

NORTHERN
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TAX
FACTS

2010

Northern Institutional Funds: Tax Facts 2010 contains specific information about investment income and capital gain distributions related to Northern Institutional Funds. It includes the percentages that clients will need to calculate possible tax exemptions.

Because tax laws vary among localities and states, we encourage you to consult your tax advisor concerning the application of state and local tax regulations to each Portfolio's distributions.

If you have questions about the information provided or about your Northern Institutional Funds accounts, please call your Investment Relationship Manager or **800-637-1380**.

As always, we appreciate your confidence in selecting Northern Institutional Funds as your investment partner. We hope you'll find these materials useful as you prepare your tax filings for 2010.

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LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS

Listed in the table below are the long-term capital gain distributions per share made by each equity and fixed income portfolio, as applicable. Capital gains are distributed to all share classes of a portfolio at the same factor per unit.

PORTFOLIOS	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS
CORE BOND	0.067163
INTERMEDIATE BOND	0.052270
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	0.011675
U.S. TREASURY INDEX	0.387404

CAPITAL GAIN INFORMATION FOR RHODE ISLAND

For Rhode Island, the following chart shows the percentage of capital gain distributions for assets held one to five years and five years or more. This information may be necessary to prepare your Rhode Island state tax filings.

PORTFOLIOS	ASSETS HELD MORE THAN 1 YEAR AND UP TO 5 YEARS	ASSETS HELD MORE THAN 5 YEARS
CORE BOND	90%	10%
INTERMEDIATE BOND	100%	0%
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	100%	0%
U.S. TREASURY INDEX	78%	22%

PERCENTAGE OF EXEMPT INTEREST DIVIDENDS

The following table refers to the amount of dividends paid that are excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. To determine the portion that is excludable, multiply the percentage below by your total dividends received in 2010 as shown on your year-end statement.

PORTFOLIOS	TAX EXEMPT %	TAXABLE %
MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET	99.46%	0.54%
TAX-EXEMPT MONEY MARKET	99.92%	0.08%

TAX-EXEMPT INCOME EARNED BY STATE

Generally, the U.S. government does not impose income tax on interest income derived from municipal obligations. In addition, most states do not impose income tax on interest income derived from their own municipal obligations. This table shows the portion of dividends derived from interest income on state and local obligations on a state-by-state basis during 2010 for the Municipal and the Tax-Exempt Money Market Portfolios. Because tax laws vary among localities and states, we urge you to consult with your tax advisor about the specific rules in your respective state.

	MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET	TAX-EXEMPT MONEY MARKET
ALABAMA	0.38%	1.53%
ALASKA	0.19%	0.80%
ARIZONA	1.61%	1.32%
ARKANSAS	0.04%	—
CALIFORNIA	2.90%	3.20%
COLORADO	2.63%	1.49%
CONNECTICUT	1.05%	1.47%
DELAWARE	0.14%	0.02%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	3.02%	2.97%
FLORIDA	9.11%	10.26%
GEORGIA	3.65%	4.24%
GUAM	—	—
HAWAII	0.09%	—
IDAHO	0.36%	—
ILLINOIS	10.96%	10.59%
INDIANA	2.03%	1.65%
IOWA	1.02%	0.83%
KANSAS	0.85%	0.01%
KENTUCKY	1.43%	0.92%
LOUISIANA	1.09%	0.76%
MAINE	0.28%	—
MARYLAND	2.21%	2.59%
MASSACHUSETTS	1.99%	3.08%
MICHIGAN	3.91%	2.46%
MINNESOTA	2.14%	1.85%
MISSISSIPPI	1.88%	1.68%
MISSOURI	2.56%	1.76%
MONTANA	0.06%	—
NEBRASKA	0.45%	0.25%
NEVADA	0.60%	0.16%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.49%	0.94%
NEW JERSEY	0.39%	0.43%
NEW MEXICO	1.11%	0.70%
NEW YORK	9.92%	11.40%
NORTH CAROLINA	4.25%	2.29%
NORTH DAKOTA	—	—
OHIO	1.14%	1.37%
OKLAHOMA	0.47%	0.23%
OREGON	1.50%	1.33%
PENNSYLVANIA	2.75%	3.98%
PUERTO RICO	0.01%	—
RHODE ISLAND	—	—
SOUTH CAROLINA	0.79%	1.13%
SOUTH DAKOTA	0.22%	0.21%
TENNESSEE	1.84%	2.76%
TEXAS	8.60%	9.92%
UTAH	0.77%	0.97%
VERMONT	0.39%	0.14%
VIRGIN ISLANDS	—	—
VIRGINIA	1.14%	0.76%
WASHINGTON	2.54%	1.71%
WEST VIRGINIA	0.53%	0.75%
WISCONSIN	2.35%	2.95%
WYOMING	0.17%	0.14%
TOTAL	100%	100%

DIRECT U.S. GOVERNMENT & AGENCY OBLIGATIONS

Percentage of Dividends Derived from Direct U.S. Government & Agency Obligations

In some states, mutual fund dividends derived from certain direct U.S. government and agency obligations may be exempt from state income taxes. A portion of the dividend income paid by Northern Institutional Funds during 2010 may qualify for this exemption. This table shows the percentage of dividends attributable to direct U.S. government and agency obligations for each of the Northern Institutional Portfolios during 2010.

PORTFOLIOS	U.S. GOVERNMENT	FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANK	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	STUDENT LOAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION	TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
BOND	9.35%	—	—	—	—
CORE BOND	12.12%	—	—	—	—
DIVERSIFIED ASSETS MONEY MARKET	8.23%	0.93%	15.34%	—	—
EQUITY INDEX	0.03%	—	—	—	—
GLOBAL TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION	—	—	—	—	—
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET	6.71%	20.39%	23.54%	—	0.10%
GOVERNMENT SELECT MONEY MARKET	15.71%	34.40%	49.05%	—	0.70%
INTERMEDIATE BOND	4.55%	—	0.25%	—	—
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY INDEX	—	—	—	—	—
INTERNATIONAL GROWTH	—	—	—	—	—
LARGE CAP EQUITY	—	—	—	—	—
LARGE CAP GROWTH	—	—	—	—	—
LIQUID ASSETS	9.21%	2.67%	13.45%	—	—
MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET	—	—	—	—	—
PRIME OBLIGATIONS MONEY MARKET	7.05%	1.67%	13.31%	—	—
SHORT BOND	4.37%	0.22%	0.71%	—	—
SMALL COMPANY INDEX	0.03%	—	—	—	—
TAX-EXEMPT MONEY MARKET	—	—	—	—	—
TREASURY MONEY MARKET	42.21%	—	—	—	—
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	8.86%	0.19%	0.78%	—	—
U.S. TREASURY INDEX	93.30%	—	—	—	—

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Income & Capital Gain Distributions

For the 2010 calendar year, 100% of the dividends paid by the fixed income portfolios is taxable as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

Listed in the table below are the percentages of ordinary income distributed by the equity portfolios, as applicable, that can be treated as Qualified Dividend Income (QDI).

PORTFOLIOS	QUALIFIED DIVIDEND INCOME PERCENTAGE
EQUITY INDEX	82.17%
GLOBAL TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION	26.56%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY INDEX	60.49%
INTERNATIONAL GROWTH EQUITY	12.60%
LARGE CAP EQUITY	53.39%
LARGE CAP GROWTH	77.25%
SMALL COMPANY INDEX	38.30%

Percentage of Dividends Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction

Mutual fund dividends derived from certain domestic corporations may be eligible for the dividends received deduction (DRD) for corporations. A portion of the ordinary income dividend paid by the Funds listed below in 2010 may qualify for this deduction. The table below shows the portion of the ordinary dividends attributable to such domestic corporations for each of the Funds for 2010.

PORTFOLIOS	DRD PERCENTAGE
EQUITY INDEX	81.82%
GLOBAL TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION	11.54%
LARGE CAP EQUITY	60.14%
LARGE CAP GROWTH	77.87%
SMALL COMPANY INDEX	43.71%

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires that interest income from certain municipal obligations called “private activity bonds” be included as a tax preference item for the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) computation on your federal tax return. Form 1099-INT (Box 9) reports the tax-exempt income that is subject to AMT. The table below reports the percentage of tax-exempt income subject to the AMT.

PORTFOLIOS	AMT PERCENTAGE
MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET	1.21%
TAX-EXEMPT MONEY MARKET	0.00%

FOREIGN TAXES

To avoid double taxation, you are entitled to claim a foreign tax credit or take an itemized deduction, as applicable, on your federal income tax return for the foreign taxes paid by the International Equity Index and International Growth Portfolios during 2010. Generally, you will owe less federal income tax if you claim the foreign tax credit by filing IRS Form 1116. (For corporations, use Form 1118.)

Determining Your Credits & Deductions

Qualifying Foreign Taxes Paid: Form 1099-DIV (Box 6) reports the foreign taxes paid. This is your qualifying foreign taxes paid used in Part II of Form 1116 (for corporations, Schedule B of Form 1118).

Gross Income from Sources Outside the U.S.: Multiply the “Foreign Source Income Factor” in the table below by the amount in box 1a of your Form 1099-DIV. This result is your gross income from sources outside the U.S. used in Part I of Form 1116 (for corporations, Schedule A of Form 1118).

We recommend that you consult your tax advisor to determine whether the deduction or credit is best for you. For additional information, refer to IRS Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals, or call the Foreign Tax Credit Department of the IRS at 800-829-1040.

PORTFOLIOS	FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY INDEX	0.949300
INTERNATIONAL GROWTH EQUITY	0.899394



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