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## North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund Marks Third Anniversary With 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating, Continued Strong Inflows in Assets

**Chicago, IL (January 23, 2023)** – The North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund marked its third anniversary with strong performance for the three-year period ended December 31, 2023 and its first Morningstar Overall Rating of four stars, according to North Square Investments, the Fund's investment adviser.

Altrinsic International Equity Class I shares (NSIVX) were rated four stars Overall by Morningstar among 698 Foreign Large Blend funds and four stars out of 698 funds for the three-year period ended 12/31/23 based on risk-adjusted performance. For the same period, the Altrinsic International Equity Fund's Class I Shares finished among the top 28% of funds in its Morningstar Foreign Large Blend category peer group, ranking 165<sup>th</sup> among 698 funds based on Morningstar total return. The Fund has not been in existence long enough to receive ratings or rankings for longer time periods.

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"We congratulate our North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund portfolio managers for the Fund's first Morningstar rating of four stars, which we consider a very positive debut," said North Square CEO and Co-Founder Mark Goodwin. "The Fund's strong performance has been noted by investors, attracting fund flows that have pushed the Fund well over the \$100 million mark in assets under management," he added. As of December 31, 2023, the North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund's total net assets were \$118.9 million.

"Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC, the Fund's subadvisor, has been managing its international equity strategy for over 22 years, and the North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund shares the same investment approach and process," Goodwin said.

"As the Fund pursues its investment objective of long-term growth of capital, we believe Altrinsic's private equity approach to public equities results in a prudently concentrated portfolio of high-conviction, long-term investments with exposures that tend to be different from benchmark indices," Goodwin added.

Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC is a focused, independent investment boutique founded in 2000 that capitalizes on extensive networks, global cross-border perspectives, rigorous fundamental research, and a long-term investment horizon to deliver strong absolute and risk-adjusted returns. John Hock, CFA, John DeVita, CFA, CPA, and Rich McCormick, CFA are the Fund's portfolio managers.

Altrinsic Founder and Chief Investment Officer John Hock said, "We are thrilled about our partnership with the North Square team, which has exceeded our expectations, and pleased to see the Morningstar rating and flows into the fund."

Regarding the investment opportunity set, Hock added, "International markets have not been as fashionable as the 'Magnificent Seven' or US equities in general, but we are excited about the quality companies and more attractive valuations we are finding overseas. We believe this combination offers a better range of outcomes and margin of safety."

For additional Fund performance information, portfolio holdings, and characteristics, please see the North Square Altrinsic International Equity Fund's <u>Fact Sheet</u>.

## **About Altrinsic Global Advisors**

Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC, founded in 2000, is an employee-controlled and majority-owned investment management firm. Altrinsic manages approximately \$8.5billion in global, international, and emerging markets equities, applying a long-term private equity approach to public equities. The firm was established with the belief that a focused, experienced, well-connected investment team with an uncompromising culture of teamwork and the pursuit of excellence has a sustainable competitive advantage in the investment management industry. Altrinsic's clients include corporate and public pension plans, endowments, foundations, sovereign wealth funds, sub-advisory, and individual investors (in partnership with North Square Investments). Learn more about Altrinsic at <a href="https://www.altrinsic.com">www.altrinsic.com</a>.

## **About North Square**

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As of 12/31/23, the Altrinsic International Equity Fund's Class I Shares ranked in the 74<sup>th</sup> percentile out of 744 Foreign Large Blend funds for the 1-year period.

The term "margin of safety" is a principle of investing in which investors purchase securities only when their share or market price is significantly below their intrinsic value. Said another way, when the market price of a security is significantly below an investor's estimation of its intrinsic value, the difference is the margin of safety.

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