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ETF & Mutual Fund Rankings: All Cap Blend Style

The All Cap Blend style ranks second out of the twelve fund styles as detailed in our <u>3Q17 Style Ratings for ETFs and Mutual Funds</u> report. <u>Last quarter</u>, the All Cap Blend style ranked second as well. It gets our Neutral rating, which is based on an aggregation of ratings of 63 ETFs and 734 mutual funds in the All Cap Blend style as of July 25, 2017. See a recap of our <u>2Q17 Style Ratings here.</u>

Figures 1 and 2 show the five best and worst rated ETFs and mutual funds in the style. Not all All Cap Blend style ETFs and mutual funds are created the same. The number of holdings varies widely (from 3 to 4618). This variation creates drastically different investment implications and, therefore, ratings.

Investors seeking exposure to the All Cap Blend style should buy one of the Attractive-or-better rated ETFs or mutual funds from Figures 1 and 2.

Our <u>Robo-Analyst technology</u> empowers our unique <u>ETF and mutual fund rating methodology</u>, which leverages our rigorous analysis of each fund's holdings. We think advisors and investors focused on prudent investment decisions should include analysis of fund holdings in their research process for ETFs and mutual funds.

Figure 1: ETFs with the Best & Worst Ratings - Top 5

	Alloca	tion of ETF I					
Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating			
Best ETFs							
TTFS	50%	37%	12%	Very Attractive			
PKW	51%	28%	18%	Very Attractive			
PWC	33%	44%	14%	Very Attractive			
SPHQ	39%	49%	12%	Very Attractive			
TILT	31%	41%	24%	Very Attractive			
Worst ETFs							
MOAT	36%	47%	14%	Neutral			
LTL	0%	29%	45%	Unattractive			
SPHB	17%	35%	46%	Unattractive			
DIG	2%	4%	86%	Very Unattractive			
ERX	2%	3%	93%	Very Unattractive			

^{*} Best ETFs exclude ETFs with TNAs less than \$100 million for inadequate liquidity.

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

Five ETFs are excluded from Figure 1 because their total net assets (TNA) are below \$100 million and do not meet our liquidity minimums. See our ETF screener for more information.



Figure 2: Mutual Funds with the Best & Worst Ratings - Top 5

	Allocation						
Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating			
Best Mutual Funds							
SWLSX	41%	39%	18%	Very Attractive			
TORZX	32%	40%	14%	Very Attractive			
LMRNX	25%	29%	15%	Very Attractive			
PXWGX	46%	42%	11%	Very Attractive			
GGLIX	30%	52%	14%	Very Attractive			
Worst Mutual Funds							
LMNOX	17%	25%	32%	Very Unattractive			
FEAIX	10%	28%	46%	Very Unattractive			
FEFRX	10%	28%	46%	Very Unattractive			
JSVAX	11%	37%	24%	Very Unattractive			
JACNX	11%	37%	24%	Very Unattractive			

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Five mutual funds are excluded from Figure 2 because their total net assets (TNA) are below \$100 million and do not meet our liquidity minimums.

AdvisorShares Wilshire Buyback ETF (TTFS) is the top-rated All Cap Blend ETF and Schwab Large-Cap Growth Fund (SWLSX) is the top-rated All Cap Blend mutual fund. Both earn a Very Attractive rating.

Direxion Daily Energy Bull 3x Shares (ERX) is the worst rated All Cap Blend ETF and Janus Henderson Contrarian Fund (JACNX) is the worst rated All Cap Blend mutual fund. Both earn a Very Unattractive rating.

The Danger Within

Buying a fund without analyzing its holdings is like buying a stock without analyzing its business and finances. Put another way, research on fund holdings is necessary due diligence because a fund's performance is only as good as its holdings' performance. Don't just take our word for it, see what Barron's says on this matter.

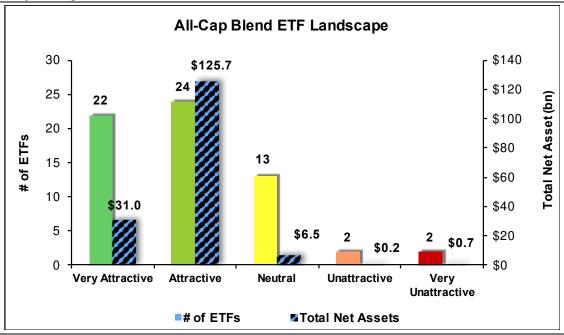
PERFORMANCE OF HOLDINGS = PERFORMANCE OF FUND

Analyzing each holding within funds is no small task. Our Robo-Analyst technology enables us to perform this diligence with scale and provide the research needed to fulfill the fiduciary duty of care. More of the biggest names in the financial industry (see At BlackRock, Machines Are Rising Over Managers to Pick Stocks) are now embracing technology to leverage machines in the investment research process. Technology may be the only solution to the dual mandate for research: cut costs and fulfill the fiduciary duty of care. Investors, clients, advisors and analysts deserve the latest in technology to get the diligence required to make prudent investment decisions.



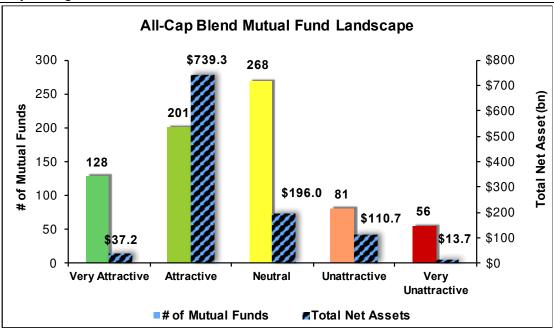
Figures 3 and 4 show the rating landscape of all All Cap Blend ETFs and mutual funds.

Figure 3: Separating the Best ETFs From the Worst Funds



Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

Figure 4: Separating the Best Mutual Funds From the Worst Funds



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