

# Finance Research Seminar

“Do Real Estate Mutual Fund Managers Add Value?”

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**Abstract:**

We evaluate the performance of actively managed real estate mutual funds (REMFs) using the value that they create as the measure of skill. We find that on average REMF managers generate \$3.8 million per year, which is statistically different from zero. Moreover, the managers generate value beyond the diversification benefits that can be obtained by investing in the real estate indexes. Although top performers produce positive net alphas, the average risk-adjusted net returns of REMF investors is statistically indistinguishable from zero. The latter result suggests that on average REMF managers capture all value that they create.

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