



ETF & Mutual Fund Rankings: Mid Cap Value Style

The Mid Cap Value style ranks eighth out of the twelve fund styles as detailed in our [1Q18 Style Ratings for ETFs and Mutual Funds](#) report. [Last quarter](#), the Mid Cap Value style ranked eighth as well. It gets our Neutral rating, which is based on an aggregation of ratings of 10 ETFs and 161 mutual funds in the Mid Cap Value style as of January 22, 2018. See a recap of our [4Q7 Style Ratings here](#).

Figures 1 and 2 show the best and worst rated ETFs and mutual funds in the style. Not all Mid Cap Value style ETFs and mutual funds are created the same. The number of holdings varies widely (from 29 to 2082). This variation creates drastically different investment implications and, therefore, ratings.

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

Our [Robo-Analyst technology](#) empowers our unique [ETF and mutual fund rating methodology](#), which leverages our rigorous analysis of each fund's holdings.¹ 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

Ticker	Allocation of ETF Holdings			Predictive Rating
	Attractive-or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive-or-worse Stocks	
Best ETFs				
ONEY	28%	42%	28%	Attractive
VUSE	25%	40%	30%	Attractive
JKI	18%	42%	35%	Attractive
DON	15%	43%	36%	Attractive
KNOW	31%	36%	31%	Attractive
Worst ETFs				
No ETFs receive an Unattractive-or-worse rating.				

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

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

¹ Ernst & Young's recent white paper "[Getting ROIC Right](#)" proves the superiority of our holdings research and analytics.

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

Ticker	Allocation of Mutual Fund Holdings			Predictive Rating
	Attractive-or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive-or-worse Stocks	
Best Mutual Funds				
HNMVX	20%	46%	31%	Attractive
HAMVX	20%	46%	31%	Attractive
PMVQX	22%	46%	29%	Attractive
HRMVX	20%	46%	31%	Attractive
SPVZX	22%	46%	29%	Attractive
Worst Mutual Funds				
FRBSX	5%	29%	45%	Very Unattractive
MSAVX	3%	30%	61%	Very Unattractive
QVSCX	11%	33%	46%	Very Unattractive
LAVLX	4%	40%	49%	Very Unattractive
MAIMX	5%	39%	51%	Very Unattractive

* Best mutual funds exclude funds with TNAs less than \$100 million for inadequate liquidity.

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Fidelity Mid Cap Value K6 Fund (FCMVX) is excluded from Figure 2 because its total net assets (TNA) are below \$100 million and do not meet our liquidity minimums.

State Street SPDR Russell 1000 Yield Focus ETF (ONEY) is the top-rated Mid Cap Value ETF and Harbor Funds Mid Cap Value Fund (HNMVX) is the top-rated Mid Cap Value mutual fund. Both earn an Attractive rating.

There are no ETFs that receive an Unattractive-or-worse rating and Victory Integrity Mid Cap Value Fund (MAIMX) is the worst rated Mid Cap Value mutual fund. MAIMX earns 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.

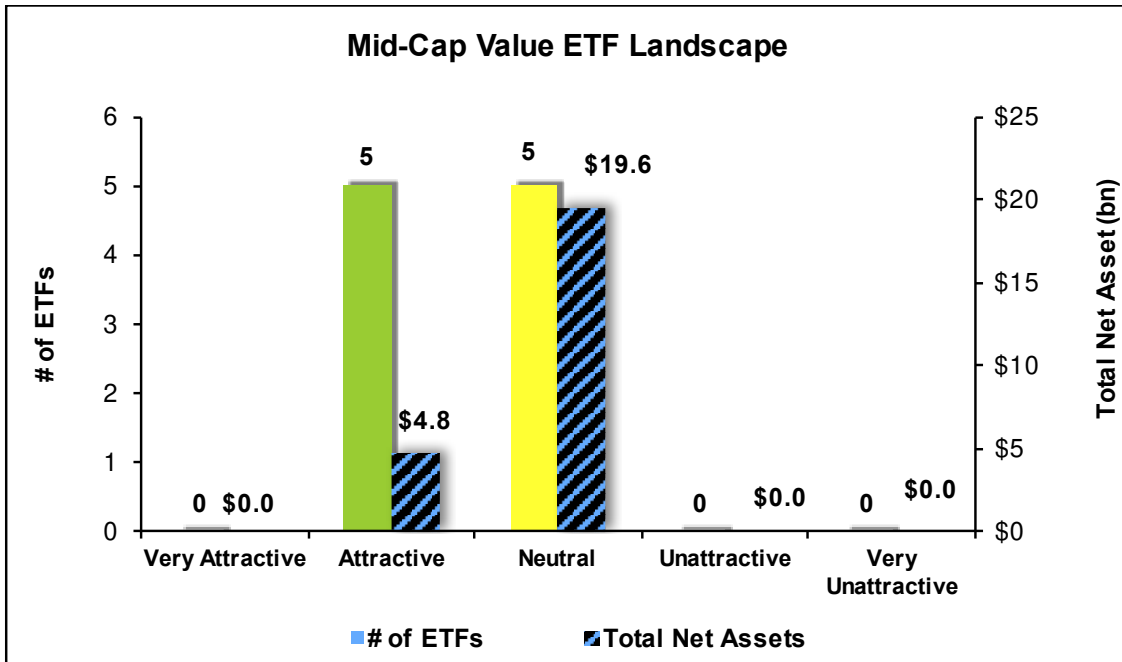
PERFORMANCE OF HOLDINGS = PERFORMANCE OF FUND

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.



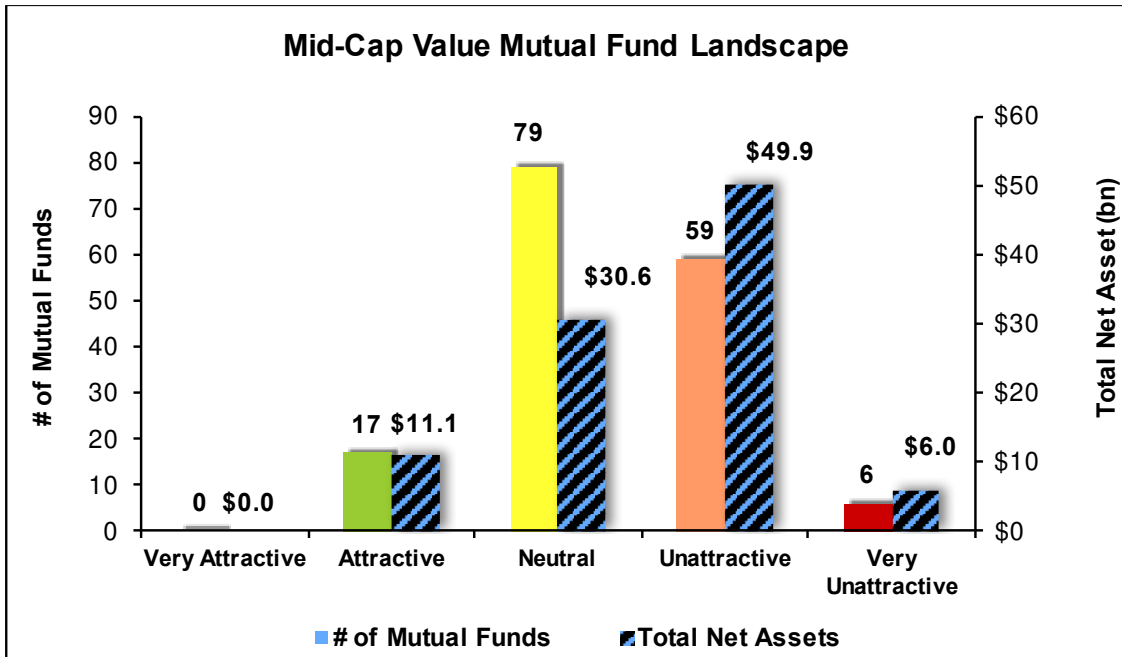
Figures 3 and 4 show the rating landscape of all Mid Cap Value ETFs and mutual funds.

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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