

When evaluating the **performance of a mutual fund manager**, several **quantitative and qualitative metrics** are used to determine how efficiently they generate returns relative to risk, benchmarks, and peers. Below is a detailed breakdown of the **key performance metrics**:

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## □ 1. Return-Based Metrics

### a) Absolute Return

- The total percentage gain or loss over a period.
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\text{Absolute Return} = \frac{\text{Ending Value} - \text{Beginning Value}}{\text{Beginning Value}} \times 100$$
  
]
  - Shows how much the fund has grown in nominal terms, but does **not consider risk or benchmark performance**.
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### b) Annualized Return (CAGR)

- Indicates the average rate of return per year over a period.
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\text{CAGR} = \left( \frac{\text{Ending Value}}{\text{Beginning Value}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$$
  
]
  - Useful for comparing performance over different time frames.
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### c) Benchmark Comparison

- The fund manager's performance is compared to a **benchmark index** (e.g., Nifty 50, S&P BSE Sensex).
  - **Alpha** (explained below) is derived from this comparison.
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## 📊 2. Risk-Adjusted Performance Metrics

### a) Sharpe Ratio

- Measures **excess return per unit of total risk** (standard deviation).
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\text{Sharpe Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_f}{\sigma_p}$$
  
]  
where  
(  $R_p$  ) = Portfolio return,  
(  $R_f$  ) = Risk-free rate,  
(  $\sigma_p$  ) = Standard deviation of portfolio returns.
  - **Higher is better.** Indicates superior risk-adjusted performance.
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#### b) Treynor Ratio

- Measures **excess return per unit of systematic risk (beta)**.
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\text{Treynor Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_f}{\beta_p}$$
  
]  
Useful when comparing **diversified portfolios**.
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#### c) Jensen's Alpha

- Measures the **excess return over expected CAPM return**.
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\alpha = R_p - [R_f + \beta_p (R_m - R_f)]$$
  
]  
where  
(  $R_m$  ) = Market return.
  - Positive alpha indicates **manager's superior stock-picking or market-timing ability**.
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#### d) Information Ratio

- Measures active return relative to **tracking error**.
- **Formula:**  
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$$\text{Information Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_b}{\text{Tracking Error}}$$

]

where

(  $R_b$  ) = Benchmark return.

- Evaluates **consistency of outperformance**.
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#### e) Sortino Ratio

- Modification of Sharpe ratio that considers **only downside risk**.
  - **Formula:**  
[  
$$\text{Sortino Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_f}{\text{Downside Deviation}}$$
  
]
  - Penalizes only harmful volatility, making it more realistic.
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### 3. Risk Metrics

#### a) Standard Deviation

- Measures **total volatility** of fund returns.
- Higher standard deviation = higher risk.

#### b) Beta

- Measures fund's **sensitivity to market movements**.
  - Beta > 1 → more volatile than market
  - Beta < 1 → less volatile than market

#### c) Tracking Error

- Measures **how closely the fund tracks its benchmark**.
  - **Low tracking error** → fund mirrors benchmark closely.
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### 4. Performance Consistency Metrics

#### a) R-Squared

- Measures **how much of the fund's movement** is explained by the benchmark.

- Range: 0–100%.  
High  $R^2$  (>85%) means fund moves closely with benchmark.

### b) Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

- Indicates how the fund performs **in rising and falling markets**.
  - Upside capture > 100 → outperforms in bull markets
  - Downside capture < 100 → loses less in bear markets

## 5. Qualitative Metrics

- **Investment philosophy & discipline** – Consistency with stated strategy.
- **Experience & stability** of fund manager/team.
- **Portfolio turnover ratio** – Higher turnover implies more trading and possibly higher costs.
- **Adherence to fund objectives** – Whether the manager sticks to stated risk-return profile.

## Summary Table

Category	Metric	Purpose
Return	Absolute Return, CAGR	Measure total/annualized returns
Risk-Adjusted	Sharpe, Treynor, Alpha, Sortino, Information Ratio	Measure efficiency of return vs. risk
Risk	Beta, Std. Deviation, Tracking Error	Assess volatility and benchmark deviation
Consistency	$R^2$ , Capture Ratios	Evaluate reliability across market cycles
Qualitative	Philosophy, Experience, Turnover	Assess management quality & discipline

Would you like me to create a **visual chart or flow diagram** summarizing these metrics (e.g., “Mutual Fund Manager Performance Evaluation Framework”)? It would be excellent for lecture slides or classroom display.

