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**FORBES' MUTUAL FUND SURVEY 2009:  
THE BEST, THE WORST AND THE HONOR ROLL**

***Plus: How a man with no interest in gaming became a true "Guitar Hero"***

**New York, NY (January 14, 2009)** — *Forbes* knows that picking mutual funds based on recent results could create a risky situation, especially in the current market. While the market's mood may be unpredictable, the costs incurred by funds are not. In the 2009 Mutual Fund Survey (p. 82), *Forbes* selected funds for their combination of risk-adjusted returns and low overhead costs. The survey includes a listing of the best buys and the 100 largest domestic stock funds, in addition to the worst domestic, global, foreign and emerging market stocks.

Also in this issue, the ***Forbes Honor Roll*** (p. 81). Since 1973, the Honor Roll has been identifying funds, and fund managers, that make assets grow in good times and protect them in bad times. Despite the challenging economic times since the last Honor Roll was compiled, 8 of the 10 funds that made that list are back this time.

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**OTHER STORIES:**

**Unlikely Hero (p. 52)** – How did a man who has never even picked up a joystick build the world's most successful videogame publisher? The man behind popular games such as "Call of Duty," "Guitar Hero" and "World of Warcraft," Activision's Bobby Kotick is finally gaining his passion for videogames.

**Crushed by College (p. 60)** – There is an education hoax that is unfolding on the middle class -- misguided easy-money policies that are encouraging young people to go into debt for college. It's too late to save the country from the housing finance bubble, but the college bubble could be next.

**The Oracle of Doom (p. 20)** – How is Wall Street like the *Titanic*? Nassim Nicholas Taleb, author of *The Black Swan*, has a theory: the ride is calm, but you are always just a few yards away from disaster. Taleb speaks out in *Forbes* about the recent economic crisis and his theories on how it happened.

**Fish and Game (p. 30)** – A French version of P.T. Barnum, Gilles Assouline is the carnival barker behind such ventures as undersea theme parks and solid gold credit cards with a \$200 million limit. His ventures all have one thing in common: they seem too good to be true.

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