

Alerts for Credit Rating Changes

We're excited to provide email alerts and <u>Analyst Notes</u> for our <u>Credit Ratings</u> as we do for <u>Stock Ratings</u>. These alerts let members know when a rating is upgraded/downgraded or when we've updated our models with the latest 10-Q or 10-K.

Clients get these alerts:

- 1. in our daily emails that highlight any changes to the companies, ETFs or mutual funds in portfolios (see Figure 2), and
- 2. in the new Credit Rating Analyst Notes above the Ratings table on the Portfolios, Ratings, or Screeners page (depending upon membership level). See Figure 1.

Figure 1: Analyst Notes for Credit Ratings

Switch to Stock Rating aalyst Notes : Credit Rating Upgraded from Unattractive 5/21/21 New 10-K & Forecast 5/21/21					
EBITDA to Debt Ø	Free Cash Flow (3 yr Avg.) to Debt 🚱	Cash to Debt 😧	Interest Coverage		
Very Unattractive	> 0.8	< 0.0	< -0.05	< 0.01	< -1.0
Unattractive	0.8 > 0.3	0.0 < 0.2	-0.05 < 0.15	0.01 < 0.2	-1.0 < 3.0
Neutral	0.3 > 0.1	0.2 < 0.45	0.15 < 0.4	0.2 < 0.5	3.0 < 11.0 or EBIT < 0
Attractive	0.1 > 0.05	0.45 < 0.6	0.4 < 0.5	0.5 < 1.0	11.0 < 19.0
Very Attractive	< 0.05	> 0.6	> 0.5	> 1.0	> 19.0 or EBIT ≥ 0

Sources: New Constructs, LLC and company filings

Figure 2 shows an example email alert when a ticker's Credit Rating is upgraded.



Figure 2: Credit Rating Changes Included in Portfolio Alert Emails



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Key quotes from the paper:

- "[New Constructs'] Total Adjustments differs significantly from the items identified and excluded from Compustat's adjusted earnings measures. For example... 50% to 70% of the variation in Total Adjustments is not explained by S&P Global's (SPGI) Adjustments individually." – pp. 14, 1st para.
- "A final source of differences [between New Constructs' and S&P Global's data] is due to data collection oversights...we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms' income that is useful in assessing core earnings." – pp. 16, 2nd para.

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- "The majority of the difference...comes from New Constructs' machine learning approach, which leverages technology to calculate ROIC by applying accounting adjustments that may be buried deeply in the footnotes across thousands of companies." – pp. 4, 2nd para.

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