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North Square Tactical Growth Fund Marks Twentieth Anniversary

at the Top of Its Morningstar Peer Group

Chicago, IL (May 16, 2023) – North Square Tactical Growth Fund marked its 20th anniversary with a number one percentile ranking in its Morningstar peer group category, according to North Square Investments, the Fund's investment adviser.

For the 20-year period ended May 2, 2024, North Square Tactical Growth Class I shares (ETFOX) finished among the top 1% of funds in its Morningstar Tactical Allocation category, ranking first among 61 funds. For the one-year, three-year, five-year and 10-year periods ended May 2, 2024, the Fund's percentile ranking, actual rank and number of funds in its peer group was as follows: 25th/51/233; 19th/39/227; 22nd/34/210; 14th/16/160. (*Rankings are based on Morningstar total return.*)

The Tactical Growth Fund Class I shares also received a 5-Star Overall rating by Morningstar among 227 Tactical Allocation funds for the most recent rating period ended 4/30/24 based on risk-adjusted performance. For the 3-year period the fund received 4 stars out of 227 funds, while for the 5-year period the fund received 4 stars out of 210 funds and 5 stars out of 160 funds for the 10-year period.

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"Most noteworthy, the Lead Portfolio Manager for the Tactical Growth Fund is Paul Frank, who has been at the helm of the Fund since the very beginning," said North Square CEO and Co-Founder Mark Goodwin.

"Paul had a novel idea for a mutual fund in 2004 that would invest in exchange traded funds, or "ETFs," researching and selecting funds from a broad universe of investment opportunities," Goodwin continued. "The Fund is a Sharpe Ratio momentum strategy that seeks long-term capital appreciation while mitigating market risk. A proprietary screening process is used to select ETFs and tactically allocate among domestic, international and non-correlated positions."

"The Fund's strong performance since its inception has also been noted by investors, attracting fund flows over the years that have pushed the Fund well over the \$514 million-mark in assets under management (as of 5/9/24)," Goodwin added.

"We congratulate Paul and the Tactical Growth Fund portfolio management team of Brad Thompson, CFA and Clayton Wilkin, CFA for reaching this significant milestone and for achieving this enviable performance track record, which really speaks for itself," he said.

For additional Fund performance information, portfolio holdings and characteristics, please see the Tactical Growth Fund's website page <u>here.</u>

About North Square

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Principal Risks of Investing, Tactical Growth Fund: Risk is inherent in all investing including an investment in the Fund. An investment in the Fund involves risk, including, the following principal risks, among others: Management and Strategy Risk, ETF and Mutual Funds Risk, Market Risk, Sector Focus Risk, Equity Risk, Growth-Oriented Investment Strategies Risk, Commodity Risk, Currency Risk, Foreign Investment Risk, Fixed Income Securities Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Credit Risk, Liquidity Risk, High Yield ("Junk") Bond Risk, Large-Cap Company Risk, Small Cap and Mid Cap Company Risk, and Government Sponsored Entities Risk. Summary descriptions of these and other principal risks of investing in the Fund are set forth in the Fund's prospectus. Before you decide whether to invest in the Fund, carefully consider these risks associated with investing in the Fund, which may cause investors to lose money. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of the bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional risk disclosures.

Class I shares inception date is 5/3/2004. The Fund has adopted the historical performance of the Stadion Tactical Growth Fund, a former series of Stadion Investment Trust, as a result of a

reorganization consummated after the close of business on June 11, 2021. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

Before investing you should carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus, a copy of which may be obtained by calling 855-551-5521. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest.

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Morningstar Tactical Allocation Category: Tactical Allocation portfolios seek to provide capital appreciation and income by actively shifting allocations across investments. These portfolios have material shifts across equity regions, and bond sectors on a frequent basis.

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