Van Kampen Investments An Overview

With roots extending back to 1927, Van Kampen Investments brings financial advisors and investors nearly four generations of experience managing money through bull and bear markets, and economic peaks and valleys.

Van Kampen offers one of the broadest mutual fund product lines in the industry, with more than 50 individual portfolios covering almost every investment class and management style.

About Van Kampen

Financial advisors and their clients turn to Van Kampen not only for quality investment options, but for things that are even more important—like the freedom to enjoy the true wealth life has to offer.

It's a responsibility we don't take lightly. And it's why Van Kampen favors long-term performance over short-term gain. We also continue to expand and improve our line of investment products, giving advisors and investors an array of quality tools to help build a sound, successful financial future.

Of course, we at Van Kampen are proud of a track record of investment excellence dating back some 75 years and our stature as one of the industry's largest investment firms. But we're even more pleased that millions of investors continue to count on our Generations of Experience⁵⁴⁴ to help them enjoy life's TRUE WEALTH...

Turn the page for the story of Van Kampen Investments.

At Van Kampen, we know that the right investments yield much more than dollars and cents.

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The Story of Van Kampen Investments

Van Kampen traces its roots to the origins of two entrepreneurial investment managers who later joined to form one of the nation's premier money managers.

The first of those firms was founded in 1927 and would eventually come to be known as American Capital. During its long history, American Capital established its reputation as both a mutual fund pioneer and a premier manager of equity investments.

The second firm was founded by a young, ambitious Chicago native named Robert D. Van Kampen. At age 21, Mr. Van Kampen went to work selling bonds for a local investment firm and before long earned the nickname "The Charger" for his inspired sales abilities. Spurred by his success, he began laying plans for the company that would become Van Kampen Merritt.

Van Kampen Merritt quickly established itself as a leader in unit investment trusts and municipal bonds. By the mid-1980s, the firm's rapid growth fueled its entry into the mutual fund business, which in turn laid the groundwork for its 1994 merger with American Capital.

Today, Van Kampen Investments offers investors decades of expertise in both the equity and fixed-income markets, vast international capabilities, and a wide variety of investment products.

Van Kampen's Generations of Experience[™]

We believe that extensive experience—and the perspective that such experience brings—is key to unlocking the opportunities of today and tomorrow. Van Kampen offers nine funds with histories that span at least a quarter of a century. What were you doing when each of these funds opened its doors?

Inception*	In that year:
1946	First meeting of the United Nations
1954	World Series broadcast in color
1956	USSR invades Hungary
1960	American U-2 plane shot down by the USSR
1968	Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated
1969	Neil Armstrong's moonwalk
1970	Kent State demonstrations
1971	Introduction of the microprocessor
1974	Richard Nixon resigns the presidency
	1946 1954 1956 1960 1968 1969 1970

^{*} Class A Shares

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