

FLRUX - Dangerous Rating



Flex-funds Trust: Utilities & Infrastructure Fund

★★☆☆☆	Predictive Rating	Dangerous
★★☆☆☆	Portfolio Management	Dangerous
★★☆☆☆	Total Annual Costs	Dangerous

- [Predictive Ratings](#) are based on aggregating our stock ratings on each of the fund's holdings and all of the fund's expenses.
- Stock-picking ([Portfolio Management](#)) and fund expenses ([Total Annual Costs](#)) drive fund performance.

Investment Recommendation

- We recommend investors avoid FLRUX.
- We expect the fund to continue underperforming the market.
- FLRUX's Portfolio Management rating does not justify its high Total Annual Costs.

Fund Rankings

- 9th percentile of the 7000+ equity funds we cover.
- 33 out of 39 Utilities funds.
- All 9 ETFs in the same category rank better.
- See rankings for all US equity funds on our free [fund screener](#).

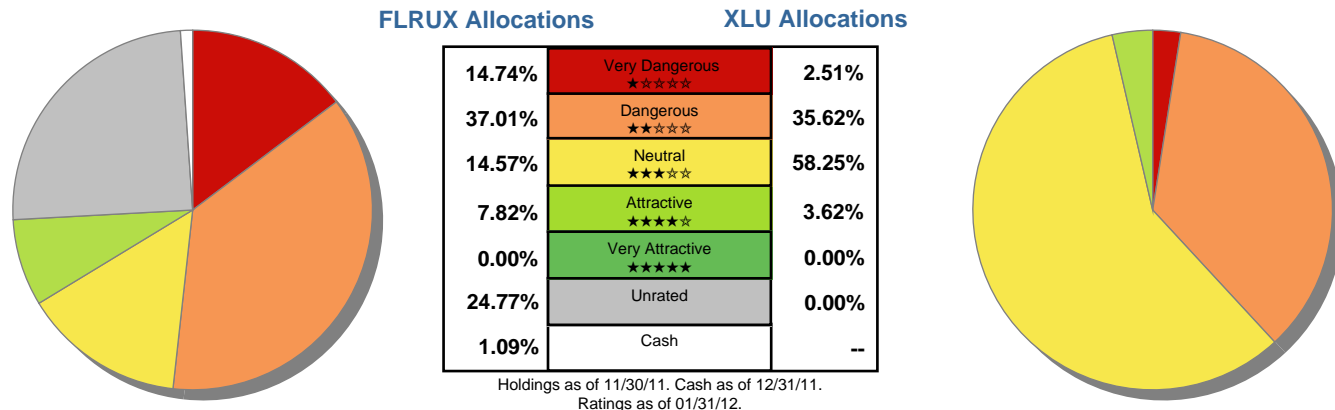
Portfolio Management Rating Details

- FLRUX receives our Dangerous rating because it overweights Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks.
- XLU, FLRUX's benchmark, receives our Dangerous 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.

Portfolio Management Rating Breakdown

Business Strength		
★★☆☆☆	Quality of Earnings	Dangerous
★★☆☆☆	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	7.10%
Valuation		
★★★★☆	Free Cash Flow Yield	6.82%
★★☆☆☆	Price to Economic Book Value	3.05
★★☆☆☆	Market-Implied Duration of Growth	26 year(s)
Fund Asset Allocation		
★★★★☆	Cash Allocation	1.09% cash

Stock and Cash Rating Allocations vs Benchmark - Utilities Select Sector SPDR (XLU)



Active Management Commentary

- FLRUX allocates 51.75% of its value to Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks while XLU allocates 38.13%.
- FLRUX allocates 7.82% of its value to Attractive-or-better-rated stocks while XLU allocates 3.62%.
- 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 FLRUX adds value versus its ETF benchmark XLU.

Return - Annual

Year to Date	-0.29%
1 Year	0.91%
3 Year	16.13%
5 Year	2.52%
Inception	7.54%

Top 5 Holdings

NiSource Inc
American Water Works Co Inc
Questar Corp
National Fuel Gas Co
MDU Resources Group Inc

Key Mutual Fund Statistics

NI	Net Assets(mm)	\$32.40	Category	Utilities
AWK	NAV	\$23.98	Mgmt Co	Meeder Asset Management Inc
STR	Benchmark	XLU	Manager	Team Managed
NFG	# of Holdings	36	Tenure	
MDU	Initial Min	\$2,500	Inception	06/21/95

Total Annual Costs Rating and Ranking

Rating	Total Annual Costs	Fund Universe % Rank	Category Rank
★★★☆☆	2.54%	35.64%	23 of 39

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	
	FLRUX	Benchmark: XLU
Front-End Load	0.00%	--
Expense Ratio	2.30%	0.22%
Back-End Load	0.00%	--
Redemption Fee	0.00%	--
Transaction Costs	0.24%	--
Total Annual Costs	2.54%	0.22%

- To justify its higher Total Annual Costs, FLRUX must outperform its ETF benchmark by 2.35% annually over any holding period.
- 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 53%.

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

Overview of Our Predictive Mutual Fund Rating System

New Constructs' [Predictive Fund Ratings](#) 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 [best by Barron's](#). 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 [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.

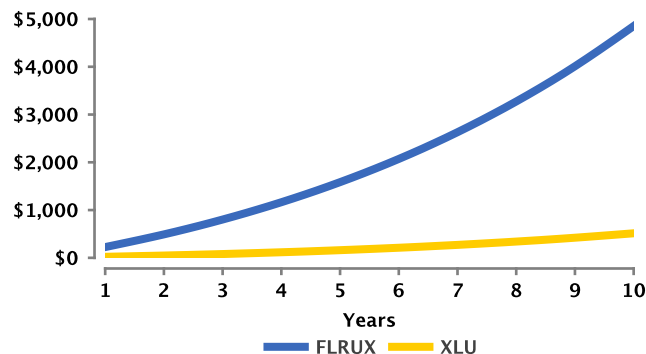
Predictive Rating	Portfolio Management Rating						Total Annual Costs Rating
	Business Strength		Valuation			Asset Allocation	
	Quality of Earnings	Return on Invested Capital	FCF Yield	Price to Econ Book Value	Mkt-Imp Duration of Growth	Cash %	
Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆☆	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -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%

Reported Costs vs Benchmark: as of 12/22/11

	FLRUX	Benchmark: XLU
Front-End Load	0.00%	--
Expense Ratio	2.05%	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 \$801.90 for FLRUX and \$79.70 for XLU. 10-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$4,852.54 for FLRUX and \$514.10 for XLU.

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