**PROJECT 1: MUTUAL FUND ANALYSIS**

You are a mutual fund research analyst at Warhawk Capital Advisors. Your objective is to analyze three actively managed and one passively managed open end fund in the same style category. **Compare and contrast the funds, and select one of the four as your recommended fund for investors who want exposure to that style box.** You may work in teams of 1-4 students from either section.

1. Funds options in the large growth, large value, small growth, small value, and international style categories are shown on the following page. Choose **one** category. Choose **three** active funds along with the passive fund in the category**. (Please choose large growth)**
2. Use the free website Morningstar.com as your data resource, along with the Excel template in D2L called Project 1 Mutual Fund Analysis.
3. Fill in the template data for each of your four funds using Morningstar data. **Occasionally use colors, font size, bold, etc. to highlight cells** that are of particular interest or have a meaningful impact on your decision.
4. If a fund is missing a 10 year data item, use the longest time period available.
5. After completing the Excel analysis, write a 3-4 page report (in memo or client report format) with 1.5 line spacing summarizing your overall analysis. **Discuss which factors most influenced your choice and the key data points associated with those factors. Identify notably strong and weak points for each fund. Identify your recommended fund and explain why you selected it as the best option.**

**LARGE VALUE**

Passive Fund: VIVIX Vanguard Value

Active OEF choices:

MABAX Blackrock Basic Value

DODGX Dodge & Cox Stock

PRFDX T Rowe Price Equity Income

SSHFX Sound Shore Investor

TWEIX American Century Equity Income

VWNFX Vanguard Windsor II

**LARGE GROWTH**

Passive Fund: VIGIX Vanguard Growth

Active OEF choices:

SEQUX Sequoia Fund

FBGRX Fidelity Blue Chip Growth

HCAIX Harbor Capital Appreciation

SGROX Wells Fargo Advantage Growth

TRBCX T Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth

VPMCX Vanguard Primecap

**SMALL VALUE**

Passive Fund: VSIIX Vanguard Small Cap Value

Active OEF choices:

ASVIX American Century Small Cap Value

DFSVX DFA Small Cap Value

FCVAX Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Value

FRMCX Franklin Micro Cap Value

DHSIX Diamond Hill Small Cap

AVPAX American Beacon Small Value

**SMALL GROWTH**

Passive Fund: VSGIX Vanguard Small Cap Growth

Active OEF choices:

ARTSX Artisan Small Cap

AUSAX Columbia Acorn

CHNDX Prudential Jennison

PRNHX T Rowe Price New Horizons

VEXPX Vanguard Explorer

WAAEX Wasatch Small Cap Growth

**INTERNATIONAL BLEND**

Passive Fund: SWISX Schwab International

Active OEF choices:

ARTKX Artisan International

CIVIX Causeway International

DODFX Dodge & Cox International

HAINX Harbor International

LISOX Lazard International

TROSX T Rowe Price Overseas