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Schwab International Fundamental Index Mutual Fund Receives Best-in-Class Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award

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WESTLAKE, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. (CSIM) announced today that the **Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund (SFNNX)** has won a 2021 US Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award for outstanding fund performance. The award marks the fourth consecutive year that CSIM has been recognized for the performance of offerings from its Fundamental Index* fund suite.

The annual Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards recognize funds and fund management companies that excel in delivering consistently strong, risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers.

SFNNX was named best-in-class among 43 international multi-cap value funds for the five-year ranking period ending November 30, 2020.

“We are incredibly pleased that Lipper has recognized the performance of our Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund,” said David Botset, SVP of Product Strategy at CSIM. “Diversification is a core tenet of long-term investing, and one that we believe is critical in the current investment environment. The Schwab Fundamental Index strategies can serve as a compelling, low-cost complement to traditional index and actively managed strategies, which together offer investors broad diversification and the potential for strong returns over time. We are proud to continue helping investors achieve their financial goals with Schwab’s Fundamental Index suite.”

As the first asset manager to launch Fundamental Index mutual funds, CSIM has been a leader in this space for more than a decade.



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As of December 31, 2020, Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. managed approximately \$549.2 billion on a discretionary basis and approximately \$37.5 billion on a non-discretionary basis. CSIM provides non-discretionary advisory services to the Schwab Trust Bank Collective Investment Trusts, including research and recommendations relating to asset allocation, portfolio construction, cash-flow monitoring and advisor selection and retention. Some trusts include multiple unit classes. More information is available at www.schwabfunds.com.

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