

Soft Close: Nationwide Small Company Growth Fund

On September 29, 2017, the Nationwide Small Company Growth Fund will be closed to new investors.

What is happening?

Effective at close of business on **September 29, 2017**, the Nationwide Small Company Growth Fund will, subject to certain exceptions noted below, close to new investors.

Why is this fund being closed?

The investment strategy is approaching a size at which additional assets under management have the potential to adversely affect performance and may challenge the subadvisor's ability to keep the portfolio fully invested in a manner consistent with its investment objective. In order to protect the interest of the existing shareholders, we feel it is best to limit the availability of the Fund.

Who can continue to invest?

- Shareholders of record as of September 29, 2017 will be able to continue to purchase additional shares of the fund beyond the closure date.
- Retirement plans with the fund already included as an investment option may continue to open new participant accounts.
- Customers of U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. whose accounts are maintained at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. may continue to open new accounts.

What if I have more questions?

Please call 800-236-4424 if you have additional questions about the Fund's soft close.



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