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ETF & Mutual Fund Rankings: All Cap Value Style

The All Cap Value style ranks fourth out of the twelve fund styles as detailed in our 1Q19 Style Ratings for ETFs and Mutual Funds report. Last quarter, the All Cap Value style ranked fourth as well. It gets our Neutral rating, which is based on an aggregation of ratings of 26 ETFs and 369 mutual funds in the All Cap Value style as of January 22, 2019. See a recap of our 4Q18 Style Ratings here.

Figures 1 and 2 show the five best and worst rated ETFs and mutual funds in the style. Not all All Cap Value style ETFs and mutual funds are created the same. The number of holdings varies widely (from 18 to 1554). This variation creates drastically different investment implications and, therefore, ratings.

Get the best fundamental research

Investors seeking exposure to the All Cap Value 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>¹ empowers our unique <u>ETF and mutual fund rating methodology</u>, which leverages our rigorous analysis of each fund's holdings.² 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						
DVP	73%	27%	0%	Very Attractive		
FVAL	41%	41%	16%	Very Attractive		
COWZ	58%	33%	8%	Very Attractive		
ROUS	41%	37%	18%	Very Attractive		
LRGF	34%	44%	19%	Very Attractive		
Worst ETFs						
VONV	26%	33%	39%	Neutral		
IWD	26%	33%	39%	Neutral		
LVHD	21%	38%	40%	Neutral		
KNOW	26%	49%	25%	Neutral		
AMCA	19%	39%	39%	Neutral		

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

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

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

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

² 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

	Allocation	of Mutual F				
Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating		
Best Mutual Funds						
FDSWX	66%	20%	13%	Very Attractive		
FDSTX	66%	20%	13%	Very Attractive		
FDSBX	66%	20%	13%	Very Attractive		
FVSAX	35%	34%	19%	Very Attractive		
FDSAX	66%	20%	13%	Very Attractive		
Worst Mutual Funds						
MVEIX	23%	37%	23%	Unattractive		
MGWBX	15%	44%	38%	Very Unattractive		
MGWAX	15%	44%	38%	Very Unattractive		
ATVAX	24%	43%	32%	Very Unattractive		
UPUPX	9%	22%	62%	Very Unattractive		

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

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Six mutual funds (AQVVX, AQVYX, AQVPX, LSVMX, LVAMX, VALAX) are excluded from Figure 2 because their total net assets (TNA) are below \$100 million and do not meet our liquidity minimums.

ETF Series Deep Value ETF (DVP) is the top-rated All Cap Value ETF and SunAmerica AlG Focused Dividend Strategy Fund (FDSWX) is the top-rated All Cap Value mutual fund. Both earn a Very Attractive rating.

iShares Russell 1000 Pure U.S. Revenue ETF (AMCA) is the worst rated All Cap Value ETF and Upright Investments Upright Growth Fund (UPUPX) is the worst rated All Cap Value mutual fund. AMCA earns a Neutral rating and UPUPX 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.

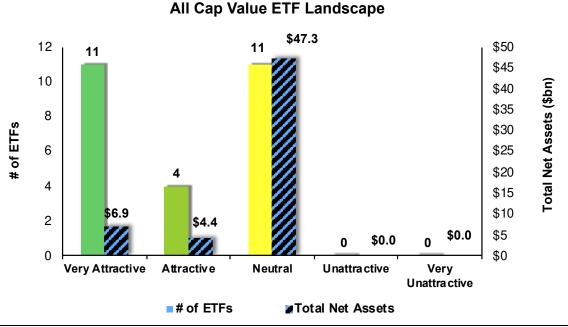
PERFORMANCE OF HOLDINGS = PERFORMANCE OF FUND

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 All Cap Value ETFs and mutual funds.

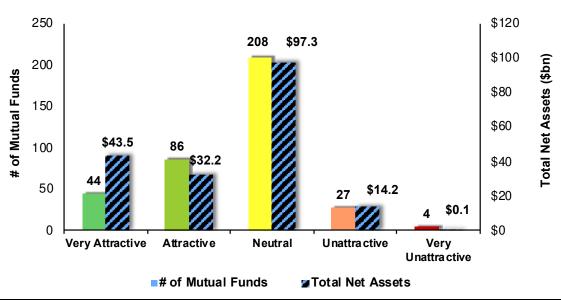
Figure 3: Separating the Best ETFs from the Worst Funds



Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

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

All Cap Value Mutual Fund Landscape



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