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Established in 1997, WELS Investment Funds, Inc., is one of seven Support Services subsidiaries of WELS. The corporation serves under the Synodical Council by providing investment portfolios for the benefit of WELS, its schools, its congregations, and other affiliated organizations.

### ONE BENEFIT OF POOLING OUR TALENTS AND RESOURCES—LOWER INVESTMENT COSTS

It's important to keep investment costs low, because dollars saved can be used to support important ministry—like to provide scholarships for students studying to become pastors or teachers or staff ministers, or to provide additional resources for outreach ministries.

WELS Investment Funds currently manages \$300 million for 226 WELS and WELS-affiliated ministries. By pooling our God-given talents and resources, we can take advantage of lower-cost, institutionally priced investment opportunities that are not available to smaller investment accounts. **As more and more congregations and organizations invest in WELS Investment Funds, these cost-reduction benefits also increase.** A cost reduction of as little as 1/10 of one percent creates a savings of \$300,000 annually. It's another way we can help support each other.

### FREE PORTFOLIO COST ANALYSIS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

Ministry organizations are often unsure as to the direct and indirect costs of their investments. If your ministry is interested in a free investment cost analysis, please contact Jim Holm at 414-256-3206 or [Jim.Holm@wels.net](mailto:Jim.Holm@wels.net). You can also access our Investment Cost Comparison Calculator at [wels.net/welsfunds](http://wels.net/welsfunds).

### WELS FUNDS RETURNS\* as of March 31, 2021

TOTAL RETURN %	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR
WELS Balanced Fund	1.52%	12.55%	38.30%	10.88%	8.30%
WELS Endowment Fund	2.67%	16.40%	48.25%	N/A	N/A

*The WELS Balanced Fund seeks to reduce potential volatility by including fixed income securities. It is comprised of 60 percent equity and 40 percent fixed income and has a mid- to long-range investment time horizon.*

*The WELS Endowment Fund seeks to maximize the long-term growth of principal and is designed primarily for endowment funds. It is comprised of 75 percent equity and 25 percent fixed income and has a long-range investment time horizon.*

\*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance data is current as of March 31, 2021, and is subject to change at any time based on market and other conditions. Participating in WELS Funds is subject to investment risks, including possible loss of the principal amount invested. Withdrawals are payable by WELS Funds exclusively from the net assets of WELS Funds. Accounts are not protected or insured by the FDIC or SIPC and are not guaranteed by WELS or any other person or entity.

### QUESTIONS?

Please call 414-256-3206 to speak directly with Executive Director Jim Holm, CFP®, or e-mail [Jim.Holm@wels.net](mailto:Jim.Holm@wels.net).



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