

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis is to analyze factors affecting equity mutual fund performance in Indonesia from year 2012 to 2014. The research examines how fund characteristics and the managers' characteristics affect equity mutual fund performance. Fund characteristics are defined as expense ratio, size, age and stock proportion while managers' characteristics are shown in their certification, education, tenure and gender. All these variables will be regressed to dependent variable which is equity mutual fund performance.

Sample used is 126 data of equity mutual fund with research period from 2012 – 2014. Data is obtained from OJK, investment managers' websites, Morningstar database, prospectuses and fund fact sheets of the mutual funds. Hypotheses derived are expense ratio, size, age, stock proportion, managers' certification, education, and tenure positively affects equity mutual fund performance. While gender negatively affects equity mutual fund performance which means that male manager performs worse than female managers in managing mutual fund portfolio.

Result obtained from the research is that manager's tenure and expense ratio shows significant and positive affects to mutual fund performance. This finding is indifferent to what derived in the hypotheses. Other findings are not similar to hypotheses. Stock proportion shows significant and negative affects to mutual fund performance, while managers' gender shows significant and positive affects to mutual fund performance. Size, age, managers' certification and education affects mutual fund performance insignificantly.

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