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Tributary Balanced Fund Receives Top Rating in U.S. News & World Report's 'Best Funds'

(OMAHA, Neb. February 7, 2012) – The Tributary Funds, with \$750 million in assets, had one of its mutual funds recognized in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Funds", announced Stephen Frantz, President of the Tributary Funds Board of Directors.

In the "Best Funds" report the Tributary Balanced Fund was ranked 1st out of 278 Moderate Allocation Funds. This is a back to back ranking for the Balanced Fund, which was also ranked last year as a "Best Mutual Fund for the Long Term". *U.S. News & World Report* awarded the Tributary Balanced Fund with a score of 9.6 out of 10. The exclusive *U.S. News* Score was used to compile lists of some of the best mutual fund performers. The score is based on the ratings of some of the mutual fund industry's best-known analysts, including Morningstar, Lipper, Standard & Poor's, TheStreet, and Zacks.

"The rankings in *U.S. News & World Report* validate the Balanced Fund's competitive strength in stock selection, while highlighting our constant focus on asset allocation," said Kurt Spieler, Portfolio Manager. For more information on the rankings, visit <http://money.usnews.com/funds/mutual-funds/rankings/moderate-allocation>.

About Tributary Funds

The Tributary Funds are comprised of seven mutual funds with \$750 million in assets. The Funds are advised by Tributary Capital Management, LLC, a SEC Registered Investment Advisor providing asset management services to individuals, institutions and investment companies. For more information, visit www.tributaryfunds.com.

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Before investing, please read the Fund's prospectus and shareholder reports to learn about its investment strategy and potential risks. Mutual Fund investing involves risk including loss of principal. An investor should also consider the Fund's investment objective, charges, expenses, and risk carefully before investing. This and other information about the Fund is contained in the fund's prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 1-800-662-4203 www.tributaryfunds.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing. Distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, member FINRA. Northern Lights and the Fund's Advisor, Tributary Capital Management, are not affiliated.

The U.S. News Mutual Fund Score is produced using an equal weighting of the overall ratings provided by the data sources referenced.

Individual fund rating systems are normalized to a 100-point scale based on point totals assigned to individual scoring systems. For Morningstar's and S&P's five-star ranking and Zacks five-point scale, each star or point awarded would receive 20 points. In TheStreet.com's A-to-E scale, a highly rated "A" fund would receive 100 points, while a low-rated "E" would receive 20 points. The five Lipper Leader categories are each worth a total of 20 points, giving 4 points to each 1-to-5 point scale assigned to each section of the Lipper rankings. The U.S. News score is calculated by dividing total points awarded according to the above system by the number data sources (5). Points are then normalized to a 1-to-10 scale, which constitutes the U.S. News score. The combined U.S. News Mutual Fund Score rates funds on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.

Funds must be ranked by all five data sources to receive a U.S. News Mutual Fund Score.

The U.S. News Mutual Fund Score groups funds by their Morningstar fund category. However, some systems use different categorizations when ranking funds. (U.S. News & World Report, 03/04/10)

Stocks are more volatile and carry more risk and return potential than other forms of investments. Bonds offer a relatively stable level of income, although bond prices will fluctuate, providing the potential for principal gain or loss. Cash equivalents offer low risk and low return potential. This Fund generally would be considered to have more risk and return potential than the Tributary Income Fund and less risk and return potential than the Tributary Core Equity Fund.

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