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ETF & Mutual Fund Rankings: All Cap Growth Style

The All Cap Growth style ranks eighth out of the twelve fund styles as detailed in our <u>2Q21 Style Ratings for ETFs and Mutual Funds</u> report. <u>Last quarter</u>, the All Cap Growth style ranked ninth. It gets our Neutral rating, which is based on an aggregation of ratings of 29 ETFs and 473 mutual funds in the All Cap Growth style as of April 19, 2021. See a recap of our <u>1Q21 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 Growth style ETFs and mutual funds are created the same. The number of holdings varies widely (from 18 to 2545). This variation creates drastically different investment implications and, therefore, ratings.

Learn more about the best fundamental research

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

The best fundamental data in the world, proven in The Journal of Financial Economics, drives our research. Our Robo-Analyst technology empowers our unique ETF and mutual fund rating methodology, 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

Ticker	Attractive- or-better Stocks	Neutral Stocks	Unattractive- or-worse Stocks	Predictive Rating		
Best ETFs						
SPGP	45%	44%	11%	Very Attractive		
QGRO	36%	50%	13%	Very Attractive		
ONEQ	26%	45%	22%	Attractive		
TTAC	36%	44%	18%	Attractive		
ADME	26%	54%	18%	Attractive		
Worst ETFs						
QRFT	18%	40%	41%	Neutral		
MILN	21%	23%	52%	Unattractive		
FPX	14%	12%	62%	Unattractive		
FCTR	15%	25%	57%	Very Unattractive		
ENTR	4%	21%	51%	Very Unattractive		

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

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

Four ETFs (LEAD, PSET, IVSG, KNGS) 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 See how our models and financial ratios are superior to Bloomberg and Capital IQ's (SPGI) analytics in the detailed appendix of this paper.



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						
FICIX	45%	46%	9%	Attractive		
FICHX	45%	46%	9%	Attractive		
EWMCX	29%	52%	11%	Attractive		
BLGRX	38%	49%	10%	Attractive		
FFTYX	19%	40%	32%	Attractive		
Worst Mutual Funds						
NMCAX	10%	35%	53%	Very Unattractive		
ADOAX	17%	34%	26%	Very Unattractive		
MSEGX	5%	20%	59%	Very Unattractive		
CPOAX	1%	20%	58%	Very Unattractive		
THCGX	7%	12%	63%	Very Unattractive		

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

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

Invesco S&P 500 GARP ETF (SPGP) is the top-rated All Cap Growth ETF and Delaware Growth Equity Fund (FICIX) is the top-rated All Cap Growth mutual fund. SPGP earns a Very Attractive rating and FICIX earns an Attractive rating.

ERShares Entrepreneurs ETF (ENTR) is the worst rated All Cap Growth ETF and Thornburg Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund (THCGX) is the worst rated All Cap Growth 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

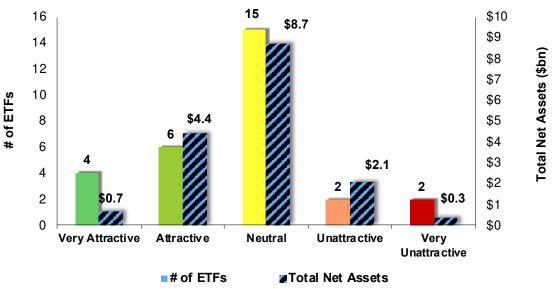
Analyzing each holding within funds is no small task. Our Robo-Analyst technology enables us to perform this diligence with scale and provide the research needed to fulfill the fiduciary duty of care. More of the biggest names in the financial industry (see At BlackRock, Machines Are Rising Over Managers 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 Growth ETFs and mutual funds.

Figure 3: Separating the Best ETFs from the Worst Funds

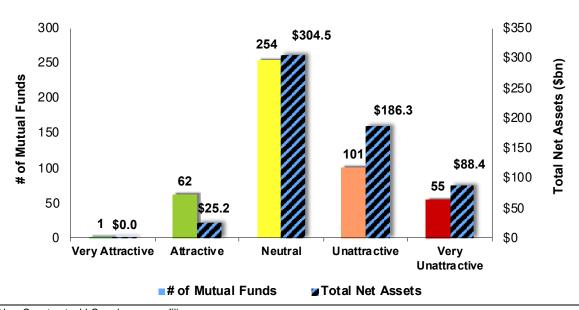
All Cap Growth ETF Landscape



Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

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

All Cap Growth Mutual Fund Landscape



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Key quotes from the paper:

- "[New Constructs'] *Total Adjustments* differs significantly from the items identified and excluded from Compustat's adjusted earnings measures. For example... 50% to 70% of the variation in *Total Adjustments* is not explained by *S&P Global's (SPGI) Adjustments* individually." pp. 14, 1st para.
- "A final source of differences [between New Constructs' and S&P Global's data] is due to data collection oversights...we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms' income that is useful in assessing core earnings." pp. 16, 2nd para.

Superior Models

A top accounting firm features the superiority of our ROIC, NOPAT and Invested Capital research to Capital IQ & Bloomberg's in <u>Getting ROIC Right</u>. See the <u>Appendix</u> for direct comparison details.

Key quotes from the paper:

- "...an accurate calculation of ROIC requires more diligence than often occurs in some of the common, off-the-shelf ROIC calculations. Only by scouring the footnotes and the MD&A [as New Constructs does] can investors get an accurate calculation of ROIC." pp. 8, 5th para.
- "The majority of the difference...comes from New Constructs' machine learning approach, which leverages technology to calculate ROIC by applying accounting adjustments that may be buried deeply in the footnotes across thousands of companies." pp. 4, 2nd para.

Superior Stock Ratings

Robo-Analysts' stock ratings outperform those from human analysts as shown in this <u>paper</u> from Indiana's Kelley School of Business. Bloomberg features the paper <u>here</u>.

Key quotes from the paper:

- "the portfolios formed following the buy recommendations of Robo-Analysts earn abnormal returns that are statistically and economically significant." pp. 6, 3rd para.
- "Our results ultimately suggest that Robo-Analysts are a valuable, alternative information intermediary to traditional sell-side analysts." pp. 20, 3rd para.

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