

# Mutual Fund Performance Evaluation Bibliography

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This document lists selected papers in mutual fund performance evaluation to help Syracuse University Finance Ph.D. students prepare for their comprehensive exams.

For general literature review, see Shukla and Trzcinka (1992) and Ippolito (1993).

The classics in mutual fund performance evaluation are Treynor (1965), Sharpe (1966), Jensen (1968).

Chang and Lewellen (1985), and Connor and Korajczyk (1986) use APT frameworks to measure performance.

Lehmann and Modest (1987) discuss the effect of benchmark used on the performance.

Grinblatt and Titman (1989b) discuss some important issues in performance evaluation and provide a more general, period weighting measure.

Some theoretical papers related to the issue of performance evaluation are Admati, Bhattacharya, Pfliederer, and Ross (1986), Dybvig and Ross (1985b), Dybvig and Ross (1985a),

Henriksson and Merton (1981) provide a theoretical model and Henriksson (1984) provide an empirical test of the timing ability of fund managers.

Some papers implementing performance evaluation methods are Grinblatt and Titman (1989a), Grinblatt and Titman (1994), and Malkiel (1995).

Most tests of performance evaluation do not support the hypothesis that managers have superior ability and performance. Ippolito (1989) provides evidence to the contrary. Elton, Gruber, Das, and Hlavka (1993) provide an point out some flaws in Ippolito (1989)'s test design and find no evidence for superior performance after correcting these flaws.

Most performance evaluation methods depend on an asset pricing model to measure superior performance. These measures suffer from Roll (1978)'s critique. Papers that provide measures that do not depend on an asset pricing model include Cornell (1979) and Grinblatt and Titman (1993).

Two issues related with performance evaluation are persistence of performance and survivorship bias.

For persistence of performance, see Hendricks, Patel, and Zeckhauser (1993), Brown and Goetzmann (1995), Grinblatt and Titman (1992), Shukla and Trzcinka (1994), Elton, Gruber, and Blake (1996).

For survivorship bias, see Brown, Goetzmann, Ibbotson, and Ross (1992), Brown, Goetzmann, and Ross (1995), Grinblatt and Titman (1989a).

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