

# OUR FIRST DIVIDEND FUNDS ARE TURNING NINE SOON; MY, HOW THEY'VE GROWN

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WisdomTree launched a family of six U.S. [dividend](#) Funds on June 16, 2006, nearly nine years ago. We have to say that we are very excited about how they have performed. **Five-Year Performance Has Been Very Strong** Each of these six Funds has beaten at least 91% of its respective Morningstar category over the five-year period that ended December 31, 2014. The [WisdomTree Dividend ex-Financials Fund \(DTN\)](#) and [WisdomTree Equity Income Fund \(DHS\)](#) deserve special mention, having beaten 99% and 96% of the large-value category over this period. **2014—A Difficult Year for Active Managers** Active managers found 2014 a difficult year, and these six dividend funds capitalized, beating at least 93% of their respective Morningstar categories. [WisdomTree Total Dividend Fund \(DTD\)](#), [WisdomTree LargeCap Dividend Fund \(DLN\)](#), DTN and DHS were helped by the fact that the underlying Indexes that they track tend to tilt significant weight toward different types of large-cap dividend payers, which outperformed mid- and small caps over this period.<sup>1</sup> [WisdomTree MidCap Dividend Fund \(DON\)](#) and [WisdomTree SmallCap Dividend Fund \(DES\)](#) track the performance of Indexes that generally tend to have significant exposure to [real estate investment trusts \(REITs\)](#), a part of U.S. markets that showed strong performance in 2014. **Outperformance vs. Active Managers and Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)** While we are proud of our performance against the [cap-weighted](#) index benchmarks, our track record against active managers is equally impressive. Figures 1a and 1b illustrate how our Funds stacked up by Morningstar category, which includes active managers and ETFs. **Figure 1a: WisdomTree U.S. Dividend ETFs: Strong Performance in Respective Morningstar Categories Percent of Peers Beaten in Respective Morningstar Category, as of December 31, 2014**

Ticker	Fund	Fund Inception Date	Morningstar Category	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Fund Inception
DTD	WisdomTree Total Dividend Fund	6/16/2006	Large Value	93%	44%	93%	78%
DTN	WisdomTree Dividend ex-Financials Fund	6/16/2006	Large Value	97%	40%	99%	95%
DLN	WisdomTree LargeCap Dividend Fund	6/16/2006	Large Value	93%	40%	91%	72%
DHS	WisdomTree Equity Income Fund	6/16/2006	Large Value	97%	23%	96%	41%
DON	WisdomTree MidCap Dividend Fund	6/16/2006	Mid-Cap Value	95%	61%	92%	83%
DES	WisdomTree SmallCap Dividend Fund	6/16/2006	Small Value	93%	86%	92%	67%

Figure 1b: Number of Managers in Each Respective Category, as of December 31, 2014

Morningstar Category	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Fund Inception
Large Value - DTD, DTN, DLN, DHS	1,342	1,145	1,016	796
Mid-Cap Value - DON	476	434	362	282
Small Value - DES	412	367	291	227

Sources for figures 1a and 1b: Morningstar, WisdomTree

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Figure 2: Average Annual Returns as of

Fund Name	Fund Information			Total Return NAV (%)				Market Price (%)			
	Ticker	Exp. Ratio	Fund Inception Date	1-Yr.	3-Yr.	5-Yr.	Since Fund Inception	1-Yr.	3-Yr.	5-Yr.	Since Fund Inception
WisdomTree Total Dividend Fund	DTD	0.28%	6/16/2006	14.07%	18.22%	15.82%	7.81%	14.27%	18.16%	15.83%	7.81%
WisdomTree LargeCap Dividend Fund	DLN	0.28%	6/16/2006	14.07%	17.92%	15.60%	7.58%	14.17%	17.84%	15.59%	7.56%
WisdomTree MidCap Dividend Fund	DON	0.38%	6/16/2006	15.27%	20.74%	17.63%	9.49%	15.39%	20.64%	17.64%	9.56%
WisdomTree SmallCap Dividend Fund	DES	0.38%	6/16/2006	7.54%	20.33%	16.72%	8.03%	7.69%	20.17%	16.72%	8.04%
WisdomTree Equity Income Fund	DHS	0.38%	6/16/2006	15.12%	16.82%	16.40%	6.45%	15.25%	16.73%	16.40%	6.46%
WisdomTree Dividend ex-Financials Fund	DTN	0.38%	6/16/2006	15.07%	17.98%	17.41%	8.99%	15.14%	17.89%	17.38%	8.99%

Source: WisdomTree

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## **DEFINITIONS**

**Dividend** : A portion of corporate profits paid out to shareholders.

**Active manager** : Portfolio managers who run funds that attempt to outperform the market by selecting those securities they believe to be the best.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT)** : Investment structure containing a basket of different exposures to real estate, be it directly in properties or in mortgages. Returns predominantly relate to changes in property values and income from rental payments.

**Market capitalization-weighting** : Market cap = share prices x number of shares outstanding. Firms with the highest values receive the highest weights in approaches designed to weight firms by market cap.

**S&P 500 Index** : Market capitalization-weighted benchmark of 500 stocks selected by the Standard and Poor's Index Committee designed to represent the performance of the leading industries in the United States economy.

**S&P MidCap 400 Index** : provides investors with a benchmark for mid-sized companies. The index covers over 7% of the U.S. equity market, and seeks to remain an accurate measure of mid-sized companies, reflecting the risk and return characteristics of the broader mid-cap universe on an on-going basis.

**S&P SmallCap 600 Index** : Market capitalization-weighted measure of the performance of small cap equities within the United States, with constituents required to demonstrate profitability prior to gaining initial inclusion.