

### RYTSX - Very Dangerous Rating

#### Rydex Series Funds: Transportation Fund


**Predictive Rating**

Very Dangerous


**Portfolio Management**

Neutral


**Total Annual Costs**

Very Dangerous

#### Investment Recommendation

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

#### Portfolio Management Rating Details

- RYTSX receives our Neutral rating because it overweights Neutral-or-worse-rated stocks.
- XLI, RYTSX'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.

#### Fund Rankings

- 3rd percentile of the 7000+ equity funds we cover.
- 18 out of 18 Industrials funds.
- All 17 ETFs in the same category rank better.
- See rankings for all US equity funds on our free [fund screener](#).

#### Portfolio Management Rating Breakdown

##### Business Strength



Quality of Earnings

Attractive



Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)

10.48%

##### Valuation



Free Cash Flow Yield

2.46%



Price to Economic Book Value

2.26



Market-Implied Duration of Growth

38 year(s)

##### Fund Asset Allocation



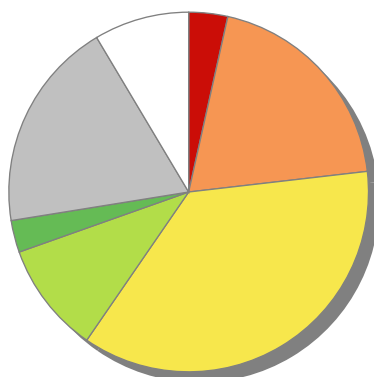
Cash Allocation

8.55% cash

#### Stock and Cash Rating Allocations vs Benchmark - Industrial Select Sector SPDR (XLI)

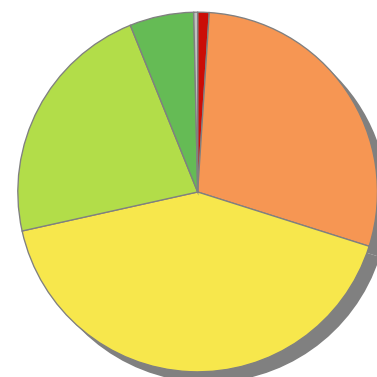
##### RYTSX Allocations

##### XLI Allocations



3.50%	Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	1.03%
19.67%	Dangerous ★★☆☆	28.85%
36.42%	Neutral ★★★☆☆	41.64%
9.99%	Attractive ★★★★☆	22.37%
2.88%	Very Attractive ★★★★★	5.76%
18.99%	Unrated	0.35%
8.55%	Cash	--

Holdings as of 11/30/11. Cash as of 12/31/11.  
Ratings as of 01/31/12.



#### Active Management Commentary

- RYTSX allocates 23.17% of its value to Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks while XLI allocates 29.88%.
- RYTSX allocates 12.87% of its value to Attractive-or-better-rated stocks while XLI allocates 28.13%.
- 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 RYTSX does not add value versus its ETF benchmark XLI.

#### Return - Annual

#### Top 5 Holdings

Year to Date	9.55%	United Parcel Service Inc
1 Year	-1.20%	Union Pacific Corp
3 Year	18.58%	Ford Motor Co
5 Year	-2.44%	General Motors Co
Inception	3.88%	FedEx Corp

UPS	Net Assets(mm)	\$8.40
UNP	NAV	\$24.67
F	Benchmark	XLI
GM	# of Holdings	52
FDX	Initial Min	\$2,500

#### Key Mutual Fund Statistics

Category	Industrials
Mgmt Co	Rydex/SGI Funds
Manager	Byrum/Dellapa/Harder
Tenure	1998
Inception	09/01/04

## Total Annual Costs Rating and Ranking

Rating	Total Annual Costs	Fund Universe % Rank	Category Rank
★☆☆☆☆	5.98%	0.40%	18 of 18

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

## Total Annual Costs Breakdown

All Cost Types	Annualized Values	
	RYTSX	Benchmark: XLI
Front-End Load	1.83%	--
Expense Ratio	1.83%	0.22%
Back-End Load	0.00%	--
Redemption Fee	0.00%	--
Transaction Costs	2.31%	--
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	<b>5.98%</b>	<b>0.22%</b>

- To justify its higher Total Annual Costs, RYTSX must outperform its ETF benchmark by 6.17% annually over 3 years or 4.85% 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 1217%.

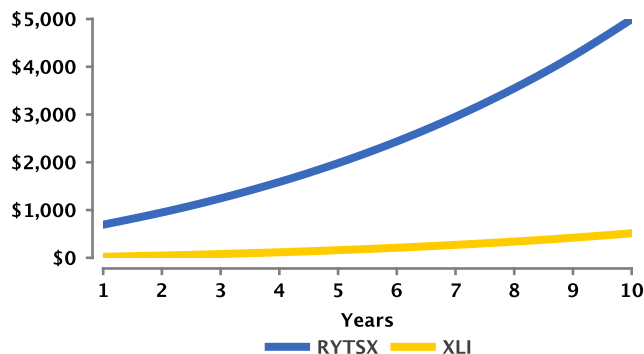
Data from Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and New Constructs, LLC.

## Reported Costs vs Benchmark: as of 08/01/11

	RYTSX	Benchmark: XLI
Front-End Load	4.75%	--
Expense Ratio	1.64%	0.20%
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 \$1,245.80 for RYTSX and \$79.70 for XLI. 10-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$4,997.41 for RYTSX and \$514.10 for XLI.

## Overview of Our Predictive Mutual Fund Rating System

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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 [here](#)) is the same as our Stock Rating (details [here](#)) except that we incorporate Asset Allocation (details [here](#)) in the Portfolio Management Rating. The Total Annual Costs Rating (details [here](#)) captures the all-in cost of being in a fund over a 3-year holding period, the average period for all mutual fund investors.

Predictive Rating	Portfolio Management Rating						Total Annual Costs Rating
	Business Strength		Valuation			Asset Allocation	
	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%

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