

Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Get's A New Manager (August 15, 2011)

After 22 years at the helm of Fidelity Low-Priced Stock, Joel Tillinghast will take a leave of absence from the fund starting September 6th.

With our mantra of, "[Buy the manager, not the fund](#)", we take any fund manager change very seriously. Low-Priced Stock is a very popular fund with \$35 billion in assets under management and is included in many 401(k) plan investment menus, such as General Motors, Delphi, International UAW, Allison Transmission, Rolls Royce, and Visteon.

During Joel's leave of absence, Jamie Harmon will have lead portfolio management responsibilities for Low-Priced Stock. We interview numerous fund managers and with this change felt it imperative to interview Jamie Harmon to determine his plans for the fund. Several members of the Mainstay Investment Team had an extensive conversation with Jamie on August 9th.

Jamie is a 16 year veteran of Fidelity and has worked very closely with Joel Tillinghast over the past five months preparing for this transition. Additionally, the fund that Jamie currently manages exhibits similar characteristics to Low-Priced Stock giving us insight into what to expect over the next few months. Jamie anticipates that portfolio turnover will remain very low and he will consult with Joel if he expects to make any changes in any of Low-Priced Stock's top 50 positions.

Overall, we feel comfortable enough with this transition to a new fund manager that, at this time, we do not recommend a change in allocation for this holding in your portfolio as a result. However, as with any portfolio manager change, we will be monitoring the progress of the fund very carefully during this period. Joel Tillinghast is expected to return as lead portfolio manager for Low-Priced Stock in early 2012.

If you have questions about this fund manager change or how Mainstay Capital Management can help you with your investments and financial planning, call Mainstay toll-free at 1-866-444-6246.

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