# **PREDICTIVE FUND RATING** <u>New Constructs</u>®

#### 12/02/11 NAV as of 12/01/11: \$14.36

**TMAPX - Very Dangerous Rating** Touchstone Funds Group Trust: Touchstone Mid Cap Fund

#### \*\*\*\*\* **Predictive Rating**

Very Dangerous

\*\*\*\*\* **Portfolio Management** \*\*\*\* **Total Annual Costs** 

Dangerous Very Dangerous

#### Investment Recommendation

- · We strongly recommend investors avoid TMAPX.
- · Despite mediocre past performance, we expect the fund to significantly underperform the market.
- TMAPX's Portfolio Management rating does not justify its high Total Annual Costs.

#### **Portfolio Management Rating Details**

- TMAPX receives our Dangerous rating because it overweights Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks.
- IWP, TMAPX's benchmark, receives our Neutral rating and holds better stocks than the fund.
- Our fund analytics are based on aggregating our models and ratings for each fund's holdings.
- Our top-ranked stock ratings leverage key data from the financial footnotes for unrivaled research quality.

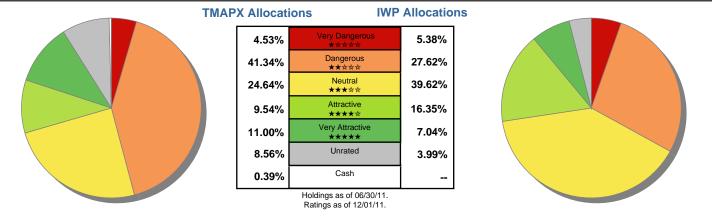
- Predictive Ratings enable smarter investing by assessing the key drivers of fund performance.
- Stock-picking (Portfolio Management) and fund expenses (Total Annual Costs) drive investment performance.

#### Fund Rankings

- 2nd percentile of the 4700+ equity funds we cover.
- 335 out of 343 Mid Cap Growth funds.
- · All 10 ETFs in the same category rank better.

Portfolio Management Rating Breakdown					
Business Stre	ength				
★★★★☆	Quality of Earnings	Attractive			
★★★★☆	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	13.87%			
Valuation					
*****	Free Cash Flow Yield	-1.64%			
****	Price to Economic Book Value	3.52			
$\bigstar \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \&$	Market-Implied Duration of Growth	56 years			
Fund Asset A	llocation				
*****	Cash Allocation	0.39% cash			

#### Allocation Details: Fund vs Benchmark - iShares Russell Midcap Growth Index (IWP)



#### **Active Management Commentary**

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TMAPX allocates 45.87% of its value to Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks while IWP allocates 33.00%.

TMAPX allocates 20.54% of its value to Attractive-or-better-rated stocks while IWP allocates 23.39%.

- Investors should expect funds with higher Total Annual Costs to allocate more value to Attractive and Very Attractive Stocks and less to Dangerous and Very Dangerous stocks than alternative funds with lower costs.
- Active portfolio management of TMAPX does not add value versus its ETF benchmark IWP.

Return - An	nual	Top 5 Holdings		Key Mutual Fund Statistics			
Year to Date	0.70%	Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc	GMCR	Net Assets(mm)	\$77.90	Category	Mid Cap Growth
1 Year	4.66%	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Intl	VRX	NAV	\$14.36	Mgmt Co	Touchstone Advisors Inc
3 Year	17.54%	Lear	LEA	Benchmark	IWP	Manager	Team Managed
5 Year		Herbalife Ltd	HLF	# of Holdings	71	Tenure	-
Inception	-4.57%	IAC/InterActivecorp	IACI	Initial Minimum	\$2,500.00	Inception	05/14/07
Data from Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and New Constructs, LLC. Details on Total Annual Costs Rating are on page 2.							

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## PREDICTIVE FUND RATING

#### 12/02/11

#### Total Annual Costs Rating and Ranking

Rating	Total Annual Costs	Fund Universe % Rank	Category Rank
****	4.16%	5.22%	321 of 343

This rating reflects all expenses, loads, fees, and transaction costs in a single value that is comparable across all funds.

#### Total Annual Costs Breakdown

	Annualized Values			
All Cost Types	TMAPX	Benchmark: IWP		
Front-End Load	2.22%			
Expense Ratio	1.35%	0.28%		
Back-End Load	0.00%			
Redemption Fee	0.00%			
Transaction Costs	0.59%			
Total Annual Costs	4.16%	0.28%		

 To justify its higher Total Annual Costs, TMAPX must outperform its ETF benchmark by 3.97% annually over 3 years or 2.40% annually over 10 years.

- This analysis assumes a 3-year holding period, the average for all funds.
- Transaction costs are estimated using the fund's annual portfolio turnover ratio of 132%.

#### **Overview of Our Predictive Mutual Fund Rating System**

New Constructs' <u>Predictive Fund Ratings</u> enable smarter investing by assessing the key drivers of future fund performance. We start by analyzing every fund holding based on New Constructs' stock ratings, which are regularly featured as among the <u>best by Barron's</u>. Next, we measure and rank the all-in costs of investing in a fund.

Intuitively, there are two drivers of future fund performance.

- 1) New stock-picking (Portfolio Management Rating) and
- 2) Fund expenses (Total Annual Costs Rating) drive investment performance

The figure below details the criteria that drive our Predictive Rating system for funds. The two drivers of our predictive rating system are Portfolio Management and Total Annual Costs. The Portfolio Management Rating (details <u>here</u>) is the same as our Stock Rating (details <u>here</u>) except that we incorporate Asset Allocation (details <u>here</u>) in the Portfolio Management Rating. The Total Annual Costs Rating (details <u>here</u>) captures the all-in cost of being in a fund over a 3-year holding period, the average period for all mutual fund investors.

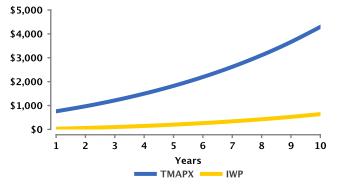
	Portfolio Management Rating						
Predictive Rating	Business Strength		Valuation			Asset Allocation	ocation Total Annual Costs Rating
Ū	Quality of Earnings	Return on Invested Capital	FCF Yield	Price to Econ Book Value	Mkt-Imp Duration of Growth	Cash %	
Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆☆	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50	> 20%	> 4%
Dangerous ★★☆☆☆	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50	8% < 20%	2% < 4%
Neutral ★★★☆☆	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20	2.5% < 8%	1% < 2%
Attractive ★★★★	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10	1% < 2.5%	0.5% < 1%
Very Attractive ★★★★	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3	< 1%	< 0.5%

#### Reported Costs vs Benchmark: as of 04/19/11

	ТМАРХ	Benchmark: IWP
Front-End Load	5.75%	
Expense Ratio	1.21%	0.25%
Back-End Load	0.00%	
Redemption Fee	0.00%	

#### Accumulated Total Costs vs Benchmark

Accumulated Total Costs represent the dollar value of costs investors incur during a 10-yr holding period. Assumes a \$10,000 investment and a 10% annual return for the fund and its benchmark.



 3-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$1,215.21 for TMAPX and \$99.58 for IWP. 10-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$4,293.40 for TMAPX and \$641.19 for IWP.

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- 2. Standard for all companies.
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