# **New Constructs**®

### PREDICTIVE FUND RATING

01/10/12 as of 01/09/12: \$49.33

NAV as of 01/09/12: \$49.33

# **RYSIX - Dangerous Rating**

## Rydex Series Funds: Electronics Fund

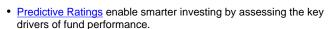


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**Predictive Rating** 

Portfolio Management Total Annual Costs Dangerous

Neutral Very Dangerous



Stock-picking (<u>Portfolio Management</u>) and fund expenses (<u>Total Annual Costs</u>) drive investment performance.

#### **Fund Rankings**

- 18th percentile of the 6000+ equity funds we cover.
- 105 out of 109 Information Technology funds.
- · All 28 ETFs in the same category rank better.

#### Investment Recommendation

- We recommend investors avoid RYSIX. We recommend its ETF benchmark QQQ.
- Despite strong past performance, we expect the fund to underperform the market.
- RYSIX's Portfolio Management rating does not justify its high Total Annual Costs.

#### **Portfolio Management Rating Details**

- RYSIX receives our Neutral rating because it overweights Neutral-orworse-rated stocks.
- QQQ, RYSIX's benchmark, receives our Attractive rating and holds better stocks than the fund.
- Our fund analytics are based on aggregating our models and ratings for each fund's holdings.
- Our top-ranked stock ratings leverage key data from the financial footnotes for unrivaled research quality.

#### Portfolio Management Rating Breakdown

#### **Business Strength**

****	Quality of Earnings	Very Attractive
****	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	32.79%

#### Valuation

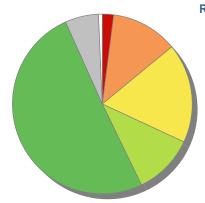
<b>★★★</b> ☆	Free Cash Flow Yield	4.17%
***	Price to Economic Book Value	2.21
****	Market-Implied Duration of Growth	24 years

#### **Fund Asset Allocation**

**QQQ** Allocations

★★★★ Cash Allocation 0.69% cash

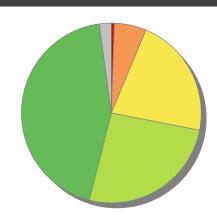
#### Allocation Details: Fund vs Benchmark - PowerShares QQQ (QQQ)



#### RYSIX Allocations

2.03%	Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	0.54%
12.01%	Dangerous ★★☆☆	5.74%
17.89%	Neutral ★★★☆	21.79%
10.90%	Attractive ★★★★	25.89%
50.46%	Very Attractive  ★★★★	43.89%
6.02%	Unrated	2.15%
0.69%	Cash	

Holdings as of 11/30/11. Ratings as of 01/09/12.



#### **Active Management Commentary**

- RYSIX allocates 14.04% of its value to Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks while QQQ allocates 6.28%.
- RYSIX allocates 61.36% of its value to Attractive-or-better-rated stocks while QQQ allocates 69.78%.
- Investors should expect funds with higher Total Annual Costs to allocate more value to Attractive and Very Attractive Stocks and less to Dangerous and Very Dangerous stocks than alternative funds with lower costs.
- Active portfolio management of RYSIX does not add value versus its ETF benchmark QQQ.

Return - A	nnual	Top 5 Holdings		Key Mutual Fund Statistics			
Year to Date	4.71%	Intel Corp	INTC	Net Assets(mm)	\$3.50	Category	Information Technology
1 Year	-15.44%	Texas Instruments Inc	TXN	NAV	\$49.33	Mgmt Co	Rydex/SGI Funds
3 Year	17.45%	Altera Corp	ALTR	Benchmark	QQQ	Manager	Byrum/Dellapa/Harder
5 Year	-4.71%	Applied Materials Inc	AMAT	# of Holdings	48	Tenure	1998
Inception	-0.05%	Broadcom Corp	BRCM	Initial Min	\$2,500	Inception	04/01/98

Data from Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and New Constructs, LLC.

Details on Total Annual Costs Rating are on page 2.

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#### **Total Annual Costs Rating and Ranking**

Rating	Total Annual Costs		Category Rank
****	5.55%	0.70%	104 of 109

This rating reflects all expenses, loads, fees, and transaction costs in a single value that is comparable across all funds.

#### **Total Annual Costs Breakdown**

	Annualized Values			
All Cost Types	RYSIX	Benchmark: QQQ		
Front-End Load	0.00%			
Expense Ratio	1.55%	0.22%		
Back-End Load	0.00%			
Redemption Fee	0.00%			
Transaction Costs	4.00%			
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	5.55%	0.22%		

- To justify its higher Total Annual Costs, RYSIX must outperform its ETF benchmark by 6.03% annually over 3 years or 6.03% annually over 10 years.
- This analysis assumes a 3-year holding period, the average for all funds.
- Transaction costs are estimated using the fund's annual portfolio turnover ratio of 1171%.

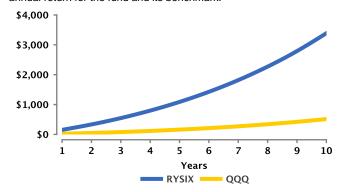
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#### Reported Costs vs Benchmark: as of 08/01/11

	RYSIX	Benchmark: QQQ
Front-End Load	0.00%	
Expense Ratio	1.39%	0.20%
Back-End Load	0.00%	
Redemption Fee	0.00%	

#### **Accumulated Total Costs vs Benchmark**

Accumulated Total Costs represent the dollar value of costs investors incur during a 10-yr holding period. Assumes a \$10,000 investment and a 10% annual return for the fund and its benchmark.



 3-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$547.35 for RYSIX and \$79.70 for QQQ. 10-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$3,387.95 for RYSIX and \$514.10 for QQQ.

#### **Overview of Our Predictive Mutual Fund Rating System**

New Constructs' <u>Predictive Fund Ratings</u> enable smarter investing by assessing the key drivers of future fund performance. We start by analyzing every fund holding based on New Constructs' stock ratings, which are regularly featured as among the <u>best by Barron's</u>. Next, we measure and rank the all-in costs of investing in a fund.

Intuitively, there are two drivers of future fund performance.

- 1) New stock-picking (Portfolio Management Rating) and
- 2) Fund expenses (Total Annual Costs Rating) drive investment performance

The figure below details the criteria that drive our Predictive Rating system for funds. The two drivers of our predictive rating system are Portfolio Management and Total Annual Costs. The Portfolio Management Rating (details <a href="here">here</a>) is the same as our Stock Rating (details <a href="here">here</a>) except that we incorporate Asset Allocation (details <a href="here">here</a>) in the Portfolio Management Rating. The Total Annual Costs Rating (details <a href="here">here</a>) captures the all-in cost of being in a fund over a 3-year holding period, the average period for all mutual fund investors.

	Portfolio Management Rating						
Predictive Rating	Business Strength		Valuation			Asset Allocation	Total Annual Costs Rating
	Quality of Earnings	Return on Invested Capital	FCF Yield	Price to Econ Book Value	Mkt-Imp Duration of Growth	Cash %	-
Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50	> 20%	> 4%
Dangerous ★★☆☆	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50	8% < 20%	2% < 4%
Neutral ★★★☆☆	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20	2.5% < 8%	1% < 2%
Attractive ★★★★	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10	1% < 2.5%	0.5% < 1%
Very Attractive ★★★★	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3	< 1%	< 0.5%

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- 1. Based on the complete set of financial information available.
- 2. Standard for all companies.
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