



December 2023 Stock-Picking Accolades: #1 All-Time, #1 in Short, #1 in Value, #1 in Large Cap, #1 in North America & More

Our [proven-superior research](#)¹ earned us [#1 All-Time](#) plus eight other #1 rankings – [again](#) – on *SumZero* for December 2023. #1 All-Time means our stock picks beat all other competitors on all measures.

Since [May 2021](#), our stock picks have ranked #1 in multiple categories. Over two years of superior stock picking is no small feat, especially across so many categories:

- [#1 in Short](#)
- [#1 in Value](#)
- [#1 in North America](#)
- [#1 in Large Cap](#)
- [#1 in Mid Cap](#)
- [#1 in Consumer Discretionary](#)
- [#1 in Industrials](#)
- [#1 in Consumer Staples](#)
- [#2 in Energy](#)
- [#2 in Long](#)
- [#3 in Materials](#)
- [#3 in Western Europe](#)
- [#4 in SmallCap](#)
- [#7 in Healthcare](#)
- [#8 in Micro Cap](#)

Our *SumZero* stock picks come from our [Focus List Stocks: Long](#) and [Focus List Stocks: Short](#) Model Portfolios, which feature our best stock picks.

From January 2021 through 3Q23, the Focus List Stocks: Long Model Portfolio has outperformed the S&P 500² by [29%](#), and the Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio has outperformed shorting the S&P 500 by [33%](#).

Get the latest Focus List Stocks: Long [here](#) and Focus List Stocks: Short [here](#). For real-time tracking of these portfolios, see the index created for the Focus List Stocks: Long [here](#) and the Focus List Stocks: Short [here](#).

Professional members get updates to the Focus Lists in real time and get our research before syndication to *SumZero* and other platforms.

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SumZero is an exclusive buy-side community with over 16,000 pre-screened professional portfolio managers that compete for these rankings.

¹ [The Journal of Financial Economics](#) features the superiority of our Core Earnings in [Core Earnings: New Data & Evidence](#).

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.



Figure 1: Performance of Select Long Ideas on SumZero – Through 12/11/23*

Company	Ticker	Publish Date	Outperformance Vs. S&P 500
D.R. Horton	DHI	4/27/20	135%
HCA Healthcare	HCA	6/22/20	119%
NVR Inc.	NVR	4/17/17	107%
AutoZone Inc.	AZO	11/4/20	97%
Owens Corning	OC	1/26/22	60%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

*Performance on a price return basis, exclusive of dividends.

Figure 2: Performance of Select Danger Zone Picks on SumZero – Through 12/11/23*

Company	Ticker	Publish Date	Outperformance as a Short Vs. S&P 500
Lyft Inc.	LYFT	3/12/19	147%
Eventbrite	EB	9/24/18	137%
Peloton Interactive	PTON	9/21/20	133%
Beyond Meat	BYND	9/2/20	126%
Carvana	CVNA	8/26/20	114%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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1. Legacy fundamental datasets suffer from significant inaccuracies, omissions and biases.
2. Only our “novel database” enables investors to overcome these flaws and apply [reliable](#) fundamental data in their research.
3. Our proprietary measures of [Core Earnings](#) and [Earnings Distortion](#) materially improve stock picking and forecasting of profits.

Best Fundamental Data in the World

Forthcoming in [The Journal of Financial Economics](#), a top peer-reviewed journal, [Core Earnings: New Data & Evidence](#) proves our Robo-Analyst technology overcomes material shortcomings in legacy firms' data collection processes to provide superior [fundamental data](#), [earnings](#) models, and [research](#). More [details](#).

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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Key quotes from the paper:

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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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Key quotes from the paper:

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