

## Delaware Investments wins five Lipper Awards for long-term performance

**PHILADELPHIA, March 23, 2016** — At yesterday's Lipper U.S. Fund Awards 2016, five Delaware Investments funds were recognized as the top-performing funds in their Lipper peer groups across various time frames (as of Nov. 30, 2015), delivering outstanding historical risk-adjusted performance.

On the fixed income side, Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund (Institutional Class) topped its category for the sixth year in a row, ranking best in the 5- and 10-year periods. Delaware Tax-Free New York Fund (Class A) ranked best for 10-year performance in its category for the fourth consecutive year. Delaware National High-Yield Municipal Bond Fund (Class A) ranked best for the 10-year period in its category. Delaware Diversified Floating Rate Fund (Institutional Class) ranked best for the 5-year period in its category.

"We are honored that four individual Delaware fixed income funds have been acknowledged by Lipper this year," said Roger Early, head of fixed income investments. "We pride ourselves on delivering consistent performance on behalf of our clients, and the awards are a testament to the strength of our team and our long-standing, bottom-up investment process."

Additionally, the Large-Cap Value Equity Portfolio of Delaware Pooled® Trust ranked best in the 5-year period in its category.

"We strive to achieve positive investment outcomes for our shareholders and clients," said Ty Nutt, Large-Cap Value team leader. "We are grateful that Lipper has recognized the performance of our strategy, which is a result of our team-based approach and durable investment process that has been in place for more than 35 years."

Below is a summary of the Lipper accolades achieved by Delaware Investments Funds:

### **Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund, Institutional Class (DEEIX)**

Time periods: 5 years and 10 years

Lipper classification: Corporate Debt BBB-Rated Funds

Ranked best out of: 151 funds for the 5-year period and 105 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: David Hillmeyer, Roger Early, Craig Dembek, Kashif Ishaq, Paul Matlack, John McCarthy, Christopher Testa, Michael Wildstein

### **Delaware Tax-Free New York Fund, Class A (FTNYX)**

Time period: 10 years

Lipper classification: New York Municipal Debt Funds

Ranked best out of: 67 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: Joseph Baxter, Steven Czepiel, Gregory Gizzi

### **Delaware National High-Yield Municipal Bond Fund, Class A (CXHYX)**

Time period: 10 years

Lipper Classification: High Yield Municipal Debt Funds

Ranked best of: 65 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: Joseph Baxter, Steven Czepiel, Gregory Gizzi

**Delaware Diversified Floating Rate Fund, Institutional Class (DDFLX)**

Time periods: 5 years

Lipper classification: Ultra-Short Obligation Funds

Ranked best out of: 62 funds for the 5-year period

Portfolio managers: Roger Early, Paul Grillo, Adam Brown, David Hillmeyer

**The Large-Cap Value Equity Portfolio, Delaware Pooled® Trust (DPDEX)**

Time period: 5 years

Lipper classification: Large-Cap Value Funds

Ranked best of: 395 funds for the 5-year period

Portfolio managers: Ty Nutt, Kristen Bartholdson, Nikhil Lalvani, Robert Vogel

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Additional detail on the Lipper rankings for other time periods not discussed above:

Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund's ranking against other funds in the Corporate Debt BBB-Rated Funds category: 34 out of 179 for the 3-year period.

Delaware Tax-Free New York Fund's ranking against other funds in the New York Municipal Debt Funds category: 30 out of 94 for the 3-year period, and 11 out of 86 for the 5-year period.

Delaware National High-Yield Municipal Bond Fund's rankings against other funds in the High Yield Municipal Debt Funds category: 38 out of 118 funds for the 3-year period, and 23 out of 110 for the 5-year period.

Delaware Diversified Floating Rate Fund's ranking against other funds in the Ultra-Short Obligation Funds category: 14 out of 93 for the 3-year period.

Delaware Large-Cap Value Equity Portfolio's ranking against other funds in the Large-Cap Value Funds category: 36 out of 454 for the 3-year period, and 49 out of 297 for the 10-year period.

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The Portfolios of Delaware Pooled<sup>®</sup> Trust (DPT) are designed exclusively for institutional investors and high net worth individuals.

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