

# The Dimensional Difference

## Dimensional’s long-term track record demonstrates our ability to deliver benchmark-beating results

Most funds in the industry do not beat their benchmarks. Index funds aren’t even designed to beat benchmarks; instead, they aim to match them before taking into account fees and expenses.

The majority of active mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) fall short of their benchmarks over time, and the results often become worse as you look over longer time periods. Many do not survive.

We believe our track record demonstrates that Dimensional funds are different.

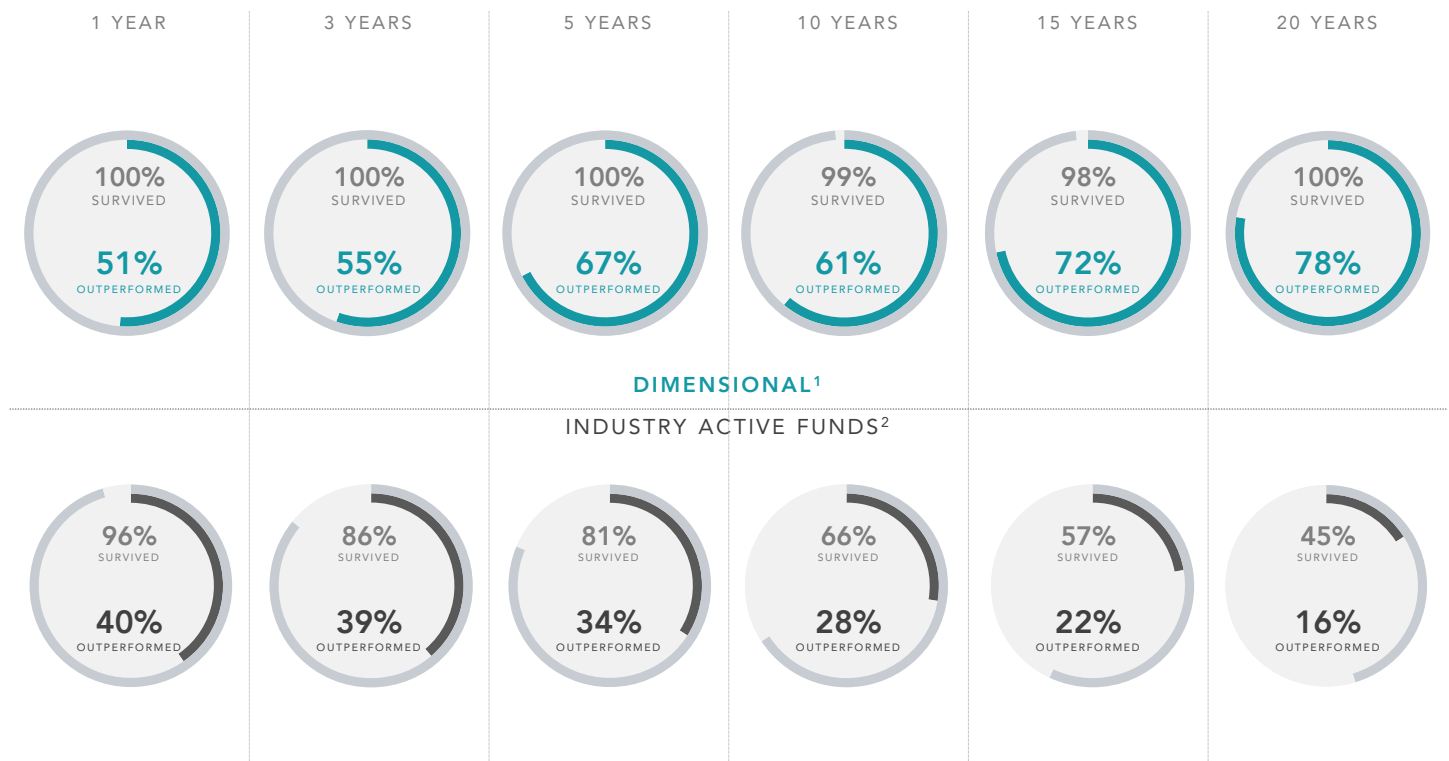
Dimensional funds are designed to outperform their benchmarks, and the long-term track record demonstrates our ability to deliver benchmark-beating results.

While any investment manager may be able to point to a fund or two that has delivered outperformance over shorter periods, we believe examining the complete body of work across all funds gives you more information about that manager’s track record.

That’s the Dimensional difference.

### DIMENSIONAL VS. THE INDUSTRY

Percentage of US-domiciled active equity and fixed income funds that outperformed their benchmark as of March 31, 2026



Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. The sample includes funds at the beginning of each respective period. Survivors are funds that had returns for every month in the sample period. Outperformers (winner funds) are funds that survived the sample period and whose cumulative net return over the period exceeded that of their respective benchmark. Each fund is evaluated relative to its respective Morningstar focus prospectus benchmark. Where the full series of Morningstar focus prospectus benchmark returns is unavailable, non-Dimensional funds are instead evaluated relative to their Morningstar category index. See Appendix for more information.

1. Dimensional fund data provided by the fund accountant. Dimensional funds or sub-advised funds whose access is or previously was limited to certain investors are excluded.

2. US-domiciled, USD-denominated open-end and exchange-traded fund data is provided by Morningstar. Index funds, load-waived funds, and funds of funds are excluded from the industry sample.

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**Risks** include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Investment value will fluctuate, and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost.

Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market. There is no guarantee strategies will be successful.

ETFs trade like stocks, fluctuate in market value and may trade either at a premium or discount to their net asset value. ETF shares trade at market price and are not individually redeemable with the issuing fund, other than in large share amounts called creation units. ETFs are subject to risk similar to those of stocks, including those regarding short-selling and margin account maintenance. Brokerage commissions and expenses will reduce returns.

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## Appendix

### Data Sample

The sample includes US-domiciled, USD-denominated open-end and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in the following Morningstar categories. Non-Dimensional fund data provided by Morningstar. Dimensional fund data is provided by the fund accountant. Dimensional funds or subadvised funds whose access is or previously was limited to certain investors are excluded. Dimensional Retirement Equity Fund included. Index funds, load-waived funds, and funds of funds are excluded from the industry sample.

### Methodology

The beginning samples include funds as of the start of each respective time period. Surviving funds are those with return observations for every month of the sample period. Each fund is evaluated relative to its Morningstar focus prospectus benchmark. Where the full series of Morningstar focus prospectus benchmark returns is unavailable, non-Dimensional funds are instead evaluated relative to their Morningstar category index. Outperformers are funds that survived the sample period and whose cumulative net return over the period exceeded that of their respective benchmark. We aggregate funds with multiple share classes to the strategy level.

### Morningstar Categories (Equity)

Equity fund sample includes the following Morningstar historical categories: Diversified Emerging Markets, Europe Stock, Foreign Large Blend, Foreign Large Growth, Foreign Large Value, Foreign Small/Mid Blend, Foreign Small/Mid Growth, Foreign Small/Mid Value, Global Real Estate, Japan Stock, Large Blend, Large Growth, Large Value, Mid-Cap Blend, Mid-Cap Growth, Mid-Cap Value, Miscellaneous Region, Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, Real Estate, Small Blend, Small Growth, Small Value, Global Large-Stock Blend, Global Large-Stock Growth, Global Large-Stock Value, and Global Small/Mid Stock.

### Morningstar Categories (Fixed Income)

Fixed income fund sample includes the following Morningstar historical categories: Corporate Bond, High Yield Bond, Inflation-Protected Bond, Intermediate Core Bond, Intermediate Core-Plus Bond, Long-Term Bond, Intermediate Government, Long Government, Muni California Intermediate, Muni California Long, Muni Massachusetts, Muni Minnesota, Muni National Intermediate, Muni National Long, Muni National Short, Muni New Jersey, Muni New York Intermediate, Muni New York Long, Muni Ohio, Muni Pennsylvania, Muni Single State Intermediate, Muni Single State Long, Muni Single State Short, Muni Target Maturity, Short Government, Short-Term Bond, Ultrashort Bond, Global Bond, and Global Bond-USD Hedged.

### Index Data Sources

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