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## **HEARTLAND ADVISORS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN INVESTOR COMMUNICATION**

*Recipient of two national awards from the Mutual Fund Education Alliance*

**MILWAUKEE, WI, November 11, 2011** — Milwaukee-based Heartland Advisors, Inc., manager of the Heartland Family of value-driven mutual funds, was honored with two national awards for outstanding investor communication by the Mutual Fund Education Alliance (MFEA). This is the fourth consecutive year Heartland has been recognized by the MFEA for the Firm's outstanding investor communication and education materials.

In a Chicago, IL ceremony on October 27, Heartland received awards in the following categories, both for medium-sized firms:

- **Best educational material**, for a "timely" and "well-researched" white paper delving into the historical significance of dividends to U.S. equity investors.
- **Best introductory kit materials**, for the Heartland International Small Cap Fund.

Heartland Advisors' award-winning white paper on dividends is titled "Dividends: A Review of Historical Returns."

### About Heartland

Heartland Advisors, Inc. is an independently owned Milwaukee-based firm established in 1983 and renowned as America's Value Investor®. As of September 30, 2011, the firm managed approximately \$4.2 billion for institutional and high net worth clients and the Heartland Family of value-driven mutual funds, which include the Heartland Value Fund (Investor: HRTVX), Heartland Value Plus Fund (Investor: HRVIX), Heartland Select Value Fund (Investor: HRSVX) and Heartland International Small Cap Fund (HINVX). Learn more at [www.heartlandfunds.com](http://www.heartlandfunds.com) and [www.heartlandinternationalfund.com](http://www.heartlandinternationalfund.com).

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