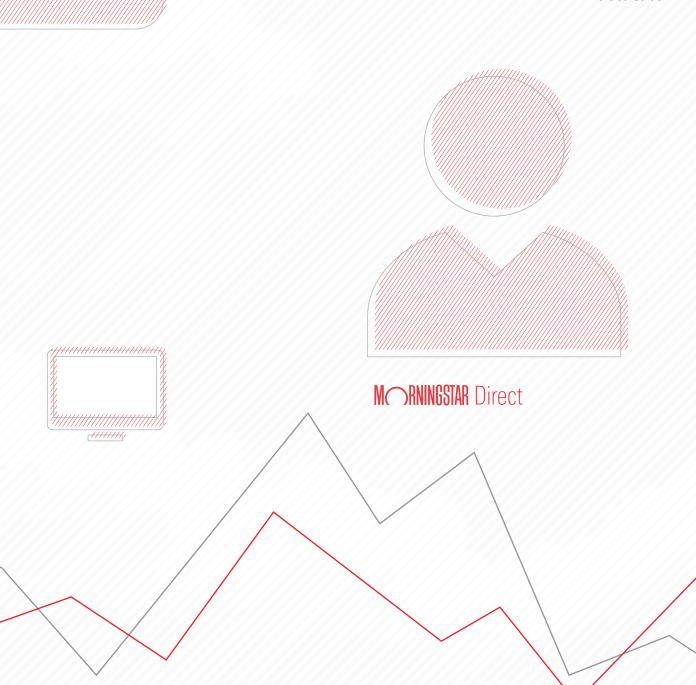
Creating a Performance Report

Exercise Guide



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Creating a Performance Report

The Morningstar Rating for a fund is a starting point for evaluating a fund's risk-adjusted performance, but it is also important to consider the consistency of a fund's performance over time so you understand whether investors can rely on regular out-performance from the management team.

A performance report, which shows rows of investments and columns of data about those investments, allows you to evaluate which funds have exhibited consistent performance. The Performance Reporting module in Morningstar Direct not only displays return and category rank data from multiple time periods more easily than in other parts of the application, but also allows you to use tools such as grouping, conditional formatting, and a scorecard to calculate results and present data in an easy-to-understand format.

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Overview

This sample performance report reflects the use of both conditional formatting and score columns.

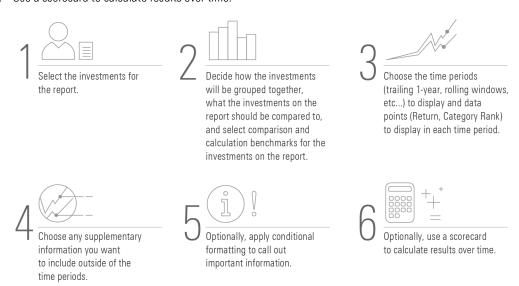


What is involved in creating a

performance report?

Creating a performance report consists of the following steps:

- 1. Select the investments for the report.
- 2. Decide how the investments will be grouped together, what the investments on the report should be compared to, and select comparison and calculation benchmarks for the investments on the report.
- 3. Choose the time periods (trailing 1-year, rolling window, etc.) to display, and data points (Return, Category Rank) to display in each time period.
- 4. Choose supplementary information you want to include outside of the time periods.
- 5. Apply conditional formatting to call out important information.
- 6. Use a scorecard to calculate results over time.



Your manager wants to understand the consistency of Large Growth open-end funds. Which of the funds have had truly reliable performance during the past five years? Your manager wants to you to produce a report identifying consistent Large Growth funds. Each fund must meet the following criteria:

- ► still open to new investors
- ► an above-average Sharpe Ratio for the trailing five-year period when compared to their category peers
- ► an expense ratio below the category average
- ► a Downside Capture Ratio for the five-year period below 100, and
- ▶ only the cheapest share class of a fund should be considered.

The report should show returns and category ranks for rolling three-year periods, starting from five years ago through the most recent month end.

In the following exercises, a fund will be considered a consistent top performer if it has appeared in the top quarter of its category during all of the 25 time periods being considered. If a fund has a Morningstar Analyst Rating, your manager wants to see that, but funds are not required to have an analyst rating in order to be considered a top performer. Finally, the Sharpe Ratio should also be shown, but only for the most recent three-year period.

Scenario



In this performance report, you will search for the investments to consider, then configure the performance report to retrieve the proper time periods and data points. Conditional formatting will be used to highlight both funds appearing in the top quartile for each time period, and the Morningstar Analyst Rating (where available). Finally, a scorecard will be employed to determine whether funds have consistently appeared in the top quartile of their respective Morningstar Category.

Solution

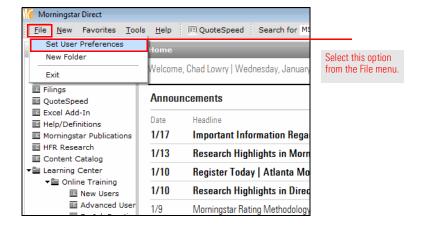
When creating an advanced search to find only one instance of a fund (rather than seeing all share classes of a fund), you have a number of options, including looking for the following:

Exercise 1: Searching for the cheapest share class of a fund

- ► the oldest share class of a fund
- ► a specific share class for a fund, such as the A share, or
- ▶ the least expensive share class for a fund.

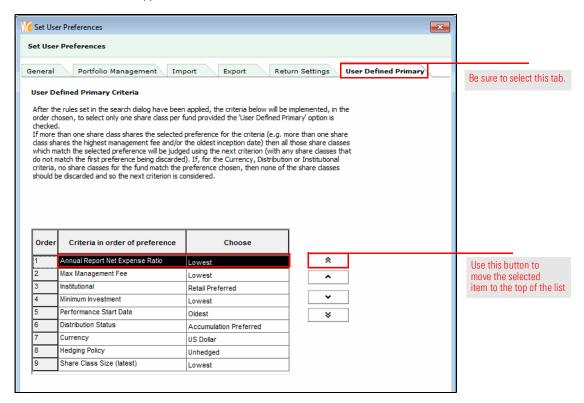
Before conducting an advanced search to look for the cheapest share class for a fund, you need to set the proper user preference to allow for this. Do the following:

1. From the menu bar at the top of the Morningstar Direct window, select **File...Set User Preferences**. The Set User Preferences window opens.





- 2. Select the User Defined Primary tab.
- Select the row for Annual Report Net Expense Ratio, then click the move to top button. (The move to top button displays two up arrows.) This ensures this criterion takes precedence when conducting a search.
- 4. Be sure the word **Lowest** appears in the Choose column.



5. Click **OK**. In the next exercise, you will learn to leverage this setting.

a search by criteria in Performance Reporting

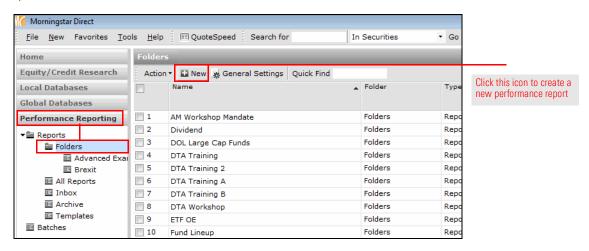
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The first step in identifying consistently top performing large cap funds is to search for those open-end funds that meet the following criteria:

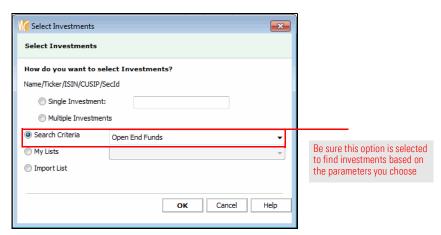
- ► an expense ratio below the category average
- ► still open to new investors
- ► an above-average Sharpe Ratio for the trailing five-year period, when compared to their category peers, and
- ► a Downside Capture Ratio below 100 for the five-year period.

To create a search by criteria in the Performance Reporting module, do the following:

- In Morningstar Direct, select the **Performance Reporting** tab. The Folders page should be selected by default.
- 2. From the toolbar above the grid view, click **New**. The Select Investments dialog box opens.



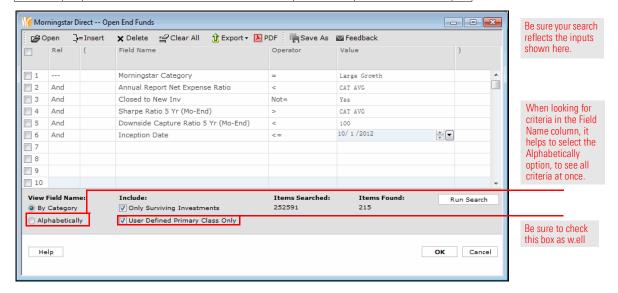
3. Select the option for **Search Criteria**. Be sure the **Open End Funds** option is selected from the drop-down field.



4. Click **OK**. The Search Criteria dialog box opens.

- 5. Set your criteria as shown in the following table:
 - Note: At the bottom of the Search Criteria dialog box, be sure to check the checkbox for User Defined Primary Class Only.

Rel	(Field Name	Operator	Value)
		Morningstar Category	=	US Large Growth	
And		Annual Report Net Expense Ratio	<	CAT AVG	
And		Closed to New Inv	Not=	Yes	
And		Sharpe Ratio 5 Yr (Mo-End)	>	CAT AVG	
And		Downside Capture Ratio 5 Yr (Mo-End)	<	100	
And		Inception Date	<=	01/01/2015	



6. Click **OK**. The Group Settings window opens.

Exercise 2: Change

Click this icon to change the peer group for the report

the settings for the group

By default, when examining the performance of selected funds in a performance report, Morningstar Direct compares the funds to each other, rather than all of the funds in the appropriate Morningstar Category. In this section, you will learn how to change the peer group for a set of funds.

In a performance report, it is also important to use a relevant benchmark for both the performance comparison and performance calculations. You can also decide whether to display only one comparison benchmark (rather than the default two benchmarks).

To change these settings for a performance report, do the following:

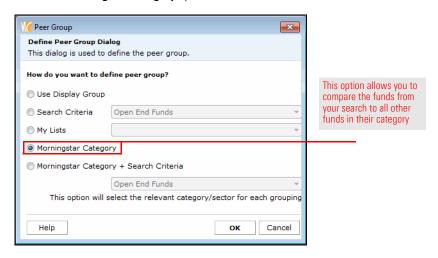
1. In the Peer Group column for row 1, click the **Peer Group** icon. The Peer Group dialog box opens.

Group Settings Group Settings The group settings dialog is used to organize a list of investments into groups for comparison against peer group be defined using existing investment lists or search criteria. Group By Recently Used Custom Database Search Available Grouping: Morningstar Category Update Current Grouping Morningstar Category Display Groups/Investments # of Investments Peer Group # of Investments Peer Group # of Peer

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2. Select the Morningstar Category option.

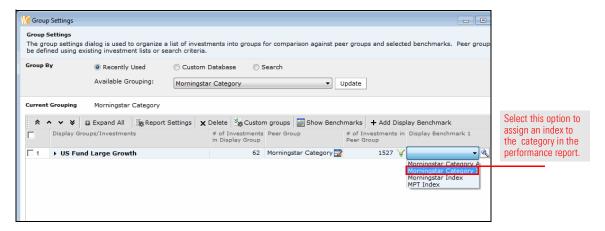
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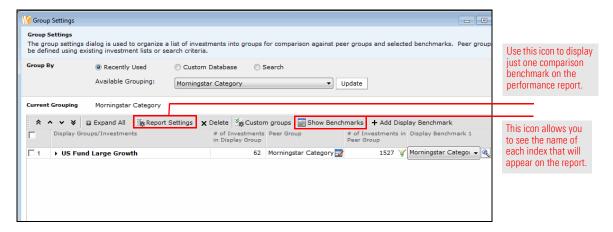
3. Click **OK** to close the dialog box.



4. In row 1, from the **Display Benchmark 1** drop-down field, select **Morningstar Category Index**.

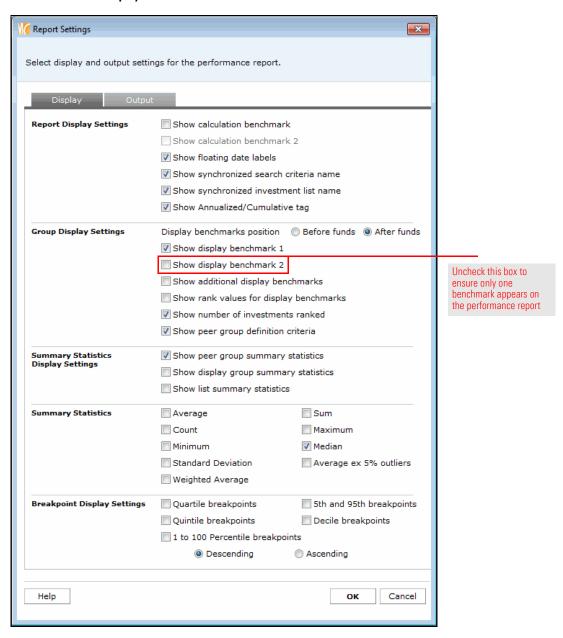


- To see what the benchmarks are for each category, from the toolbar, click Show Benchmarks.
- 6. From the toolbar, click **Report Settings**. The Report Settings dialog box opens. From here, the second display benchmark can be hidden.



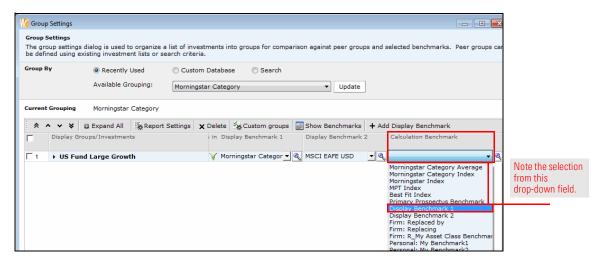


7. Uncheck the **Show display benchmark 2** checkbox.

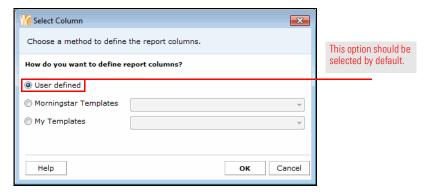


8. Click \mathbf{OK} to close the Report Settings dialog box.

9. Next, you need to ensure the proper benchmark is used for calculating the data on the performance report. From the **Calculation Benchmark** drop-down field, select **Display Benchmark 1**. This allows you to use the same benchmark for both display and calculation. It also ensures a peer-appropriate index is being used for calculation purposes.



- 10. Click **OK**. The Select Column dialog box opens.
- 11. Make sure the option for **User Defined** is selected, then click **OK**. The Performance Column Setup window opens.

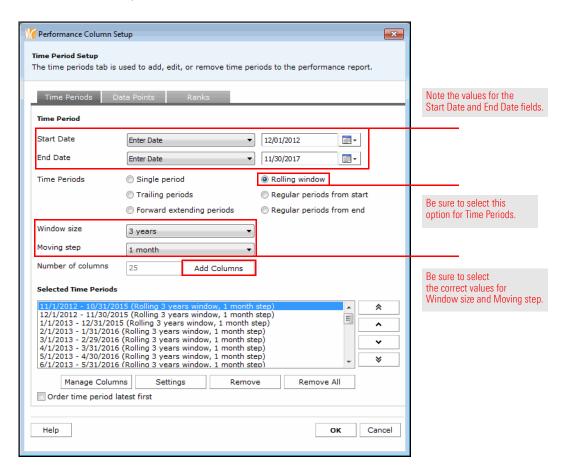




To see if this set of funds has had consistent performance over a set of rolling three-year periods starting from five years ago, do the following:

Exercise 3: Set the values for the Time Periods tab

- 1. In the Performance Column Setup, select the **Rolling window** option.
- 2. From the Start Date field, select **Enter Date**, and select the first day of the current month from five years ago.
- 3. From the End Date field, select Last Month End.
- 4. From the Window size drop-down field, select 3 years.
- From the Moving step drop-down field, select 1 month. The Number of columns field should read 25.
- Click Add Columns. The time periods for the report are added to the Selected Time Periods area.
 - Note: Do not click OK yet; the Data Points and Ranks tabs still need to be addressed.

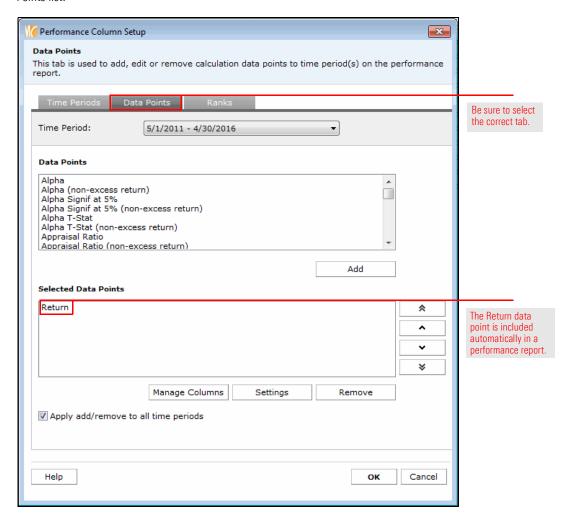




Remember that your manager requested to see not only the return for each time period, but also the Sharpe Ratio for only the most recent time period. To set the values for the two remaining tabs in the Performance Column Setup window, do the following:

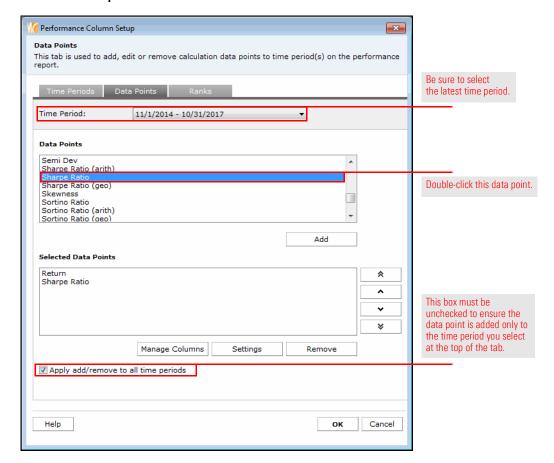
Exercise 4: Set the values for Data Points and Ranks

 Select the **Data Points** tab, and ensure **Return** is displayed in the Selected Data Points list.



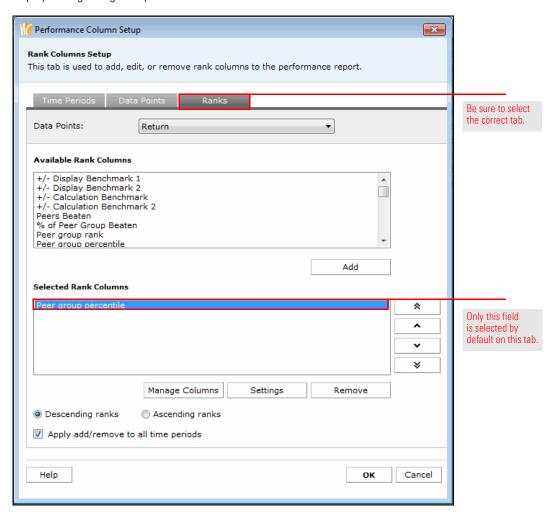
To see the Sharpe Ratio value for the funds, but only for the most recent time period, at the bottom of the window, uncheck the box marked **Apply add/remove to all time periods**.

- 3. From the **Time Period** drop-down field at the top of the window, **scroll** down to select **the most recent time period**.
- 4. In the Data Points list, **scroll** down until you see the Sharpe Ratio data point, then **double-click Sharpe Ratio** to add it to the Selected Data Points area.

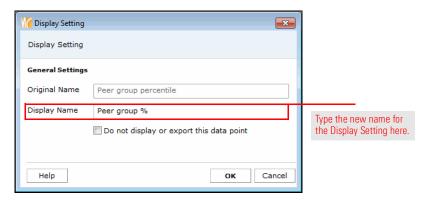




- 5. Select the **Ranks** tab, and ensure only **Peer group percentile** is selected in the Selected Rank Columns list.
- 6. In the Selected Rank Columns list, **double-click Peer group percentile**. The Display Setting dialog box opens.



7. In the Display Name field, type **Peer group %**.

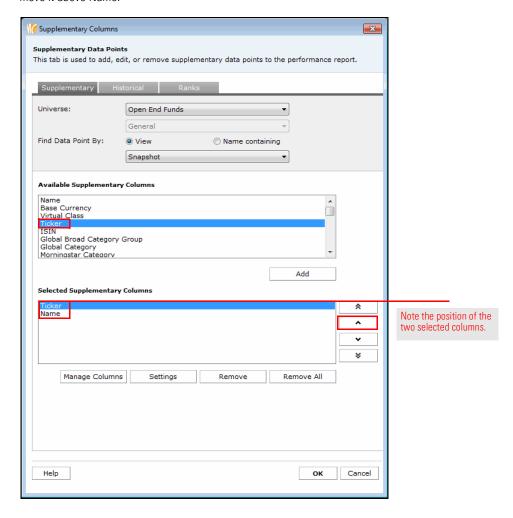


8. Click **OK** to close the Display Setting dialog box, then click **OK** to close the Performance Column Setup window. The Supplementary Columns window opens.



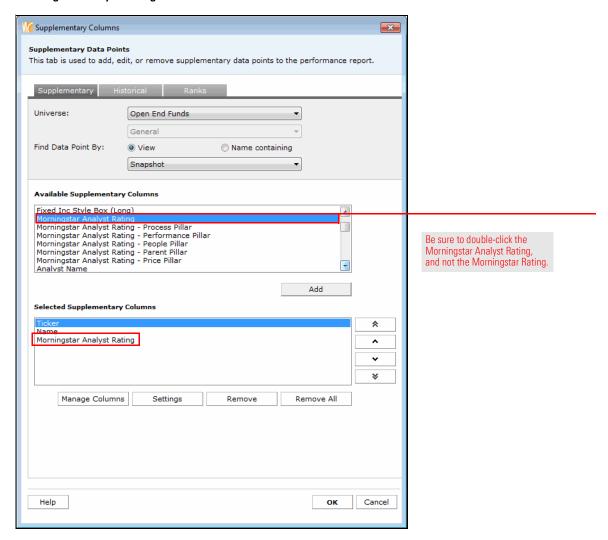
In addition to seeing the name of a fund on the performance report, it will also be useful to include the fund's ticker symbol. Also, your manager asked to see a Morningstar Analyst Rating if one is assigned to the fund. To include a fund's ticker symbol and Analyst Rating on the performance report, do the following:

- Exercise 5: Select options from the Supplementary Columns window
- 1. On the Supplementary tab, in the Available Supplementary Columns list, **double-click Ticker** to move it to the Selected Supplementary Columns list.
- 2. In the Selected Supplementary Columns list, select **Ticker** and click the **up arrow** to move it above Name.





3. **Scroll** down in the Available Supplementary Columns list, and **double-click Morningstar Analyst Rating**.

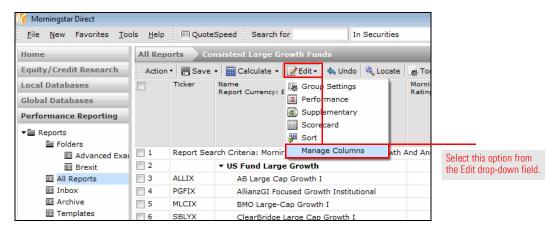


4. Click **OK** to close the Supplementary Columns window. The performance report is now ready to be saved and calculated.

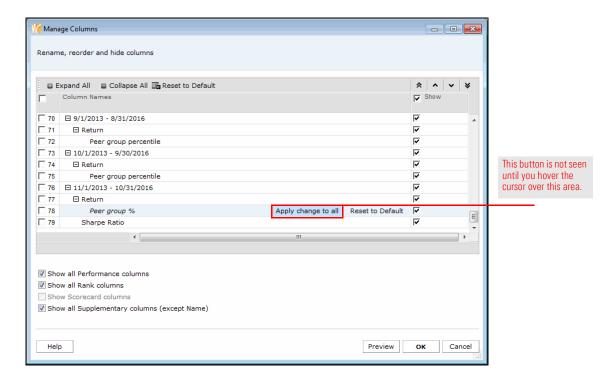
Only the most recent time period has the correct label for the Peer group percentile column; the others were not renamed to Peer group %. To correct this for all other time periods at once, do the following:

Exercise 6: Rename a data column

 From the toolbar above the grid, from the Edit drop-down field, select Manage Columns. The Manage Columns dialog box opens.



- 2. **Scroll down** to the row where Peer group % is shown.
- 3. **Hover** your mouse over the Peer group % cell.
- 4. Click Apply change to all.
 - Note: You could also click in a row to manually rename "Peer group percentile" to "Peer group %," but this would take much more effort.

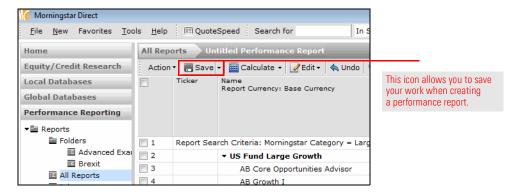


5. Click **OK** to close the Manage Columns dialog box.

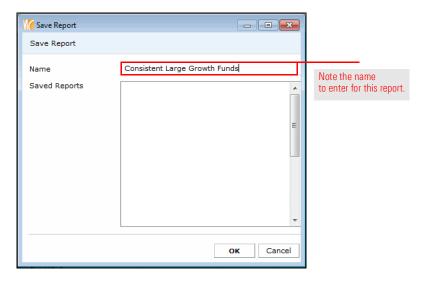
Now that the parameters for the report are set, the last step before calculating it is to save it. To save the performance report, do the following:

Exercise 7: Save the performance report

1. From the toolbar above the spreadsheet grid, click **Save**. The Save Report dialog box opens.



2. In the Name field, type Consistent Large Growth Funds.

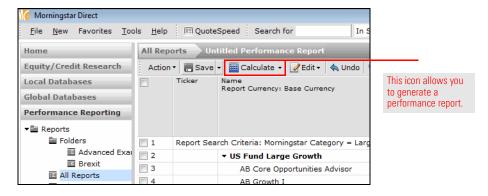


3. Click **OK**. The Save Report dialog box closes.

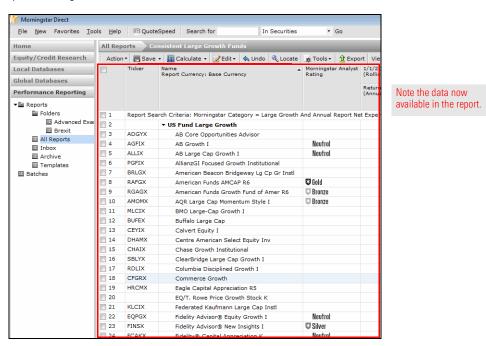
To calculate the performance report, do the following:

Exercise 8: Calculate the performance report

1. From the toolbar above the grid view, click **Calculate**. During the calculation, the Folders page is displayed.



2. When the Report Calculation Complete message opens, click **Yes** to view the report. The spreadsheet grid is now filled with data.



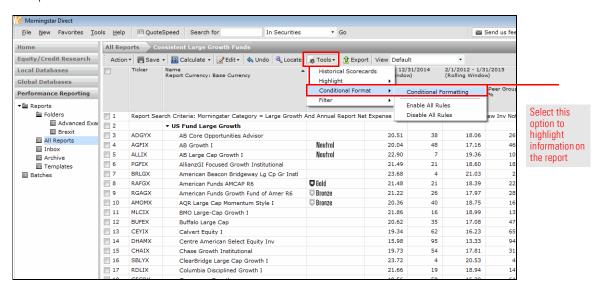


The information in the performance report is great, but it is also a bit difficult to read without some additional formatting. The conditional formatting feature in the Performance Reporting module allows you to color each row, cell, or column to aid the interpretation of the data.

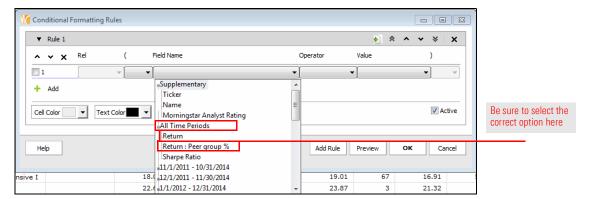
Exercise 9: Apply conditional formatting to a performance report

In this exercise, you will apply a color to the Peer group % column to call out the times when each fund was in the top quartile of its category. To apply conditional formatting to a performance report, do the following:

 From the toolbar above the grid view, from the **Tools** drop-down field, select **Conditional Format...Conditional Formatting**. The Conditional Formatting Rules dialog box opens.

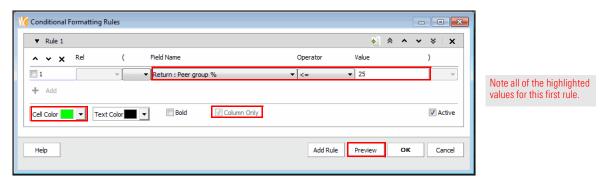


2. From the **Field Name** drop-down field, expand the **All Time Periods** option and select **Return : Peer group %**.





- 3. From the **Operator** drop-down field, select <=.
- 4. In the Value field, type 25.
- 5. From the **Cell Color** drop-down field, select **green** in the upper-right corner.
- Be sure the box for Column Only is checked.
- 7. Click **Preview** to ensure the rule is working as expected.

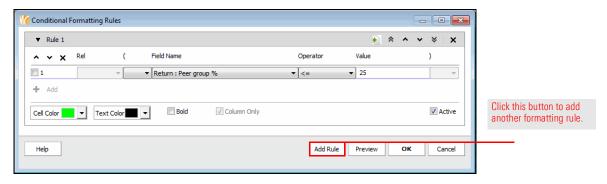


8. Click **OK**. The Conditional Formatting Rules dialog box closes.

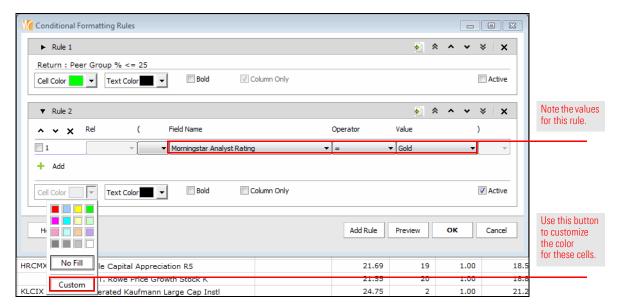
In addition to highlighting funds when they appeared in the top quartile, you can also apply conditional formatting to the Morningstar Analyst Rating column, to help these values stand out. Do the following:

Exercise 10: Apply conditional formatting to the Morningstar Analyst Rating

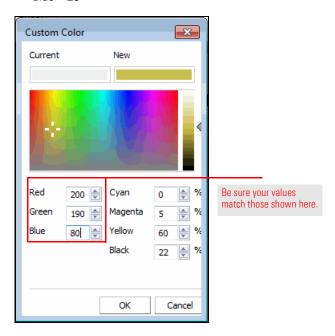
- From the toolbar above the grid view, from the **Tools** drop-down field, select **Conditional Format...Conditional Formatting**. The Conditional Formatting Rules dialog box opens.
- 2. Click Add Rule. Rule 2 now appears.



- 3. From the Field Name drop-down field, select Morningstar Analyst Rating.
- 4. The Operator field should show =.
- 5. From the Value field, select Gold.
- 6. From the **Cell Color** drop-down field, click **Custom**. The Custom Color dialog box opens.

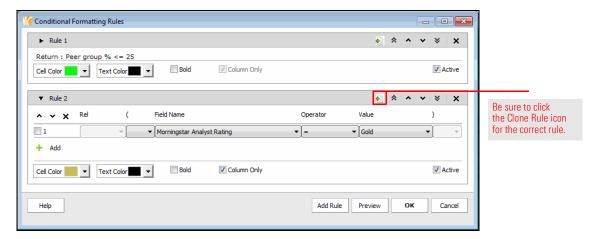


- 7. Set the following values:
 - ► Red = **250**
 - ► Green = 164
 - ► Blue = **29**

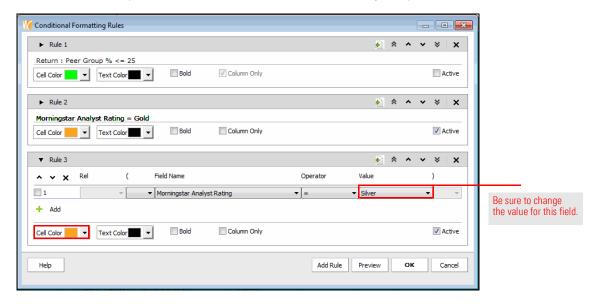


- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Be sure the **Column Only** box is checked.

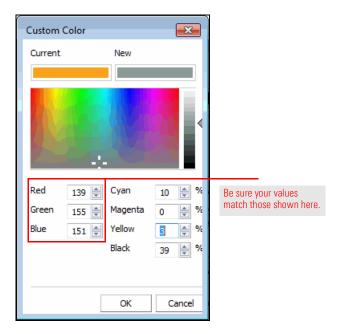
10. To help you create multiple conditional formatting rules for the same column, you can use the Clone Rule icon. From the Rule 2 heading bar, click the Clone Rule icon. Rule 3 now appears. The Field Name, Operator, and Value fields are populated automatically based on the rule you cloned.



- 11. In the Rule 3 section, from the **Value** drop-down field, select **Silver**.
- 12. From the Cell Color drop-down field, click Custom. The Custom Color dialog box opens.

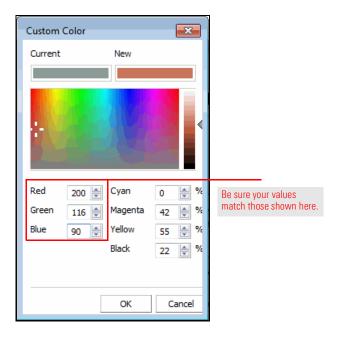


- 13. Set the following values:
 - ► Red = **139**
 - ► Green = **155**
 - ► Blue = **151**



- 14. Click **OK** to close the Custom Color dialog box.
- 15. In the Conditional Formatting Rules dialog box, on the Rule 3 heading bar, click the **Clone Rule** icon. Rule 4 now appears.

- 16. In the for Rule 4 section, from the **Value** drop-down field, select **Bronze**.
- 17. From the **Cell Color** drop-down field, select **Custom**. The Custom Color dialog box opens.
- 18. Set the following values:
 - ► Red = **200**
 - ► Green = **116**
 - ► Blue = **90**



- 19. Click **OK** to close the Custom Color dialog box.
- 20. Click **OK** to close the Conditional Formatting Rules dialog box.

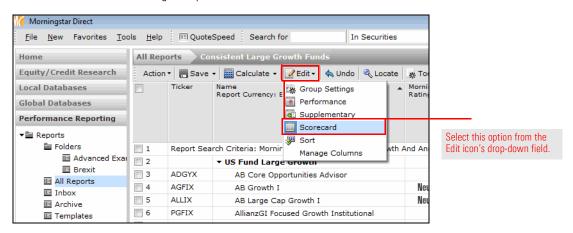
Conditional formatting is helpful, but it still is not clear which funds have actually performed consistently well. Remember, your manager stated that to be considered a top performer, a fund had to be in the top quartile at least 75% of the time over these time periods. This calculation can be done with the Scorecard feature. A new column will be added to each time period, as well as to the right side of the report for the Total Score of each fund across these time periods.

Exercise 11: Generate a Scorecard for a set of investments

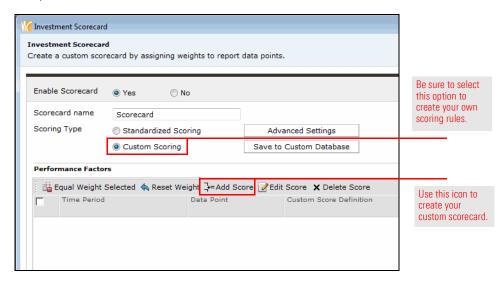
In this instance, each time a fund appears in the top quartile of its category for a time period, it will be given a score of one point. If it is not in the top quartile, it will not receive any points. Once you add a scorecard to a performance report, you will need to recalculate the report.

To create a Scorecard for this set of investments, do the following:

From the toolbar above the grid view, from the **Edit** drop-down field, select **Scorecard**.
 The Investment Scorecard dialog box opens.



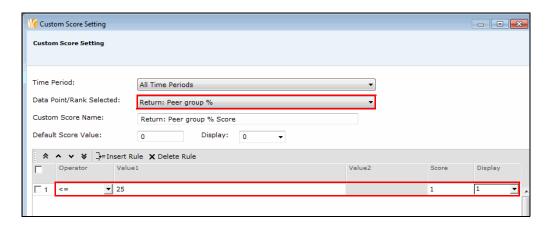
- 2. In the Scoring Type area, select the **Custom Scoring** option.
 - Note: When the Performance Reporting warning message opens related to all formatting being lost, click Yes.
- 3. In the Performance Factors area, click **Add Score**. The Custom Score Setting dialog box opens.





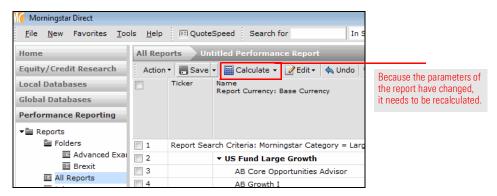
- 4. The Time Period field should read All Time Periods. From the **Data Point/Rank Selected** drop-down field, select **Return: Peer group %**.
- 5. In row 1, enter the following values:

Operator	Value1	Score	Display
<=	25	1	1



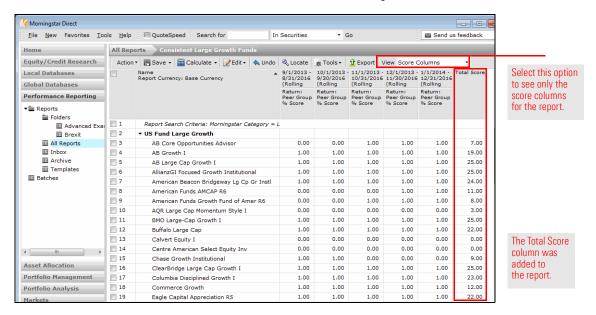
Note the highlighted values for this rule.

- 6. Click **OK** to close the Custom Score Setting dialog box.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the Investment Scorecard dialog box.
- 8. From the toolbar above the spreadsheet grid, click **Calculate**.



9. When the confirmation message opens, click **Yes** to view the report.

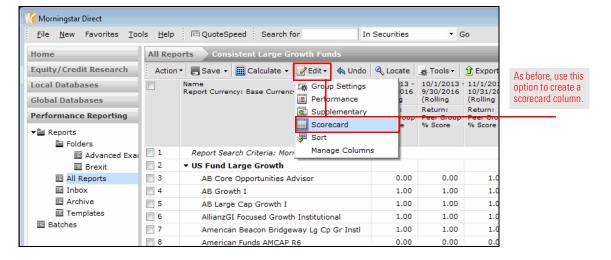
10. To see only the scores, from the toolbar above the grid view use the **View** drop-down field to select **Score Columns**. Note the new Total Score column on the far right side.



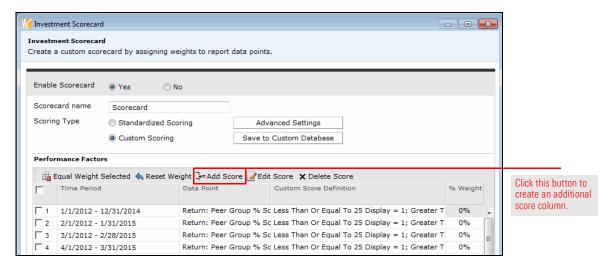
The information in the score columns is useful, but it would be nice to summarize the scores, and then analyze the funds. How many have been truly consistent over all 25 time periods? Do the following:

Exercise 12: Add a summary column for various scores

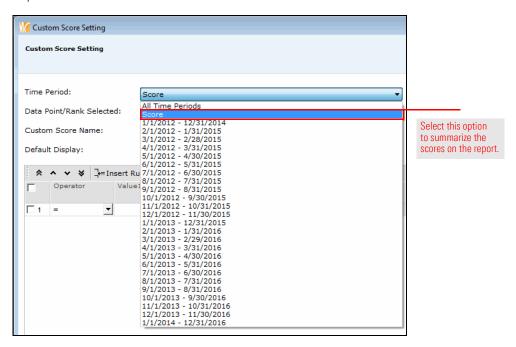
1. From the toolbar above the spreadsheet grid, from the **Edit** drop-down field, select **Scorecard**. The Investment Scorecard window opens.



2. From the toolbar in the Performance Factors section, click **Add Score**. The Custom Score Setting dialog box opens.



3. From the **Time Period** drop-down field, select **Score**. The Data Point/Rank Selected drop-down field should show Total Score.



4. In row 1 under Default Display, enter the following values:

	Operator	Value1	Display
	=	25	Consistent Performer



5. Click **Insert Rule** to create the following rule:

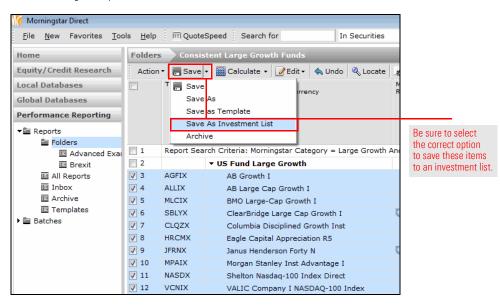
Operator	Value1	Display
<	25	Do Not Consider

- 6. Click **OK** to close the Custom Score Setting dialog box.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the Investment Scorecard window.
- 8. From the toolbar above the grid view, click Calculate.
- 9. When the confirmation message opens, click **Yes** to view the report.
- Scroll to the right and double-click the Total Score column header to sort the content of this column.

Now that you know which funds should be considered consistent top performers, you can do further analysis on the portfolio of each one. The first step is to save these items to a list. Do the following:

Exercise 13: Save investments to a list

- For each fund in the Large Growth category marked as a Consistent Top Performer in the Total Score column, click the **checkbox** to the left of its row number
- 2. From the toolbar, from the **Save** drop-down field, select **Save as Investment List**. The Save As dialog box opens.



- 3. In the Name field, type Large Growth Consistent Performers.
- 4. Click OK.

You have now successfully generated a Performance Report, and saved the securities to a list for further analysis. To conduct that analysis, you will use the Portfolio Analysis module, which is covered in the next section.