

## ICON Natural Resources Fund Wins 2018 Lipper Award!

ICON Advisers is proud to announce that the ICON Natural Resources Fund (ICBMX) has won a 2018 Lipper Fund Award. The Lipper Fund Awards recognize funds that have demonstrated consistent, strong risk-adjusted returns relative to their peers. ICON Advisers won the award for the three-year period, which ended 11/30/2017.

*“We’re delighted to have this recognition from Lipper for our ICON Natural Resources Fund.”*

- Dr. Craig Callahan, President & Founder of ICON Advisers, Inc.

The **ICON Natural Resources Fund** is actively managed and invests globally and across market capitalizations, seeking to identify the companies and industries that our investment methodology identifies as potential market leaders. ICON calculates the intrinsic value of Natural Resources companies, analyzing historic earnings, future earnings growth, market risk, and opportunity cost. We then assess company management quality. This is all done in an attempt to identify and actively tilt the Natural Resources Fund to our favored industries. By continuously adjusting industry tilts, we believe we can add value as an investment manager.

The ICON Natural Resources Fund typically invests over 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies with operations throughout the world that own, explore or develop natural resources and other basic commodities or supply goods and services to such companies. For more information about the [ICON Natural Resources Fund](#), please visit our new newly redesigned website.



## Fund Performance Data as of 12/31/2017

TICKER	INCEPTION	YTD <sup>a</sup>	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)					EXPENSE RATIO		
			1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS	SINCE INCEPTION	GROSS	NET	
ICBMX	ICON Natural Resources Fund, S	5/5/97	16.92	16.92	6.37	9.70	3.73	5.30	1.53%	1.51%
	S&P 1500 Index		21.13	21.13	11.41	15.74	8.69	8.18		

<sup>a</sup> **Not annualized. The data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data quoted. Please call 1-800-828-4881 or visit [www.InvestwithICON.com](http://www.InvestwithICON.com) for performance results current to the most recent month end. Returns assume the re-investment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Performance without maximum sales charge does not include front- end or contingent deferred sales charges. Performance is for the Fund's Class S shares. Performance for the Fund's other share classes will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.**

There are risks involved with mutual fund investing, including the risk of loss of principal. There is no assurance that the investment process will consistently lead to successful results. An investment concentrated in sectors and industries may involve greater risk and volatility than a more diversified investment. There are risks associated with small- and mid-cap investing such as less liquidity, limited product lines, and small market share. An actively managed investment product does not guarantee better returns or performance than any other kind of investment. An investment in a sector fund may involve greater risk and volatility than a diversified fund. Investments in international securities may entail unique risks, including political, market, regulatory and currency risks. Financial statements of foreign companies are governed by different accounting, auditing, and financial standards than U.S. companies and tend to be less transparent and uniform than in the United States. Many corporate governance standards, which help ensure the integrity of public information in the United States, do not exist in foreign countries. In general, there is less governmental supervision of foreign stock exchanges and securities brokers and issuers.

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ICON's value-based investing model is an analytical, quantitative approach to investing that employs various factors, including projected earnings growth estimates, in an effort to determine whether securities are over- or underpriced relative to ICON's estimates of their intrinsic value. ICON's value approach involves forward-looking statements and assumptions based on judgments and projections that are not guarantees of future results. Value investing involves risks and uncertainties and does not guarantee better performance or lower costs than other investment methodologies.

The Thomson Reuters Lipper Fund Awards, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers

The Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 months. The highest 20% of funds in each category are named Lipper Leaders for Consistent Return and receive a score of 5, the next 20% receive a score of 4, the middle 20% are scored 3, the next 20% are scored 2 and the lowest 20% are scored 1. The fund with the highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value in each eligible classification wins the Lipper Fund Award. For more information, see [www.lipperfundawards.com](http://www.lipperfundawards.com).

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The Lipper Leader Consistent Return measure has ranked ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S #1 of 19 portfolios and 55 share classes of Natural Resources Small/Mid-Cap Core funds based on cumulative total returns for the 3-year period ended 11/30/2017. The ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S was ineligible to receive an award in the 5 and 10-year periods since the fund moved into the Natural Resources classification in January 2016. Lipper Inc. doesn't produce a 1-year ranking for the Lipper Leader Consistent Return measure.

Lipper Inc. ranked ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S #5 of 88 Natural Resource Small/Mid-Cap Core funds, based on cumulative total returns for the 1-year period ending 12/31/17. Lipper Inc. ranked ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S #3 of 78 Natural Resources Small/Mid-Cap Core funds, based on cumulative total returns for the 3-year period ending 12/31/17. Lipper Inc. ranked ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S #3 of 65 Natural Resource Small/Mid-Cap Core funds, based on cumulative total returns for the 5-year period ending 12/31/17. Lipper Inc. ranked ICON Natural Resources Fund, Class S

#4 of 55 Natural Resource Small/Mid-Cap Core funds, based on cumulative total returns for the 10-year period ending 12/31/17. The awards for the ICON Natural Resources Fund are for the Fund's Class S shares. Performance for the Fund's other share classes will vary due to differences in charges and expenses. A Lipper Certificate does not ensure positive fund performance. LIPPER and the LIPPER Corporate Marks are proprietary trademarks of Lipper, a Reuters Company.

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**Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and share classes of each ICON Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus, summary prospectus, and the statement of additional information contain this and other information about the Funds and are available by visiting [www.InvestwithICON.com](http://www.InvestwithICON.com) or calling 1-800-828-4881. Please read the prospectus, summary prospectus, and the statement of additional information carefully before investing.**

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