
FUND AWARDS**

**2021 WINNER
UNITED STATES**

CINCINNATI, OHIO - Johnson Asset Management announced that one of its mutual funds received the 2021 Lipper Fund Award in recognition of consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund is a 2021 winner of the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award for “Best Fund over 3 Years” and “Best Fund over 5 Years” for Institutional Mutual Funds.

This honor is given to individual mutual funds that have outperformed peers based on risk-adjusted, consistent returns over three-, five-, and 10-years relative to their peers. Refinitiv Lipper designates award-winning funds in most individual classifications for the three-, five-, and 10-year periods.

Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund - “Best Fund over 3 Years” and “Best Fund over 5 Years”

“We are very proud of the results that we have been able to achieve for our clients. We are grateful that our passion for fixed income investing combined with our consistent, disciplined approach has led to this recognition by Lipper,” said Michael Leisring. Michael is the Director of Fixed Income & Portfolio Manager for the Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund and has been with the firm since 1999.

Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund aims to provide consistent returns above the Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Government/Credit benchmark both over time and through time. Since the fixed income portion of a portfolio also serves as a risk diversifier to volatility, the investment team believes it is essential to provide consistent returns each and every year. The team seeks a high batting average of success without incurring unnecessary risks in the portfolio or making bets. Over time, the portfolio is design to deliver excess returns with comparable overall volatility to the market, and greater downside risk protection during difficult market periods.

The Core Bond fund is led by Johnson Asset Management’s five-person Fixed Income Investment team. The objective of the funds is to outperform the market index with comparable volatility and greater downside risk protection. The team strives to deliver clients consistent and attractive long-term investment results using their proprietary Quality Yield approach.

About Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards

For more than 30 years and in over 17 countries worldwide, the highly respected Refinitiv Lipper Awards have honored funds and fund management firms that have excelled in providing consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers and focus the investment world on top-funds. The merit of the winners is based on entirely objective, quantitative criteria. This coupled with the unmatched depth of fund data, results in a unique level of prestige and ensures the award has lasting value. Renowned fund data and proprietary methodology is the foundation of this prestigious award qualification, recognizing excellence in fund management. Find out more at www.lipperfundawards.com.

About Johnson Asset Management

Johnson Asset Management is a national investment management firm based in Cincinnati, Ohio specializing in the unique needs of institutional clients. They are an independent, 100% employee-owned firm with over \$5.1 billion in institutional assets under management and over \$15 billion in total firm wide assets under management as of December 31, 2020. Johnson has served institutional clients since 1976, regarding these relationships as partnerships and viewing exceptional client service as a cornerstone of the organization. The firm's primary objective is to deliver clients a high-quality portfolio designed to outperform the market with comparable volatility while providing stability — especially during periods of economic or market stress.

Disclosure: The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers. The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Methodology. Classification averages are calculated with all eligible share classes for each eligible classification. The calculation periods extend over 36, 60 and 120 months. The highest Lipper Leader® for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value within each eligible classification determines the fund classification winner over three, five or 10 years. The Lipper leader for Consistent Return rating is a risk-adjusted performance measure based on the Effective Return computation. Lipper Ratings for Consistent Return are computed for all Lipper classifications with five or more distinct portfolios and span both equity and fixed-income funds (e.g., large cap core, General U.S. Treasury, etc.). The ratings are subject to change every month and are calculated for the following periods: three-year, five-year, 10-year, and overall. The overall calculation is based on an equal-weighted average of percentile rankings of the Consistent Return metrics over three-, five- and 10-year periods (if applicable). The highest 20% of funds in each classification are named Lipper Leaders for Consistent Return, the next 20% receive a rating of 4, the middle 20% are rated 3, the next 20% are rated 2 and the lowest 20% are rated 1. For more information, see lipperfundawards.com. Although Refinitiv Lipper makes reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained herein, the accuracy is not guaranteed by Refinitiv Lipper. The award may not be representative of every client's experience. Johnson Investment Counsel has confirmed that the Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund is a 2021 winner of the Refinitive Lipper Award for "Best Fund over 3 Years" and "Best Fund over 5 Years" for Institutional Mutual Funds. However, Johnson Investment Counsel does not review or confirm the information provided to Refinitiv Lipper Awards, nor does Johnson confirm or review the accuracy of the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards' rankings of the Johnson Institutional Intermediate Bond Fund, respectively. This award is not indicative of future performance and there is no guarantee of future investment success.

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's Prospectus and other information about the fund online at www.johnsonmutualfunds.com. You can also get this information at no additional cost by calling (800) 541-0170 or by sending an email request to prospectus@johnsonmutualfunds.com.

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