

August 2022 Stock-Picking Accolades: #1 All-Time, #1 in Long, #1 in Short, #1 in Value, #1 in Large Cap, #1 in Mid Cap & More

Our <u>uniquely rigorous research¹</u> earned us <u>#1 All-Time</u> plus nine other #1 rankings – again – on *SumZero* for August 2022. #1 All-Time means our stock picks beat all other competitors on all measures.

- <u>#1 Last Twelve Months</u>
 - <u>#1 in Long</u>
- <u>#1 in Short</u>
- <u>#1 in Value</u>
- <u>#1 in North America</u>
- <u>#1 in Large Cap</u>
- <u>#1 in Mid Cap</u>
- #1 in Small Cap
- #1 in Consumer Discretionary
- #2 in Consumer Staples
- <u>#2 in Energy</u>
- <u>#2 in Industrials</u>
- <u>#7 in Healthcare</u>

Enduring value: Our stock picks have ranked #1 in at least one category every month since <u>May 2021</u>. More stock-picking accolades <u>here</u>.

Our SumZero stock picks come from our <u>Focus List Stocks: Long</u> and <u>Focus List Stocks: Short</u> Model Portfolios, which feature the "best of the best" of our stock picks.

The Focus List Stocks: Long has outperformed the S&P 500^2 by <u>34%</u> and the Focus List Stocks: Short has outperformed shorting the S&P 500 by <u>48%</u> since the start of 2021.

Get the latest Focus List Stocks: Long Model Portfolio here and Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio here.

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Company	Ticker	Publish Date	Outperformance as a Long Vs. S&P 500
HCA Healthcare	HCA	<u>6/22/20</u>	83%
AutoZone Inc.	AZO	<u>11/7/20</u>	67%
Alphabet, Inc.	GOOGL	<u>2/15/18</u>	65%
MasTec Inc.	MTZ	<u>6/10/20</u>	61%
Target Corporation	TGT	<u>6/5/19</u>	48%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Performance represents price performance and is not adjusted for dividends.

² Stocks are in the Focus List Model Portfolios for different periods of time as we open and close positions during the year. When measuring outperformance of the Focus List Model Portfolios, we compare each stock's return to the S&P 500's return for the time each is in the Focus List Model Portfolios. This approach provides more of an apples-to-apples comparison of how each stock performed vs. the S&P 500.

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¹ The Journal of Financial Economics features the superiority of our Core Earnings in Core Earnings: New Data & Evidence.



Figure 2: Performance of Select Danger Zone Picks on SumZero – Through 8/4/22

Company	Ticker	Publish Date	Outperformance as a Short Vs. S&P 500
Lyft Inc.	LYFT	<u>3/12/19</u>	127%
Eventbrite	EB	<u>9/24/18</u>	118%
Peloton Interactive	PTON	9/21/20	115%
Carvana	CVNA	8/26/20	103%
Beyond Meat	BYND	9/2/20	92%

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- 3. Our proprietary measures of <u>Core Earnings</u> and <u>Earnings Distortion</u> materially improve stock picking and forecasting of profits.

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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.

Superior Models

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Key quotes from the paper:

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- "Our results ultimately suggest that Robo-Analysts are a valuable, alternative information intermediary to traditional sell-side analysts." pp. 20, 3rd para.

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