

# 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>2Q18 Style Ratings for</u> <u>ETFs and Mutual Funds</u> report. <u>Last quarter</u>, the All Cap Blend style ranked second as well. It gets our Attractive rating, which is based on an aggregation of ratings of 110 ETFs and 761 mutual funds in the All Cap Blend style as of April 16, 2018. See a recap of our <u>1Q18 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 4639). 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><sup>1</sup> empowers our unique <u>ETF and mutual fund rating methodology</u>, which leverages our rigorous analysis of each fund's holdings.<sup>2</sup> 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

	Allocation of ETF Holdings			
Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating
		Best	ETFs	
DYLS	47%	43%	7%	Very Attractive
SHE	39%	39%	22%	Very Attractive
PWC	29%	45%	19%	Very Attractive
UDOW	34%	37%	10%	Very Attractive
USMV	25%	51%	22%	Very Attractive
		Worst	ETFs	
URE	13%	16%	56%	Unattractive
UWM	10%	26%	36%	Unattractive
BUYN	8%	21%	55%	Unattractive
DIG	0%	10%	79%	Very Unattractive
LTL	0%	50%	40%	Very Unattractive

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

Fourteen ETFs are excluded from Figure 1 because their total net assets (TNA) are below \$100 million and do not meet our liquidity minimums.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Harvard Business School features the powerful impact of our research automation technology in the case <u>New Constructs: Disrupting</u> <u>Fundamental Analysis with Robo-Analysts</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ernst & Young's recent white paper "Getting ROIC Right" proves the superiority of our holdings research and analytics.



	Allocation	und Holdings		
Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating
		Best Mut	ual Funds	
FEXKX	40%	42%	17%	Very Attractive
FEXPX	40%	42%	17%	Very Attractive
GTLIX	44%	43%	12%	Very Attractive
SVFYX	38%	39%	19%	Very Attractive
NLCFX	42%	39%	18%	Very Attractive
		Worst Mut	ual Funds	
WCPSX	0%	71%	29%	Very Unattractive
ENPSX	0%	11%	88%	Very Unattractive
OEPSX	0%	7%	89%	Very Unattractive
UEPSX	9%	31%	38%	Very Unattractive
SLVYX	17%	27%	46%	Very Unattractive

### Figure 2

\* Best mutua Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

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

WisdomTree Dynamic Long/Short U.S. Equity Fund (DYLS) is the top-rated All Cap Blend ETF and Fidelity Export & Multinational Fund (FEXKX) is the top-rated All Cap Blend mutual fund. Both earn a Very Attractive rating.

ProShares Ultra Telecommunications (LTL) is the worst rated All Cap Blend ETF and Saratoga Advantage Large Capitalization Value Portfolio (SLVYX) is the worst rated All Cap Blend mutual fund. Both earn a Very Unattractive rating.

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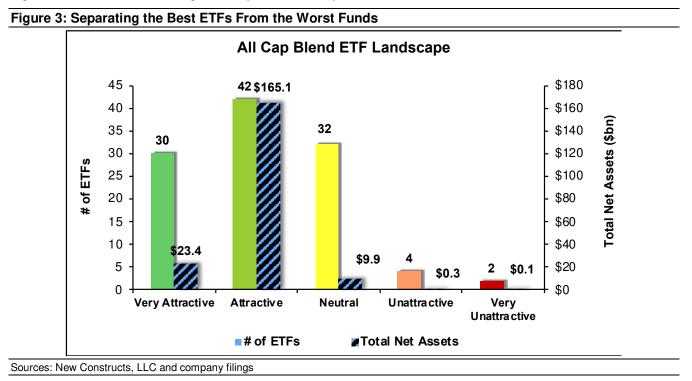
Buying a fund without analyzing its holdings is like buying a stock without analyzing its business and finances. Put another way, research on fund holdings is necessary due diligence because a fund's performance is only as good as its holdings' performance. Don't just take our word for it, see what Barron's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

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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.



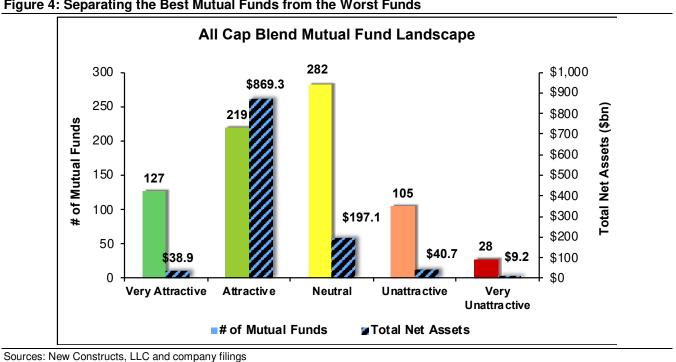


Figure 4: Separating the Best Mutual Funds from the Worst Funds

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