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Top 10 Mutual Fund Rankings



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AF Advisors is an independent research and consultancy company servicing financial institutions active in asset management.

In the evolving financial environment we offer our clients strategic advantages through the combination of our extended knowledge, experience and skills. AF Advisors not only offers advice, but is also capable to implement the advice.

AF Advisors strives for a healthier, more transparent financial industry by providing value adding services.

Clients value our:

- in depth knowledge
- thorough listening skills and no-nonsense, hands-on approach
- candid advice

Dutch mortgage investment structuring – Several large Dutch pension funds

AF Advisors advised Pensioenfond Metaal & Techniek (PMT) with respect to the investment structure, due diligence and selection, governance and operational items related to investing in Dutch mortgages. Next to PMT, AF Advisors advises several other Dutch Pension Funds in setting up an investment in Dutch mortgages.

Fund rationalization – Large Dutch insurer

One of the largest Dutch insurers is simplifying their range of mutual and unit linked funds. One of AF Advisors partners is the project manager for this complex fund rationalization project.

Design and implementation of managed account platform – US state pension fund

AF Advisors advises a US state pension fund on the design and implementation of their managed account structure for alternative (hedge fund) investments and on the selection of a managed account platform provider.

Review of risk control framework – Large Dutch corporate pension fund

On request of a large Dutch corporate pension fund AF Advisors reviewed their risk control framework and advised on possible improvements.

Review of offered fund range – Several clients

AF Advisors gained several new clients for fund research: a Dutch bank, a Dutch insurer and a Dutch broker dealer. The offered fund ranges were assessed on eligibility criteria and the performance of these ranges was reviewed using several criteria. Recommendations for substitution of ill performing funds were given as part of this review.

- For all major asset classes AF Advisors delivers insight in the numerous mutual funds available to Dutch retail investors.
- For each asset class the AF Advisors Ranking Model results in a useful apples to apples comparison list of 10 funds offering the best value for Dutch retail investors.
- The model is based on several factors, qualitative as well as quantitative, such as cost, performance, risk, the importance of the investment strategy to the provider and the level of service provided to the Dutch market.
- The rankings will be published every quarter within ten working days after month-end.
- The rankings add value for retail investors, asset managers, gate keepers, fund promoters and press.

1 ***Suitability***

- The analysis starts with a broad range of investment funds available in The Netherlands, containing a multitude of funds that are classified in the different categories.
- In order to qualify, the mutual fund should have a minimum track record of 3 years. The screening process further involves an analysis on the size, minimum subscription amounts and currency of the fund.

2 ***Shortlist***

- The remaining mutual funds will be ranked based on 3 and 5 year performance and risk. The total number of funds, appearing in the comparison list, will vary between 20 and 80 mutual funds.

3 ***Ranking***

- The Top 10 ranking is based on an analysis taking into account several qualitative and quantitative factors.

Eligibility Factors

Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in Global Developed Equity
- Large Cap or All Cap Equity strategy
- No exclusions of or focus on specific sectors or countries

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
- EUR or USD shareclass
- Minimum of EUR 50 million AuM / retail shareclass

Trackrecord

- Minimum 3 year trackrecord

Data

- Public reporting of fund data

Ranking Factors

Returns

- 3 and 5 year total return net of fees
- 3 and 5 year Morningstar risk adjusted returns

Fees

- Management fee
- Total expense ratio

Importance of strategy for the firm

- Commercial importance
- Firm focus

Standards of service

- Local support
- Availability of information

		Fund Name	Branding Name	ISIN	Total Net Return (Ann.)			Historical ranking										
Current	Previous				3Yr	5Yr	3Yr	# Rankings*	Q2 '14	Q1 '14	Q4 '13	Q3 '13	Q2 '13	Q1 '13	Q4 '12	Q3 '12	Q2 '12	Q1 '12
1	1	Robeco BP Global Premium Eqs C EUR	Robeco	LU0940004830	22.61	15.59	8.55	6 / 14	1	2	3	1	5					
2	9	SSgA World Index Equity Fund I EUR	State Street	FR0010482901	20.20	14.00	7.07	2 / 14	9									
3	-	Dodge & Cox Worldwide Global Stk EUR Acc	Dodge & Cox	IE00B55JMJ98	25.32	15.19	9.09	1 / 14										
4	2	M&G Global Dividend EUR C	M&G	GB00B39R2T55	20.31	16.64	9.87	8 / 14	2	1	8					10	10	7
5	8	Amundi ETF MSCI World EUR A/I	Amundi	FR0010756098	20.15	13.91	7.06	8 / 14	8	10	5	6		5	6	9		
6	3	iShares Core MSCI World	BlackRock	IE00B4L5Y983	20.22	13.80	7.12	2 / 14	3									
7	-	Fidelity World Y-Acc-EUR	Fidelity	LU0318941662	22.80	13.74	8.19	1 / 14										
8	-	Schroder ISF QEP Global Core C Acc	Schroders	LU0106255481	19.48	14.35	7.67	4 / 14							10			
9	5	ASN Duurzaam Aandelenfonds	ASN Bank	NL0000441301	20.30	13.82	8.78	5 / 14	5	3	2	4	9					
10	-	AXA Rosenberg Global Eq Alpha A EUR	AXA	IE00B1VJ6602	21.27	14.20	8.33	1 / 14										

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Eligibility Factors

Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in North American Equity
- Large Cap or All Cap Equity strategy
- No exclusions of or focus on specific sectors or countries

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
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1	5	AXA Rosenberg US Enh Idx Eq Alp A	AXA	IE0033609615	26.07	19.33	9.19	5 / 14	5		6			9				10	
2	4	W.P. Stewart Holdings	AllianceBernstein	LU0237485098	25.22	19.92	9.83	14 / 14	4	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	
3	-	PowerShares Dynamic US Market ETF	Invesco	IE00B23D9240	28.87	19.02	10.34	1 / 14											
4	1	PowerShares FTSE RAFI US 1000 ETF	Invesco	IE00B23D8S39	25.86	18.32	8.21	7 / 14	1	1	2	2	3					4	3
5	7	Lyxor ETF S&P 500 D-EUR	Lyxor	LU0496786574	24.93	-	8.19	6 / 14	7	8	9	5	5						
6	-	JPM Highbridge US STEEP B (acc)-EUR	JPMorgan	LU0828466119	25.15	19.37	9.47	3 / 14											
7	6	iShares Core S&P 500	BlackRock	IE00B5BMR087	24.87	-	8.20	2 / 14	6										
8	8	Lyxor ETF MSCI USA D-EUR A/I	Lyxor	FR0010296061	24.82	18.51	8.13	8 / 14	8	9	8				4	7	8		
9	9	db x-trackers S&P 500 IC	db X-trackers	LU0490618542	24.80	-	8.21	4 / 14	9	6	7								
10	-	JPM America Equity B (acc)-USD	JPMorgan	LU0129458765	26.43	18.75	11.35	1 / 14											

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Eligibility Factors

Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in European Equity
- Large Cap or All Cap Equity strategy
- No exclusions of or focus on specific sectors or countries

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
- EUR shareclass
- Minimum of EUR 50 million AuM / retail shareclass

Trackrecord

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Previous																	
1	-	UBS (Lux) ES Eurp Opp Uncons € Q	UBS	24.97	15.36	10.49	6 / 14		5	3	4	8	7				
2	-	JPM Europe Strategic Growth B (acc)-EUR	JPMorgan	23.46	15.59	9.68	1 / 14										
3	1	Invesco Pan Eurp Structured Eq C	Invesco	20.27	15.29	8.51	11 / 14	1	8	10	3	3	5	4	3	6	
4	-	Invesco Pan European Eq Income C	Invesco	22.78	12.98	10.06	1 / 14										
5	2	JPM Europe Dynamic B (acc)-EUR	JPMorgan	23.72	13.11	12.10	3 / 14	2	2								
6	5	JPM Europe Equity Plus B (acc)-EUR	JPMorgan	26.74	-	10.81	5 / 14	5	4	2	6						
7	3	Schroder ISF European Opp C € Acc	Schroders	23.84	-	11.27	2 / 14	3									
8	-	Comgest Growth Europe I EUR Acc	Comgest	19.02	14.15	8.23	12 / 14		10	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
9	8	BGF European Value D2 EUR	BlackRock	24.13	11.77	11.42	4 / 14	8	1	9							
10	9	UBS (Lux) EF European Oppo (EUR) Q	UBS	21.31	12.63	8.76	7 / 14	9	5	3	4	8	7				

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Eligibility Factors

Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in European Equity
- Small Cap or Mid Cap Equity strategy
- No exclusions of or focus on specific sectors or countries

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
- EUR shareclass
- Minimum of EUR 50 million AuM / retail shareclass

Trackrecord

- Minimum 3 year trackrecord

Data

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1	3	F&C Portfolios European SmCp R €	F&C	LU0976192475	24.18	17.55	10.31	5 / 14	3	3	8		8										
2	2	Henderson Horizon Pan Eur SmCom H2 EUR	Henderson	LU0892273995	23.08	15.07	15.51	7 / 14	2	9	10	10											6
3	6	JPM Europe Small Cap B (acc)-EUR	JPMorgan	LU0129451919	22.03	14.55	12.23	2 / 14	6														
4	4	db x-trackers MSCI Europe Sm Cap (DR) IC	db X-trackers	LU0322253906	21.64	13.53	11.54	4 / 14	4	8	6												
5	-	Kempen (Lux) European Small-Cap BN	Kempen	LU0927663731	19.28	13.27	12.72	3 / 14														10	7
6	8	Dimensional Europe Sm Comp B EUR	Dimensional	IE0032769055	21.04	13.02	10.55	2 / 14	8														
7	-	Alken Small Cap Europe R	Alken	LU0300834669	28.73	15.16	15.09	2 / 14				9											
8	1	MFS® Meridian Europ Sm Cos A1 EUR	MFS	LU0125944966	21.60	17.99	8.32	9 / 14	1		1	2	1	2	1	2	3						
9	5	Ignis European Smlr Coms A Acc	Ignis	GB00B249N415	25.24	15.20	13.83	3 / 14	5	1													
10	7	Schroder ISF Eur Smaller Coms C Acc	Schroders	LU0106238552	22.75	13.87	11.99	2 / 14	7														

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Eligibility Factors

Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in European Government Bonds
- No focus on one specific country

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
- EUR shareclass
- Minimum of EUR 50 million AuM / retail shareclass

Trackrecord

- Minimum 3 year trackrecord

Data

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1	2	Lyxor ETF EuroMTS 7-10Y InvstGrd DR A/I	Lyxor	FR0010411439	8.73	5.86	5.70	10 / 14	2	2	5	6	6	7	7	7	6	
2	4	EasyETF iBoxx Liquid Soverg Global THEAM	BNP Paribas	FR0010276949	7.53	5.63	4.64	10 / 14	4	5	3	5	3		10	8	4	
3	5	Amundi ETF GvtBd EuroMTSBrd InvGrd 5-7	Amundi	FR0010754176	7.80	5.35	5.00	5 / 14	5	6		7	9					
4	3	Think iBoxx Government Bond ETF	Think ETFs	NL0009690254	7.43	-	4.28	3 / 14	3	10								
5	6	db x-trackers II iBoxx SovEuroZ 5-7 IC	db X-trackers	LU0290357176	7.73	5.59	4.36	11 / 14	6	3	1	2	2	4	3	8	9	
6	-	SPDR® Barclays Euro Government Bond ETF	State Street	IE00B3S5XW04	7.57	-	4.48	1 / 14										
7	8	Deutsche Invest I Euro-Gov Bonds FC	DWS	LU0145654009	8.97	5.71	5.16	2 / 14	8									
8	1	iShares Euro Government Bond 7-10yr	BlackRock	IE00B1FZS806	7.36	7.48	5.13	14 / 14	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	7	Schroder ISF Euro Govt Bd C Acc	Schroders	LU0106236184	7.88	5.93	4.62	3 / 14	7	4								
10	10	Allianz Europa Obligatie Fonds	Allianz	NL0000286904	8.17	6.13	4.98	4 / 14	10		7							

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Investment Strategy

- Minimum 70% invested in Global High Yield Bonds (Unhedged)
- No exclusions of or focus on specific sectors or countries

Investment Vehicle

- ETFs and Open-ended investment funds (Publicly offered)
- EUR and USD shareclass
- Minimum of EUR 50 million AuM / retail shareclass

Trackrecord

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Data

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Current	Previous	Fund Name	Branding Name	ISIN	Total Net Return (Ann.)			Standard Deviation	Historical ranking														
					3Yr	5Yr	3Yr		# Rankings*	Q2 '14	Q1 '14	Q4 '13	Q3 '13	Q2 '13	Q1 '13	Q4 '12	Q3 '12	Q2 '12	Q1 '12				
1	-	AXA WF Global High Yield Bds FC USD	AXA	LU0184631215	13.67	14.06	6.90																
2	-	PIMCO GIS Global Hi Yld Bd Ins USD Acc	PIMCO	IE0002420739	13.07	12.87	7.30																
3	-	BGF Global High Yield Bond D2 USD	BlackRock	LU0297941899	13.68	13.78	7.27																
4	-	ING Hoog Dividend Obligatie Fonds N	ING	NL0010157277	11.15	9.75	7.15																
5	-	PIMCO GIS Hi Yield Bd Inst Acc	PIMCO	IE0002460974	12.42	12.84	7.26																
6	-	Schroder ISF GIBI High Yld C USD Acc	Schroders	LU0189893794	12.98	12.14	7.42																
7	-	JPM Global High Yield Bd B USD Acc	JPMorgan	LU0654543270	12.06	-	7.29																
8	-	Legg Mason WA GIB High Yield A (G) Acc\$	Legg Mason	IE00B19Z6Z90	11.92	11.51	6.82																
9	-	Petercam L Bonds Higher Yield W	Petercam	LU0966593427	10.93	9.46	6.39																
10	-	BlueBay Global High Yield Bd B USD Acc	BlueBay	LU0549549052	11.85	-	6.91																

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