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# 100 Best Time-Tested Funds

To find our top picks, we combed through data for more 5,000 mutual funds, searching for the highest total returns since the stock market bottomed after the 1987 crash. We looked for funds that survived the ups and downs, excluding niche funds, index funds and those with high expenses.

RANK	FUND NAME	INVESTING STYLE	21-YR. CUMULATIVE RETURN (%)	10-YR. AVG. ANNUAL RETURN (%)	EXPENSE RATIO (%)
1	<b>Fidelity Contrafund (FCNTX)</b>	Large-cap growth	<b>1,338.5</b>	3.9	0.89
2	<b>FPA Capital (FPPTX)</b>	Midcap value	<b>1,323.0</b>	6.4	0.87
3	<b>Mairs &amp; Power Growth (MPGFX)</b>	Multicap core	<b>1,199.9</b>	6.0	0.68
4	<b>Principal West Coast Equity (CMNWX)</b>	Multicap core	<b>1,097.6</b>	6.9	0.83
5	<b>Columbia Acorn (ACRNX)</b>	Midcap growth	<b>1,095.8</b>	7.8	0.74
6	<b>Meridian Growth (MERDX)</b>	Midcap core	<b>1,028.0</b>	7.3	0.84
7	<b>Vanguard Primecap (VPMCX)</b>	Multicap core	<b>1,025.7</b>	4.3	0.43
8	<b>AIM Mid Cap Core Equity (GTAGX)</b>	Midcap core	<b>979.3</b>	7.7	1.20
9	<b>Mutual Qualified (MQIFX)</b>	Multicap value	<b>940.7</b>	7.3	0.79
10	<b>First Eagle Fund of America (FEAFX)</b>	Midcap core	<b>927.2</b>	4.6	1.40
11	<b>Fidelity Growth Co. (FDGRX)</b>	Multicap growth	<b>893.9</b>	2.0	0.92
12	<b>Sequoia (SEQUX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>893.5</b>	2.3	1.00
13	<b>First Eagle Global (SGENX)</b>	Global flexible portfolio	<b>863.8</b>	11.7	1.12
14	<b>Amer. Funds Growth Fund of America (AGTHX)</b>	Multicap growth	<b>825.5</b>	3.9	0.62
15	<b>Delaware Small Cap Value (DEVLX)</b>	Small-cap value	<b>804.3</b>	4.8	1.37
16	<b>Columbia Mid Cap Growth (CLSPX)</b>	Midcap growth	<b>773.3</b>	2.3	0.93
17	<b>FAM Value (FAMVX)</b>	Midcap value	<b>766.8</b>	4.0	1.19
18	<b>Amer. Century Tgt. Maturities: 2015 (BTFTX)</b>	General bond	<b>763.7</b>	6.6	0.57
19	<b>FMI Common Stock (FMIMX)</b>	Small-cap value	<b>754.5</b>	7.1	1.22
20	<b>JPMorgan Capital Growth (VCAGX)</b>	Midcap growth	<b>729.9</b>	1.7	1.13
21	<b>Van Kampen Exchange (ACEHX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>705.5</b>	1.3	0.46
22	<b>T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation (PRWCX)</b>	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>705.2</b>	6.5	0.70
23	<b>FPA Perennial (FPPFX)</b>	Midcap core	<b>670.4</b>	7.1	0.95
24	<b>T. Rowe Price New Horizon (PRNHX)</b>	Small-cap growth	<b>668.0</b>	2.9	0.80
25	<b>Mutual Shares (MUTHX)</b>	Multicap value	<b>662.8</b>	4.0	0.74
26	<b>Baron Asset (BARAX)</b>	Midcap growth	<b>652.5</b>	1.9	1.32
27	<b>Sound Shore (SSHFX)</b>	Multicap value	<b>647.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.92</b>
28	<b>Fidelity Congress Street (CNGRX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>644.8</b>	1.4	0.50
29	<b>Royce Pennsylvania Mutual (PENNX)</b>	Small-cap core	<b>644.4</b>	6.9	0.88
30	<b>Stratton Multi Cap (STRGX)</b>	Multicap core	<b>643.7</b>	3.6	1.05
31	<b>Van Kampen Comstock (ACSTX)</b>	Large-cap value	<b>640.3</b>	2.1	0.78
32	<b>Oppenheimer Global (OPPAX)</b>	Global large-cap growth	<b>633.3</b>	4.7	1.09
33	<b>Van Kampen Growth &amp; Income (ACGIX)</b>	Large-cap value	<b>631.4</b>	3.4	0.77
34	<b>Amer. Century Tgt. Maturities: 2010 (BTTNX)</b>	General bond	<b>630.9</b>	5.6	0.57
35	<b>Amer. Funds New Perspective (ANWPX)</b>	Global large-cap core	<b>626.3</b>	4.2	0.70
36	<b>Van Kampen Equity &amp; Income (ACEIX)</b>	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>621.9</b>	4.3	0.76
37	<b>Fidelity Exchange (FDLEX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>619.4</b>	1.4	0.50
38	<b>Eaton Vance Large-Cap Value (EHSTX)</b>	Large-cap value	<b>616.6</b>	3.9	0.98
39	<b>Amer. Funds Washington Mutual (AWSHX)</b>	Large-cap value	<b>609.1</b>	1.3	0.57
40	<b>Federated Capital Appreciation (FEDEX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>603.1</b>	3.5	1.22
41	<b>Vanguard Wellington (VWELX)</b>	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>594.9</b>	4.1	0.27
42	<b>State Farm Growth (STFGX)</b>	Large-cap core	<b>594.1</b>	1.7	0.12
43	<b>Amer. Funds EuroPacific Growth (AEPGX)</b>	International multicap growth	<b>591.5</b>	4.5	0.74
44	<b>Columbia Small Cap Value (CSMIX)</b>	Small-cap value	<b>589.9</b>	6.0	1.26
45	<b>T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock (OTCFX)</b>	Small-cap core	<b>585.1</b>	4.5	0.89

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46	<b>Natixis CGM Advisor Targeted Eq.</b> (NEFGX)	Large-cap growth	<b>582.6</b>	1.6	1.17
47	<b>Evergreen Omega</b> (EKOAX)	Multicap growth	<b>578.8</b>	0.3	1.40
48	<b>Amer. Funds Investment Co. of America</b> (AIVSX)	Large-cap value	<b>578.3</b>	1.8	0.54
49	<b>Value Line Premier Growth</b> (VALSX)	Midcap growth	<b>571.7</b>	4.5	1.11
50	<b>Victory Established Value</b> (GETGX)	Midcap value	<b>569.6</b>	4.9	1.27
51	<b>Mairs &amp; Power Balanced</b> (MAPOX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>568.7</b>	4.1	0.77
52	<b>State Farm Balanced</b> (STFBX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. moderate	<b>557.9</b>	2.9	0.13
53	<b>Value Line Income &amp; Growth</b> (VALIX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. moderate	<b>557.7</b>	5.0	1.04
54	<b>Amer. Funds AMCAP</b> (AMCPX)	Multicap core	<b>555.7</b>	1.8	0.65
55	<b>Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Growth 1.0</b> (CAPEX)	Large-cap core	<b>555.4</b>	0.6	0.45
56	<b>Waddell &amp; Reed Advisors Core Invest.</b> (UNCMX)	Large-cap core	<b>551.9</b>	0.7	1.07
57	<b>FMI Provident Trust Strategy</b> (FMIRX)	Flexible portfolio	<b>546.2</b>	2.0	1.00
58	<b>Victory Small Co. Opportunity</b> (GOGFX)	Small-cap value	<b>541.2</b>	4.2	1.45
59	<b>Federated Mid Cap Growth Strategies</b> (FGSAX)	Multicap growth	<b>537.7</b>	1.6	0.98
60	<b>Oppenheimer Rising Dividends</b> (OARDX)	Large-cap core	<b>535.4</b>	1.3	1.13
61	<b>Dreyfus Appreciation</b> (DGAGX)	Large-cap core	<b>527.9</b>	-0.5	0.95
62	<b>RS Large Cap Alpha</b> (GPAFX)	Large-cap core	<b>524.7</b>	-1.3	0.93
63	<b>Vanguard Wellesley Income</b> (VWINX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. conserv.	<b>519.6</b>	4.6	0.25
64	<b>Calamos Convertible</b> (CCVIX)	Convertible securities	<b>518.0</b>	4.8	1.13
65	<b>Legg Mason Partners Appreciation</b> (SHAPX)	Large-cap core	<b>516.0</b>	1.8	0.95
66	<b>Vanguard Long-Term U.S. Treasury</b> (VUSTX)	General U.S. Treasury	<b>511.6</b>	6.9	0.26
67	<b>Franklin Rising Dividends</b> (FRDPX)	Multicap value	<b>510.7</b>	3.3	1.00
68	<b>Berwyn</b> (BERWX)	Small-cap value	<b>508.8</b>	5.8	1.27
69	<b>Vanguard Explorer</b> (VEXPX)	Small-cap growth	<b>508.7</b>	3.9	0.41
70	<b>Delaware Growth Opportunities</b> (DFCIX)	Midcap growth	<b>506.6</b>	1.9	1.43
71	<b>Amer. Funds Amer. Balanced</b> (ABALX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>506.5</b>	4.0	0.58
72	<b>Putnam Equity Income</b> (PEYAX)	Equity income	<b>505.9</b>	2.1	0.97
73	<b>Vanguard STAR</b> (VGSTX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>491.8</b>	3.4	0.32
74	<b>AIM Charter</b> (CHTRX)	Large-cap core	<b>489.3</b>	0.2	1.15
75	<b>Amer. Funds Amer. Mutual</b> (AMRMX)	Multicap value	<b>488.5</b>	2.2	0.56
76	<b>MFS Mass. Investors Growth Stock</b> (MIGFX)	Large-cap growth	<b>485.8</b>	-2.4	0.90
77	<b>Greenspring</b> (GRSPX)	Flexible portfolio	<b>485.7</b>	6.8	1.03
78	<b>Fidelity Capital Appreciation</b> (FDCAX)	Multicap growth	<b>485.7</b>	1.8	0.82
79	<b>Pioneer</b> (PIODX)	Large-cap core	<b>485.0</b>	0.2	1.08
80	<b>Fidelity Puritan</b> (FPURX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>484.0</b>	2.1	0.60
81	<b>Vanguard Morgan Growth</b> (VMRGX)	Multicap growth	<b>476.7</b>	-0.2	0.36
82	<b>MFS Massachusetts Investors Trust</b> (MITTX)	Large-cap core	<b>474.9</b>	-1.2	0.85
83	<b>Wasatch-Hoisington U.S. Treasury</b> (WHOSX)	General U.S. Treasury	<b>474.5</b>	7.6	0.71
84	<b>John Hancock Large Cap Equity</b> (TAGRX)	Multicap growth	<b>471.8</b>	1.9	1.14
85	<b>MFS Total Return</b> (MSFRX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. moderate	<b>471.4</b>	3.4	0.87
86	<b>Berwyn Income</b> (BERIX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. conserv.	<b>467.8</b>	5.6	0.71
87	<b>Waddell &amp; Reed Advisors Accumulative</b> (UNACX)	Multicap core	<b>462.1</b>	1.4	1.09
88	<b>Sentinel Common Stock</b> (SENCX)	Large-cap core	<b>461.5</b>	0.8	1.10
89	<b>Value Line Larger Companies</b> (VALLX)	Large-cap growth	<b>461.0</b>	-1.0	0.88
90	<b>T. Rowe Price New America Growth</b> (PRWAX)	Multicap growth	<b>457.7</b>	-2.1	0.85
91	<b>Amana Trust Income</b> (AMANX)	Equity income	<b>455.6</b>	4.6	1.31
92	<b>Dreyfus Balanced Opportunity</b> (THPBX)	Mixed-asset tgt. alloc. growth	<b>454.7</b>	2.9	0.86
93	<b>MFS Research</b> (MFRFX)	Large-cap core	<b>453.8</b>	-1.0	0.97
94	<b>Oppenheimer Discovery</b> (OPOCX)	Small-cap growth	<b>451.6</b>	0.9	1.25
95	<b>William Blair Growth</b> (WBG SX)	Multicap growth	<b>447.6</b>	-1.0	1.22
96	<b>Legg Mason Partners Dividend Strategy</b> (CSGWX)	Equity income	<b>446.6</b>	-0.4	0.86
97	<b>Parnassus</b> (PARNX)	Multicap core	<b>443.4</b>	2.2	0.99
98	<b>Tamarack Value</b> (TVASX)	Large-cap value	<b>442.4</b>	0.2	1.03
99	<b>Neuberger Berman Guardian</b> (NGUAX)	Multicap core	<b>442.2</b>	0.3	0.89
100	<b>Federated Equity-Income</b> (LEIFX)	Equity income	<b>438.0</b>	-0.1	1.10

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