GROW Q3 2016 Results Webcast

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Susan McGee, President and General Counsel
Lisa Callicotte, Chief Financial Officer
Today’s Presenters

Frank Holmes

Susan McGee

Lisa Callicotte
Forward-Looking Statements

During this webcast we may make forward-looking statements about our relative business outlook. Any forward-looking statements and all other statements made during this webcast that don’t pertain to historical facts are subject to risks and uncertainties that may materially affect actual results. Please refer to our press release and the corresponding Form 10-Q filing for more detail on factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any described today in forward-looking statements. Any such statements are made as of today, and U.S. Global Investors accepts no obligation to update them in the future.
About U.S. Global Investors (GROW)

- U.S. Global Investors, Inc. is an innovative investment manager with vast experience in global markets and specialized sectors.
- Founded as an investment club, the company became a registered investment adviser in 1968 and has a longstanding history of global investing and launching first-of-their kind investment products.
- U.S. Global Investors is well known for expertise in gold and precious metals, natural resources and emerging markets.
GROW Strengths

- Strive to be the “Go-to” stock for exposure to emerging markets and resources
- Debt-free, strong balance sheet with a reflexive cost structure
- Monthly dividend and return on equity discipline
### Top Institutional Holders of GROW

1. **Financial and Investment Management Group**  
   - Percentage: 19%

2. **Royce and Associates**  
   - Percentage: 11%

3. **Newberg Family Trust**  
   - Percentage: 5%

4. **The Vanguard Group**  
   - Percentage: 4%

5. **Sentry Investment Management**  
   - Percentage: 3%

*Source: NASDAQ*  
*Percentage of shares outstanding as of 4/26/2016*
GROW Dividends — Paid Monthly

Consistently paid for more than

8 years

Current yield at share price of $1.73 as of 03/31/2016

1.73%

Monthly dividend payment of $.0025

Approved through September 2016
Share Repurchase Program in Motion

- The board approved a repurchase of up to $2.75 million of its outstanding common stock on the open market through calendar year 2016
- During the third fiscal quarter 2016, the company repurchased 19,277 class A shares using cash of $26,000
- Algorithm is used to buy back shares on down days, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations that restrict amounts and times of repurchases
- May be suspended or discontinued at any time
- As evidenced by regulatory filings, Frank Holmes is purchasing shares of GROW pursuant to a Rule 10b-18 plan
Balance Sheet Strength – No Debt

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities

Millions $

$40
$35
$30
$25
$20
$15
$10
$5
$0


* The change in cash and cash equivalents was due to the company moving assets into the U.S. Government Securities Ultra-Short Bond Fund.
Earnings Per Share Quarterly

Corporate events impacting earnings

Closed Money Market Funds

Transition to Atlantic Fund Services

Earnings Per Share (Quarterly)
Quarterly Average Assets Under Management

Billions $

U.S. Global AAUM
Galileo AAUM
Asset Breakdown — U.S. Global Investors Funds

Assets by Investment Objective as of 3/31/2016

- Domestic Equity and Fixed Income: 39%
- Emerging Markets and Natural Resources: 61%

Assets by Distribution Channel as of 3/31/2016

- Institutional: 23%
- Retail: 77%

Data for SEC-registered mutual funds as of March 31, 2016.
Our Approach to Building Performance and Managing Costs Is Continuous

Our Approach to Building Performance Is Simple and Continuous

Streamline for Stability & Growth
- Operations
- Products
- People

Build Capability
- ETFs
- Acquisitions
- Operating Efficiencies

Realize Potential
- Thought Leadership
- Innovation
- Competition

Diagram is for illustration and does not necessarily represent actual results.
We Have Significantly Streamlined Staff

Average AUM $1.1 Billion, December 2013

Average AUM $709 Million, March 2016
Focus on Core Competencies

Partner with Experts in Administration and Operations
Partnership with Atlantic Fund Services

- Shareholders of U.S. Global Investors Funds approved the election of new trustees for the funds on December 9, 2015
- The funds, over time, will receive administrative, fund accounting and transfer agency services from Atlantic Fund Services
- The funds will realize operational economies of scale
- A positive impact on USGI’s future net income is projected
- Costs will decrease due to reduction in personnel and shifting of job functions
- Adviser will focus on core competencies of investment management and marketing/sales
- Win-win solution for fund and GROW shareholders
Comprehensive Fund Servicing Solutions

Atlantic is a full service global provider dedicated to giving customized fund servicing solutions, delivered with the highest quality, personalized service.

Products

• Mutual Funds
• Series Trusts and Stand-Alone Trusts
• Closed-End Funds
• Traditional and Alternative Strategies
• Sub-Advised/Multi-Managed Structures
• Private/Commingled Funds
• Bank Funds
• Master/Feeders
• Fund of Funds
• ETFs

Services

• Portfolio and Fund Accounting
• Performance Reporting
• Post-Trade Compliance
• Legal and Regulatory Administration
• Financial Reporting and Audit Support
• Tax Services
• Treasury Services
• Transfer Agency
• Shareholder Services
• Compliance Services
• Custody*
• Distribution*

*Custody and Distribution provided by unaffiliated providers
Current Product Line

ETF

- Global Airlines
  - U.S. Global Jets ETF (JETS)

Mutual Funds

- Gold & Precious Metals
  - Gold and Precious Metals Fund (USERX)
  - World Precious Minerals Fund (UNWPX)
  - World Precious Minerals Fund—Institutional Class (UNWIX)

- Natural Resources
  - Global Resources Fund (PSPFX)
  - Global Resources Fund—Institutional Class (PIPFX)

- China Region
  - China Region Fund (USCOX)

- Emerging Europe
  - Emerging Europe Fund (EUROX)

- Domestic Equity
  - All American Equity Fund (GBTXF)
  - Holmes Macro Trends Fund (MEGAX)

- Short-Term Bond Funds
  - Near-Term Tax Free Fund (NEARX)
  - U.S. Government Securities Ultra-Short Bond Fund (UGSDX)
Building for Future Growth

- 65 percent ownership of Galileo Global Equity Advisors, a Canadian asset management company
- Earning valuable brand awareness in over 170 countries through publishing of our financial commentary and other original content
- Continue developing innovative and dynamic ETF products to expand product line and revenue streams
Growth of ETF Products
Massive Headwind for Mutual Funds

Historical Total ETF Assets in Trillions of Dollars

Fund Flows for ETFs vs Mutual Funds

**Note:** Equity mutual fund flows include net new cash flow and reinvested dividends.

*Source:* ICI, U.S. Global Investors
Successful First Year of ETF Strategy

- Ongoing strategic relationship with U.S. Bancorp Fund Services’ ETF Series Solutions
- One-year anniversary of our first smart beta ETF, focused on the global airline industry — JETS
- Leverage expertise as active money managers to develop additional robust, rules-based, smart beta ETFs
Successful First Year of ETF Strategy

- JETS Surpassed $60 million in assets and had $54 million as of May 5, 2016

- JETS has remained extremely liquid demonstrated by the daily average trading volume exceeding 54,000 shares over the past year, along with additional liquidity provided by both available call and put options

- JETS was nominated for best ETF ticker of the year by ETF.com
Successful Growth of JETS in First Year

Introducing the U.S. Global Jets ETF

Photo credit: NYSE/Valerie Caviness
Media Coverage of JETS
Over **100 million** views through earned media exposure!
## Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)
(dollars in thousands)

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<th>Operating Revenues</th>
<th>Three Months Ended March 31</th>
<th>Percentage Change</th>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td><strong>Advisory fees</strong></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$ 1,279</td>
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<td><strong>Administrative service fees</strong></td>
<td>51</td>
<td>141</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$ 1,330</td>
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<td>2016</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employee compensation and benefits</td>
<td>$886</td>
<td>$1,269</td>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
<td>765</td>
<td>1,001</td>
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<td>Platform fees</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>166</td>
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<td>Advertising</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Depreciation and amortization</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>$1,870</td>
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<td></td>
<td>2016</td>
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<td>Operating Loss</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
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<td>Total Other Income</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Loss Before Income Taxes</td>
<td>(392)</td>
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<td>Provision for Federal Income Taxes</td>
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<td>Tax expense (benefit)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loss from Continuing Operations</td>
<td>(376)</td>
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<td>Discontinued Operations</td>
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<td>Loss from discontinued operations of distributor</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Tax Benefit</td>
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<td>Loss from Discontinued Operations</td>
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<td>Net Loss</td>
<td>(376)</td>
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<td>Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interest</td>
<td>(26)</td>
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<td>Net Loss Attributable to U.S. Global Investors, Inc.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding</strong></td>
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# Consolidated Balance Sheets
(dollars in thousands)

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<th>Assets</th>
<th>March 31, 2016 (unaudited)</th>
<th>June 30, 2015</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Current Assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$ 3,057</td>
<td>$ 3,507</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment securities - trading, at fair value</td>
<td>13,102</td>
<td>15,640</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment securities - held-to-maturity</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receivables</td>
<td>749</td>
<td>1,653</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>329</td>
<td>410</td>
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<td>Total assets held related to discontinued operations</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>184</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>17,987</td>
<td>21,394</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net Property and Equipment</strong></td>
<td>2,537</td>
<td>2,736</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other Assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value</td>
<td>4,013</td>
<td>4,263</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other investments</td>
<td>2,025</td>
<td>2,303</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intangible assets, net</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>41</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other assets, long-term</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Other Assets</td>
<td>6,155</td>
<td>6,640</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>$ 26,679</td>
<td>$ 30,770</td>
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<td><strong>Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>$158</td>
<td>$114</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued compensation and related costs</td>
<td>342</td>
<td>456</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dividends payable</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>231</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other accrued expenses</td>
<td>509</td>
<td>692</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total liabilities held related to discontinued operations</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
<td>1,124</td>
<td>1,627</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Commitments and Contingencies</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Shareholders' Equity</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Common stock (class A) - $0.025 par value; nonvoting; authorized, 28,000,000 shares; issued, 13,866,421 at March 31, 2016, and June 30, 2015</td>
<td>347</td>
<td>347</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common stock (class B) - $0.025 par value; nonvoting; authorized, 4,500,000 shares; no shares issued</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convertible common stock (class C) - $0.025 par value; voting; authorized, 3,500,000 shares; issued, 2,069,127 shares at March 31, 2016, and June 30, 2015</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional paid-in-capital</td>
<td>15,653</td>
<td>15,694</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasury stock, class A shares at cost: 664,894 and 555,786 shares at March 31, 2016, and June 30, 2015, respectively</td>
<td>(1,624)</td>
<td>(1,464)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accumulated other compressive income (loss), net of tax</td>
<td>(45)</td>
<td>(483)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retained earnings</td>
<td>10,649</td>
<td>14,423</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total U.S. Global Investors, Inc. Shareholders’ Equity</strong></td>
<td>25,032</td>
<td>28,569</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Controlling Interest in Subsidiary</td>
<td>523</td>
<td>574</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Shareholders’ Equity</strong></td>
<td>25,555</td>
<td>29,143</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Shareholders’ Equity</strong></td>
<td>$26,679</td>
<td>$30,770</td>
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Significant Events

Susan McGee
President and General Counsel
1.2% of college basketball players end up playing professionally. It's easier to become an NBA player than to deliver 21 years of positive performance.
DID YOU KNOW?

Out of 31,306 equity and bond mutual funds only 39 of them have had consecutive, positive annual returns for the past 21 years.

THE NEAR-TERM TAX FREE FUND IS ONE OF THEM.
Performance data quoted above is historical. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. For a portion of periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund's prospectus which, if applicable, would lower your total returns. Performance quoted for periods of one year or less is cumulative and not annualized. Obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end at usfunds.com or by calling 1-800-US-FUNDS.
Consider NEARX

» The Near-Term Tax Free Fund (NEARX) seeks to provide tax-free monthly income and preservation of capital by investing in debt securities issued by state and local governments.

» The portfolio is diversified with high quality municipal bonds with relatively short maturities.
History of No Drama
Compare NEARX and the S&P 500

The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical $100,000 investment made in the fund during the depicted time frame. Figures include reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but the performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund’s prospectus which, if applicable, would lower your total returns. Past performance doesn’t guarantee future results, and you shouldn’t reasonably expect the fund to keep pace with an index of equity securities like the S&P 500 over the next 10, 15, and 20 years. However, NEARX has historically shown a greater likelihood of dodging the dramatic swings the equity market has often experienced in times of uncommonly high volatility, such as we saw in the first decade of the century. To see the latest 1-, 5-, and 10-year returns, see the performance page.
# Fund Performance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fund Name</th>
<th>Inception Date</th>
<th>1-Year</th>
<th>5-Year</th>
<th>10-Year</th>
<th>Since Inception</th>
<th>Gross Expense</th>
<th>Expense Cap</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gold and Precious Metals Fund (USERX)</td>
<td>7/1/74</td>
<td>24.07%</td>
<td>-16.32%</td>
<td>-3.02%</td>
<td>-0.48%</td>
<td>2.20%</td>
<td>1.90%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>World Precious Minerals Fund (UNWPX)</td>
<td>11/27/85</td>
<td>26.49%</td>
<td>-21.53%</td>
<td>-6.62%</td>
<td>2.70%</td>
<td>2.01%</td>
<td>1.90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Near-Term Tax Free Fund (NEARX)</td>
<td>12/4/90</td>
<td>1.43%</td>
<td>2.38%</td>
<td>3.08%</td>
<td>4.06%</td>
<td>1.09%</td>
<td>0.45%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Global Resources Fund (PSPFX)</td>
<td>8/3/83</td>
<td>-12.57%</td>
<td>-15.14%</td>
<td>-4.94%</td>
<td>3.10%</td>
<td>1.58%</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTSE Gold Mines Index</td>
<td></td>
<td>20.65%</td>
<td>-17.69%</td>
<td>-4.42%</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>NYSE Gold Miners Index</td>
<td></td>
<td>11.02%</td>
<td>-18.61%</td>
<td>-5.21%</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<tr>
<td>Barclays 3-Year Municipal Bond Index</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.54%</td>
<td>1.80%</td>
<td>3.07%</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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Expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectus. The expense cap is a contractual limit through April 30, 2017, for the Near-Term Tax Free Fund, and a voluntary limit for all other funds, on total fund operating expenses (exclusive of any acquired fund fees and expenses, performance fees, extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage commissions and interest). U.S. Global Investors, Inc. (the “Adviser”) can modify or terminate the voluntary limits at any time, which may lower a fund’s yield or return. Performance data quoted above is historical. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. For a portion of periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund’s prospectus (e.g., short-term trading fees of 0.05%) which, if applicable, would lower your total returns. Performance quoted for periods of one year or less is cumulative and not annualized. Obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end at www.usfunds.com or 1-800-US-FUNDS.
4 Stars Overall

Near-Term Tax Free Fund (NEARX)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Overall/189
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 3-Year/189
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5-Year/172
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 10-Year/116

Morningstar ratings based on risk-adjusted return and number of funds
Category: Municipal National Short-term funds
Through 03/31/2016

Gold and Precious Metals Fund (USERX)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Overall/71
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 3-Year/71
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5-Year/70
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 10-Year/50

Morningstar ratings based on risk-adjusted return and number of funds
Category: Equity Precious Metals
Through 3/31/2016
Lipper ratings for Preservation reflect funds’ historical loss avoidance relative to other funds within the same asset class, as of 3/31/2016. Preservation ratings are relative, rather than absolute, measures, and funds named Lipper Leaders for Preservation may still experience losses periodically; those losses may be larger for equity and mixed equity funds than for fixed income funds. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
Branding and Marketing of GROW

- 23 TV/Radio/Podcasts
- 37 Total Interviews
- 473 Web Mentions

- 20 Frank Talk Blog Entries
- 81 Newsletter Recommendations

Data from January 2016 – March 2016
Thought Leadership
Speaking Engagements Around the World
Newsletter Recommendations for U.S. Global Investors Funds

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Big Gold

Money Map Report

Daily Reckoning

Agora Financial

The Crux

The Mutual Fund Strategist

Mark Skousen’s Forecasts & Strategies

J. Taylor’s Gold, Energy & Tech Stocks

Money Map Press

The Gold Report
Gold Game Film Show a Success on Kitco

101 episodes aired since 2014
Kitco’s audience = 10 million monthly visitors
TheStreet = 7.8 million monthly visitors
Recognition As an Industry Leader in Investor Education — 69 Awards

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Golden Cross for Gold in February

“Golden Cross” for Gold

Gold Price per Ounce
50-Day Moving Average
200-Day Moving Average

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U.S. Global Investors Gold Funds Beating Their Benchmarks

One-Year Period as of April 13

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U.S. Global Investors Gold & Precious Metals Fund

Overview

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Trailing Returns
Year to date: +2.7%
1 Year: -14.7%
3 Years (Annualized): -23.1%
5 Years (Annualized): -19.1%
10 Years (Annualized): -4.8%

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Trailing Returns
- Year to date: 0.6%
- 1 Year: 1.4%
- 3 Years (Annualized): 1.7%
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Attractive Risk-Adjusted Return for the Gold Funds
Attractive Risk-Adjusted Return for the Global Resources Fund

Global Resources Fund (PSPFX) Risk / Return Analysis
Trailing 12 Months Ending March 2016

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Core Inflation Heating Up

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Real Interest Rates and Gold Share an Inverse Relationship

Gold Rebound Linked to Fall in Interest Rates

Gold Peaks at $1,900

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"Life is about managing expectations."

-Warren Buffett
Different Securities, Different Sigmas

Each Asset Class Has Its Own DNA of Volatility
Standard deviation based on 10-year daily data as of 3/31/2016

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The Periodic Table of Commodity Returns

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Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Global Research
Global PMI — Downturn Means Challenges for Commodity Demand

JP Morgan Global Manufacturing Purchasing Manager’s Index

- One-Month Reading
- Three-Month Moving Average

Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Global Investors
China’s Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) Has Finally Turned Up
China Buys All Commodities

China consumes mind-boggling amounts of raw materials...and that’s why slowing growth may continue to cause headaches for commodity producers.

Population
- Concrete: 60%
- Copper: 48%
- Coal: 49%
- Rice: 30%

Economy (GDP)
- Aluminum: 54%
- Steel: 46%
- Uranium: 13%
- Corn: 22%

- Nickel: 50%
- Gold: 23%
- Oil: 12%
- Wheat: 17%

Source: VisualCapitalist.com, U.S. Global Investors
Global Trend is Your Friend —
Global PMI and Commodities Relationship in Uptrend

Commodities and Commodity Stocks Historically Rose Six Months After PMI “Cross-Above”
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