

BUSA 133 – Excel

Researching Funds of the Internet: Retirement Planning

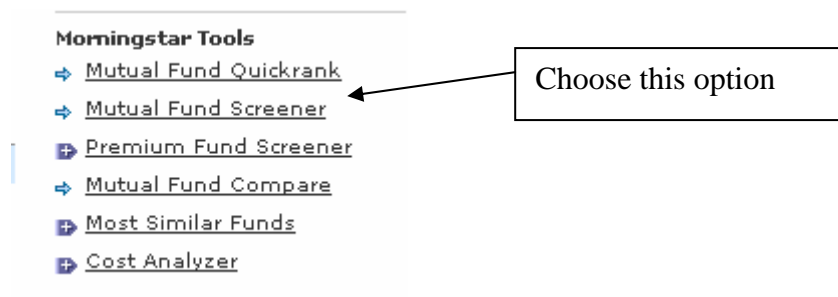
Brief Instructions to Research Mutual Funds on the Internet

These steps will be demonstrated and discussed in detail in class:

- From Desktop, Double-click on Internet Explorer
- Get into Morningstar.com by entering the URL address in the address line. (<http://www.morningstar.com>). If the site gives you an opportunity to “Join Morningstar,” just close the window and proceed.
- Once into Morningstar.com, click on the Funds Tab located at the upper middle.



- Use the “Mutual Fund Screener ” tool on the bottom right hand side of the page.



- Answer the questions so that the program can choose a fund based on the parameters you select. The site will ask you to select a fund group, a category of investment and then other questions. You can answer these other questions to scale back your search or leave them blank.
- After you answer the questions, click the “Show Results” at the bottom of the screen.


The computer will return a list of funds meeting the criteria that you entered.

One example may look like this:

Check boxes to: [Test in a Portfolio](#) | [Add to my Portfolio](#) **Score These Results**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund Name	Morningstar Category	Morningstar Rating	YTD Return (%)	Expense Ratio (%)	Net Assets (\$ mil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AllianceBernstein Smal	Mid-Cap Value	★★★★★	14.88	1.40	1,050
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Columbia Strategic Inv	Mid-Cap Value	★★★★★	11.45	1.05	430
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fifth Third Multi Cap	Mid-Cap Value	★★★★★	10.87	1.30	333
<input type="checkbox"/>	First American Mid Cap	Mid-Cap Value	★★★★★	17.76	1.20	490
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goldman Sachs Mid Cap	Mid-Cap Value	★★★★★	20.67	1.24	1,976

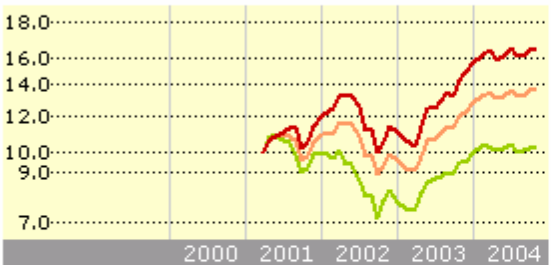
These funds will be ranked from the highest to the lowest rate of return. Look them over. Click on a fund that interests you. If I chose the AllianceBernstein fund (the first one in my screened results) the screen would look like this:

AllianceBernstein Small Cap Value A ABASX [See Fund Family](#) 

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Growth of \$10,000 10-31-04



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
● Fund	---	---	-8.2	41.9	7.8
● +/- Cat	---	---	4.5	7.4	0.8
● +/- S&P 500	---	---	13.9	13.3	4.8

Trailing Returns % 11-23-04

	YTD	3 year	5 year
Fund	14.88	16.58	---
+/- S&P 500	7.56	14.10	---

Key Stats [more >>](#)

Morningstar Category Mid-Cap Value	Morningstar Rating ★★★★★
NAV (11-23-04) \$17.14	Day Change \$0.05
Total Assets (\$mil) 1,050	Expense Ratio % 1.40
Front Load % 4.25	Deferred Load % None
Yield % (TTM) 0.00	Min Investment \$1,000
Manager Gerry Paul	Start Date 11-30-02

The rate of return will be here. Use the longest term one you can find. In this case, it would be the three year rate of 16.58%. In most funds, you will be able to find a 5-year rate.

Based on your research, write the down longest term rate of return you can find. In the example shown above, I would use the 16.58% rate on my Excel project.