

Assignment 1: Stock Investment Analysis

Due Week 5 and worth 240 points

Review the investment information for the Fidelity Large Cap Stock Fund (FLCSX) at <http://fundresearch.fidelity.com/mutual-funds/summary/315912402>.

Write a four to five (4-5) page paper in which you:

1. Assess the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the fund performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P 500.
2. Evaluate the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund. Make a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance. Provide a rationale for your recommendation.
3. Compare your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating. Provide support for your position.
4. Assess the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund. Identify a company that may impose increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance. Provide support for your rationale.
5. Use at least three (3) quality academic resources in this assignment. **Note:** Wikipedia and other Websites do not qualify as academic resources.

Your assignment must follow these formatting requirements:

- Be typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman font (size 12), with one-inch margins on all sides; citations and references must follow APA or school-specific format. Check with your professor for any additional instructions.
- Include a cover page containing the title of the assignment, the student's name, the professor's name, the course title, and the date. The cover page and the reference page are not included in the required assignment page length.

The specific course learning outcomes associated with this assignment are:

- Analyze stock prices and valuations.
- Use technology and information resources to research issues in financial risk analysis.
- Write clearly and concisely about financial risk analysis using proper writing mechanics.

Grading for this assignment will be based on answer quality, logic / organization of the paper, and language and writing skills, using the following rubric.

Points: 240		Assignment 1: Stock Investment Analysis			
Criteria	Unacceptable Below 60% F	Meets Minimum Expectations 60-69% D	Fair 70-79% C	Proficient 80-89% B	Exemplary 90-100% A
1. Assess the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund including the key drivers of the fund performance, and how the	Did not submit or incompletely assessed the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the	Insufficiently assessed the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the fund	Partially assessed the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the fund	Satisfactorily assessed the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the fund	Thoroughly assessed the year-to-date performance of the FLCSX fund, including the key drivers of the fund

performance of the fund compares to the S&P500. Weight: 15%	fund performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P500.	performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P500.	performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P500.	performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P500.	performance, and how the performance of the fund compares to the S&P500.
2. Evaluate the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund. Make a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance. Provide a rationale for your recommendation. Weight: 25%	Did not submit or incompletely evaluated the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund; did not submit or incompletely made a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance; did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your recommendation.	Insufficiently evaluated the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund; insufficiently made a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance; insufficiently provided a rationale for your recommendation.	Partially evaluated the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund; partially made a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance; partially provided a rationale for your recommendation.	Satisfactorily evaluated the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund; satisfactorily made a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance; Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your recommendation.	Thoroughly evaluated the volatility risks in the fund, providing an assessment of the fund manager's performance based on the risk measurements for the fund; thoroughly made a recommendation to the fund manager for improving the performance; thoroughly provided a rationale for your recommendation.
3. Compare your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating. Provide support for your position. Weight: 25%	Did not submit or incompletely compared your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating; did not submit or incompletely provided support for your position.	Insufficiently compared your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating; insufficiently provided support for your position.	Partially compared your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating; partially provided support for your position.	Satisfactorily compared your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating; satisfactorily provided support for your position.	Thoroughly compared your assessment of the fund performance to the Morningstar rating for the fund, indicating your agreement or disagreement with the rating; thoroughly provided support for your position.
4. Assess the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund. Identify a company that may impose increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund	Did not submit or incompletely assessed the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund; did not submit or incompletely identified a	Insufficiently assessed the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund; insufficiently identified a company that may impose	Partially assessed the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund; partially identified a company that may impose increased risk	Satisfactorily assessed the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund; satisfactorily identified a company that may impose	Thoroughly assessed the top 10 holdings in the fund, indicating the level of diversification in the fund; thoroughly identified a company that may impose

composition to improve the fund performance. Provide support for your rationale. Weight: 20%	company that may impose increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance; did not submit or incompletely provided support for your rationale.	increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance; insufficiently provided support for your rationale.	and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance; partially provided support for your rationale.	increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance; satisfactorily provided support for your rationale.	increased risk and any changes that you would recommend in the fund composition to improve the fund performance; thoroughly provided support for your rationale.
6. 3 references Weight: 5%	No references provided	Does not meet the required number of references; all references poor quality choices.	Does not meet the required number of references; some references poor quality choices.	Meets number of required references; all references high quality choices.	Exceeds number of required references; all references high quality choices.
7. Clarity, writing mechanics, and formatting requirements Weight: 10%	More than 8 errors present	7-8 errors present	5-6 errors present	3-4 errors present	0-2 errors present