



## 2Q24 ETF & Mutual Fund Sector Ratings Recap

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Some of the best funds include iShares Global Comm Services ETF (IXP), First Trust Nasdaq Oil & Gas ETF (FTXN), Fidelity Advisor Consumer Staples Fund (FIJCX), and Davis Financial Fund (DVFYX). Some of the worst funds include Direxion Moonshot Innovators ETF (MOON), Virtus LifeSci Biotech Products ETF (BBP), MFS Utilities Fund (MURRX), and Ivy Funds Delaware Real Estate Securities Fund (IRSAX).

Last quarter's Sector Ratings can be found [here](#). Last quarter's Sector Recap is available [here](#).

The following are our sector analyses for the second quarter of 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Harvard Business School features the powerful impact of our research automation technology in the case [New Constructs: Disrupting Fundamental Analysis with Robo-Analysts](#).

<sup>2</sup> See how our models and financial ratios are superior to Bloomberg and Capital IQ's (SPGI) analytics in the [detailed appendix of this paper](#).



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Key quotes from the paper:

- “[New Constructs’] *Total Adjustments* differs significantly from the items identified and excluded from Compustat’s adjusted earnings measures. For example... 50% to 70% of the variation in *Total Adjustments* is not explained by *S&P Global’s (SPGI) Adjustments* individually.” – pp. 14, 1<sup>st</sup> para.
- “A final source of differences [between New Constructs’ and S&P Global’s data] is due to data collection oversights...we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms’ income that is useful in assessing core earnings.” – pp. 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> para.

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- “The majority of the difference...comes from New Constructs’ machine learning approach, which leverages technology to calculate ROIC by applying accounting adjustments that may be buried deeply in the footnotes across thousands of companies.” – pp. 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> para.

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Key quotes from the paper:

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