

Most Dangerous Stocks for December 2013

20 Large/Mid Cap and 20 Small Cap Stocks

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- **The Dangerous Stocks (+0.5%) rose less than the S&P 500 (+1.9%) and outperformed as a short portfolio last month.**
- **Figure 1** shows the 20 stocks from November's report that outperformed as shorts.
- **Most Dangerous Stocks have misleading earnings, which means reported earnings are rising while true economic earnings are declining.**
- **Barron's recently highlighted our stock-picking as amongst the best of all Wall Street firms. See our website for details.**

Figure 1: 20 Stocks that Outperformed as Shorts From November's Report

Large Cap		Small Cap	
Ticker	Change From 11/04/13	Ticker	Change From 11/04/13
EA	-14.9%	NES	-27.4%
PLD	-8.0%	TG	-10.8%
JDSU	-7.6%	OBAS	-10.5%
SINA	-5.8%	XXIA	-10.1%
SKT	-5.6%	AHC	-2.1%
RS	-1.6%	LNDC	-1.7%
CRS	-1.4%	ACCO	-1.0%
SHLD	-1.1%	ATSG	-0.8%
HSP	-0.3%	GOV	-0.1%
S&P 500	1.9%	RNWK	0.7%
		WPP	1.2%
		S&P 500	1.9%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC,

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates.

Most Dangerous Stocks: Monthly Updates

The Dangerous Stocks (+0.5%) rose less than the S&P 500 (+1.9%) and outperformed as a short portfolio last month. 20 stocks from our November Most Dangerous Large Cap and Small Cap lists outperformed the S&P 500 as shorts, and 18 stocks had negative returns. See Figure 2 for details. For updates on the performance of all of last month's Most Dangerous stocks, see Appendix A. We measure our November performance based on closing prices from November 04, 2013 to December 02, 2013. We published last month's report to subscribers on November 04, 2013 and to the general public, for purchase, on November 11, 2013.

Figure 2: 20 Stocks that Outperformed as Shorts From November's Report

Large Cap			Small Cap		
Ticker	Company Name	Change From 11/04/13	Ticker	Company Name	Change From 11/04/13
EA	Electronic Arts, Inc.	-14.9%	NES	Nuverra Environmental Solutions	-27.4%
PLD	Prologis Inc.	-8.0%	TG	Tredegar Corporation	-10.8%
JDSU	JDS Uniphase Corp	-7.6%	OBAS	Optibase Ltd.	-10.5%
SINA	SINA Corporation	-5.8%	XXIA	Ixia	-10.1%
SKT	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers	-5.6%	AHC	A.H. Belo Corp	-2.1%
RS	Reliance Steel & Aluminum	-1.6%	LNDC	Landec Corporation	-1.7%
CRS	Carpenter Technology Corp	-1.4%	ACCO	ACCO Brands Corp	-1.0%
SHLD	Sears Holdings Corp	-1.1%	ATSG	Air Transport Services Group	-0.8%
HSP	Hospira Inc.	-0.3%	GOV	Government Prop. Income Trust	-0.1%
S&P 500	S&P 500	1.9%	S&P 500	S&P 500	1.9%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC,

Note: Gain/Dcline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates.

Figure 3 shows the 12 new stocks that make our December Most Dangerous Stocks Report.

Figure 3: Additions for December

Large Cap Additions		Small Cap Additions	
Ticker	Company Name	Ticker	Company Name
BDC	Belden Inc.	GLOW	Glowpoint Inc.
BIN	Progressive Waste Solutions, Ltd.	LABL	Multi-Color Corporation
ECL	Ecolab Inc.	MOVE	Move Inc.
HBHC	Hancock Holding Company	RATE	Bankrate Inc
SWK	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	SMRT	Stein Mart, Inc.
		TCBK	TriCo Bancshares
		TRR	TRC Companies, Inc.

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Please see Appendix B for explanations of additions and deletions to the large and small cap lists.

Most Dangerous Stocks: Methodology

Stocks make our Most Dangerous list because they have:

1. **Poor-Quality Earnings** based on:

- Misleading earnings: rising and positive GAAP earnings while economic earnings are negative and falling; and
- Low Returns on Invested Capital (ROIC).

AND

2. **Expensive Valuations** based on:

- Free-Cash Flow Yields¹ that are very low or negative;
- Price-to-Economic Book Value (EBV)² ratios that are relatively high; and
- Growth Appreciation Periods³ (GAP) that are relatively high.

Only stocks that earn an Overall Rating of Very Dangerous are allowed on our Most Dangerous Stocks lists.

The above characteristics also qualify stocks for a 'Very Dangerous' or 'Dangerous' Rating, according to our Risk/Reward Rating system. Figure 4 shows our Risk/Reward Rating analysis, which we apply to the 3000+ companies that we cover. Stocks get a grade of 1 to 5 for each criterion, 5 being the worst and 1 being the best score. The Overall score is based on the average score of all five criteria. Stocks must get an average score of 4.25 or above to be rated Very Dangerous. For the most part, only Very Dangerous stocks qualify for our Most Dangerous Stocks lists.

Figure 4: New Constructs Risk/Reward Rating for Stocks

Overall Risk/Reward Rating	Quality of Earnings		Valuation		
	Economic vs Reported EPS	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	FCF Yield	Price-to-EBV Ratio	Growth Appreciation Period (yrs)
Very Dangerous	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	<5%	> 3.5 or < -1	> 50
Dangerous	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5%<-1%	2.4 > 3.5 or < -1	20 > 50
Neutral	Neutral EP	3rd Quintile	-1%<3%	1.6 > 2.4	10 > 20
Attractive	Positive EP	2nd Quintile	3%<10%	1.1 > 1.6	3 > 10
Very Attractive	Rising EP	Top Quintile	>10%	0 > 1.1	0 > 3

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

¹ Free-Cash Flow Yields measure the % of the total value of the firm for which the Free Cash Flows of the firm account. The formula is FCF/Current Enterprise Value.

² Economic Book Value (EBV) measures the no-growth value of the business based on its annual after-tax cash flow. The Formula for EBV is: (NOPAT / WACC) + Excess Cash + Non-operating assets – Debt (incl. Operating Leases) - Value of Outstanding Stock Options – Minority Interests.

³ Growth Appreciation Period measures the number of years, implied by the market-price, that a company will grow its economic earnings. This measure assigns a numerical value to the width of the moat around a firm's business.

Explanation of Risk/Reward Rating System

Our Risk/Reward Rating System assigns a rating to every stock under our coverage according to what we believe are the 5 most important criteria for assessing the risk versus reward of stocks. See table that follows for details.

Overall Risk/Reward Ranking	The Overall Risk/Reward Ranking provides a final rating based on the equal-weighted average rating of each criterion.
Very Dangerous	FCF Yield is not included in the average.
Dangerous	FCF Yield is not included in the average.
Neutral	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.
Attractive	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.
Very Attractive	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.

Economic vs Reported EPS	Rates stocks based on how their Economic Earnings compare to their Reported Earnings. Values based on Latest Fiscal Year.
Very Dangerous	Negative and declining Economic Earnings despite positive and rising Reported Earnings
Dangerous	Same as above except Reported Earnings are not rising or Reported Earnings are not positive
Neutral	Negative Economic and Reported Earnings
Attractive	Economic Earnings are positive
Very Attractive	Economic Earnings are positive and rising

Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	Rates stocks based on their ROIC. Values based on Latest Fiscal Year.
Bottom Quintile	Very Dangerous = the bottom 20% of Russell 1000 companies
4th Quintile	Dangerous = the bottom 40% of Russell 1000 companies
3rd Quintile	Neutral = the middle 20% of Russell 1000 companies
2nd Quintile	Attractive = the top 40% of Russell 1000 companies
Top Quintile	Very Attractive = the top 20% of Russell 1000 companies

FCF Yield	Rates stocks based on their Free Cash Flow Yield. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Latest Fiscal Year.
<-5%	Very Dangerous = less than or equal to -5%
-5%<-1%	Dangerous = more than -5% but less than or equal to -1%
-1%<3%	Neutral = more than -1% but less than or equal to +3%
3%<10%	Attractive = more than +3% but less than or equal to +10%
>10%	Very Attractive = more than +10%

Price-to-EBV Ratio	Rates stocks based on their Price-to-Economic Book Value Ratio. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Latest Fiscal Year.
>3.5 or -1>0	Very Dangerous = greater than or equal to 3.5 or less than 0 but greater than -1
2.4>3.5 or <-1	Dangerous = greater than or equal to 2.4 but less than 3.5 and less than or equal to -1
1.6>2.4	Neutral = greater than or equal to 1.6 but less than 2.4
1.1>1.6	Attractive = greater than or equal to 1.1 but less than 1.6
0>1.1	Very Attractive = greater than or equal to 0 but less than 1.1

Growth Appreciation Period (yrs)	Rates stocks based on their Market-Implied Growth Appreciation Period. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Default Forecast Scenario.
>50	Very Dangerous = greater than or equal to 50 years
20>50	Dangerous = at least 20 years but less than 50
10>20	Neutral = at least 10 years but less than 20
3>10	Attractive = at least 3 years but less than 10
0>3	Very Attractive = at least 0 years but less than 3

Appendix A – Performance of Stocks on November's Report

Figure 5: Performance of All Stocks from November's Report

Large Cap			Small Cap		
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EA	Electronic Arts, Inc.	-14.9%	NES	Nuverra Environmental Solutions	-27.4%
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SHLD	Sears Holdings Corp	-1.1%	ATSG	Air Transport Services Group	-0.8%
HSP	Hospira Inc.	-0.3%	GOV	Government Prop. Income Trust	-0.1%
SPX	S&P 500	1.9%	RNWK	RealNetworks Inc.	0.7%
WTS	Watts Water Technologies, Inc.	1.9%	WPP	Wausau Paper Corp	1.2%
LKQ	LKQ Corporation	1.9%	SPX	S&P 500	1.9%
BWLD	Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.	3.2%	NUVA	NuVasive Inc.	1.9%
KEX	Kirby Corporation	3.2%	RUSHA	Rush Enterprises, Inc.	2.6%
SATS	EchoStar Corporation	4.7%	CTHR	Charles & Colvard, Ltd.	3.0%
SIVB	SVB Financial Group	5.5%	SCBT	First Financial Holdings, Inc.	6.0%
CBG	CBRE Group, Inc.	5.9%	GSBC	Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.	6.3%
SCHW	The Charles Schwab Corp	6.9%	KEYW	KEYW Holding Corp	8.4%
CAB	Cabela's Inc.	7.1%	SPNC	The Spectranetics Corp	11.2%
ESRX	Express Scripts, Inc.	7.7%	CGI	Celadon Group, Inc.	11.3%
CSOD	Cornerstone OnDemand	8.1%	HWAY	Healthways Inc.	23.1%
Large Cap Portfolio Return		0.5%	Small Cap Portfolio Return		0.6%
Combo (Large and Small Cap) Return		0.5%			

Sources: New Constructs, LLC,

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates.

Appendix B – Additions and Deletions

Most Dangerous Large/Mid Cap Stocks

Deletions:

- RS - Stock price decreased 1.6% since November report.
- CRS - Stock price decreased 1.4% since November report.
- BWLD - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- CBG - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- SATS - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.

Additions:

- HBHC - Stock price increased 6.6% since November report.
- BDC - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.
- BIN - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.
- ECL - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.
- SWK - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.

Most Dangerous Small Cap Stocks**Deletions:**

- AHC - Stock price decreased 2.1% since November report.
- ACCO - Stock price decreased 1.0% since November report.
- CGI - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- HWAY - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- NUVA - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- RUSHA - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
- SCBT - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.

Additions:

- TCBK - Stock price increased 5.9% since November report.
- RATE - Stock price increased 5.6% since November report.
- LABL - Stock price increased 2.7% since November report.
- TRR - Stock price increased 2.5% since November report.
- GLOW - Stock price increased 2.2% since November report.
- MOVE - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.
- SMRT - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.

The 20 Most Dangerous Large/Mid Cap Stocks for December

We recommend that investors equal-weight holdings in all 20 Large/Mid Cap Most Dangerous Stocks.

Figure 6: 20 Most Dangerous Large/Mid Cap Stocks for December

			Misleading Earnings			Expensive Valuation			
			As of Last Fiscal Year			as of 12/02/13			
	Ticker	Company Name	Rising GAAP Earnings (\$mm)	Declining Economic Cash Flows (\$mm)	Low-Ranking ROIC (by Quintile)	Low or Negative Free Cash Flow Yield	High or Negative Price-to-Economic Book Value	Long Market-Implied GAP (years)	Market Value (\$mm)
1	CAB	Cabela's Inc.	\$30.89	\$8	4th	-27%	27.3	Greater than 100	\$4,544
2	SKT	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc.	\$8.49	(\$1)	4th	1%	14.1	Greater than 100	\$3,082
3	BDC*	Belden Inc.	\$80.15	\$7	3rd	-16%	11.1	Greater than 100	\$2,980
4	JDSU	JDS Uniphase Corp	\$112.60	(\$385)	Bottom Quintile	2%	10.8	Greater than 100	\$2,817
5	SINA	SINA Corporation	\$333.83	(\$53)	Bottom Quintile	0%	7.8	Greater than 100	\$5,177
6	LKQ	LKQ Corporation	\$50.96	\$5	3rd	-2%	5.9	Greater than 100	\$9,984
7	ESRX	Express Scripts, Inc.	\$37.10	(\$939)	4th	-45%	5.3	95	\$54,013
8	EA	Electronic Arts, Inc.	\$22.00	(\$17)	Bottom Quintile	0%	4.7	Greater than 100	\$6,770
9	BIN*	Progressive Waste Solutions, Ltd.	\$290.49	(\$76)	Bottom Quintile	-5%	4.4	47	\$2,961
10	SCHW	The Charles Schwab Corp	\$19.00	(\$62)	4th	-2%	4.3	Greater than 100	\$32,011
11	KEX	Kirby Corporation	\$26.41	\$5	3rd	-7%	4.2	Greater than 100	\$5,365
12	ECL*	Ecolab Inc.	\$241.10	(\$104)	4th	2%	3.9	56	\$31,862
13	HSP	Hospira Inc.	\$53.60	(\$213)	4th	4%	3.0	86	\$6,650
14	WTS	Watts Water Technologies, Inc.	\$2.00	(\$1)	4th	4%	2.9	Greater than 100	\$2,092
15	SIVB	SVB Financial Group	\$3.20	(\$33)	3rd	-6%	2.7	Greater than 100	\$4,606
16	SWK*	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	\$209.40	(\$1)	4th	7%	2.4	55	\$12,344
17	HBHC*	Hancock Holding Company	\$74.29	(\$28)	4th	4%	1.7	Greater than 100	\$2,874
18	SHLD	Sears Holdings Corp	\$2,210.00	\$22	Bottom Quintile	8%	-0.5	Greater than 100	\$6,408
19	PLD	Prologis Inc.	\$107.16	(\$674)	Bottom Quintile	-2%	-1.8	Greater than 100	\$18,752
20	CSOD	Cornerstone OnDemand	\$37.72	(\$10)	Bottom Quintile	-1%	-4.4	Greater than 100	\$2,597

* Addition to the Large/Mid Cap Most Dangerous list in December

Most Dangerous Stocks are Ranked by Price-to-Economic Book Value in Descending Order

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

The 20 Most Dangerous Small Cap Stocks for December

We recommend that investors equal-weight holdings in all 20 Small Cap Most Dangerous Stocks.

Figure 7: 20 Most Dangerous Small Cap Stocks for December

			Misleading Earnings			Expensive Valuation			Market Value (\$mm)
			As of Last Fiscal Year			as of 12/02/13			
Ticker	Company Name		Rising GAAP Earnings (\$mm)	Declining Economic Cash Flows (\$mm)	Low-Ranking ROIC (by Quintile)	Low or Negative Free Cash Flow Yield	High or Negative Price-to-Economic Book Value	Long Market-Implied GAP (years)	
1	SPNC	The Spectranetics Corp	\$1.33	(\$0)	Bottom Quintile	-2%	348.5	Greater than 100	\$954
2	MOVE*	Move Inc.	\$1.49	(\$2)	Bottom Quintile	-4%	169.2	Greater than 100	\$585
3	TG	Tredegar Corporation	\$3.40	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	-1%	19.8	Greater than 100	\$816
4	CTHR	Charles & Colvard, Ltd.	\$2.81	(\$0)	Bottom Quintile	1%	8.4	Greater than 100	\$103
5	LABL*	Multi-Color Corporation	\$10.60	(\$5)	4th	1%	5.4	Greater than 100	\$609
6	SMRT*	Stein Mart, Inc.	\$4.95	(\$0)	4th	-2%	4.8	Greater than 100	\$646
7	RATE*	Bankrate Inc	\$42.75	(\$26)	Bottom Quintile	1%	4.5	50	\$1,835
8	TCBK*	TriCo Bancshares	\$0.40	(\$4)	4th	0%	4.1	Greater than 100	\$435
9	XXIA	Ixia	\$21.69	(\$6)	3rd	-28%	4.0	Greater than 100	\$922
10	GSBC	Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.	\$21.84	(\$5)	Bottom Quintile	-6%	3.2	Greater than 100	\$392
11	LNDG	Landec Corporation	\$9.89	(\$2)	4th	-4%	3.0	Greater than 100	\$309
12	GOV	Government Prop. Income Trust	\$3.96	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	-7%	2.8	Greater than 100	\$1,357
13	TRR*	TRC Companies, Inc.	\$2.70	(\$3)	Bottom Quintile	-2%	2.4	Greater than 100	\$215
14	OBAS	Optibase Ltd.	\$1.82	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	3%	-0.3	64	\$22
15	NES	Nuverra Environmental Solutions	\$25.53	(\$11)	Bottom Quintile	-96%	-0.6	Greater than 100	\$455
16	RNWK	RealNetworks Inc.	\$71.94	(\$10)	Bottom Quintile	-2%	-1.9	Greater than 100	\$269
17	WPP	Wausau Paper Corp	\$22.37	(\$4)	Bottom Quintile	-6%	-2.0	Greater than 100	\$582
18	GLOW*	Glowpoint Inc.	\$0.68	(\$0)	Bottom Quintile	-25%	-2.5	Greater than 100	\$49
19	KEYW	KEYW Holding Corp	\$0.48	(\$3)	Bottom Quintile	-31%	-4.9	Greater than 100	\$454
20	ATSG	Air Transport Services Group	\$17.68	(\$2)	Bottom Quintile	-4%	-5.2	Greater than 100	\$488

* Addition to the Small Cap Most Dangerous list in December

Most Dangerous Stocks are Ranked by Price-to-Economic Book Value in Descending Order

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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