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**Figure 1: Top 3 Strategies For 2014**

Strategy	Portfolio	2014				YTD
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Long benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	7.2%	-	-	-	7.2%
	S&P 500	2.9%	-	-	-	2.9%
	Difference	4.3%	-	-	-	4.3%
Long benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	5.3%	-	-	-	5.3%
	S&P 500 and Russell 2000	3.0%	-	-	-	3.0%
	Difference	2.3%	-	-	-	2.3%
Long/Short benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	2.2%	-	-	-	2.2%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
	Difference	2.2%	-	-	-	2.2%

Source: New Constructs, LLC.

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

## Long/Short Strategies: Most Attractive/Most Dangerous Stocks (MA/MD)

Figure 2 shows the 2014 YTD performance of the long/short strategies offered by our Most Attractive and Most Dangerous Stocks versus benchmarks.

**Figure 2: Returns for Long/Short Strategies For 2014**

Strategy	Portfolio	2014				YTD
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Long/Short benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	2.0%	-	-	-	2.0%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
	Difference	2.0%	-	-	-	2.0%
Long/Short benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	2.2%	-	-	-	2.2%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
	Difference	2.2%	-	-	-	2.2%
Long/Short benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	1.7%	-	-	-	1.7%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%
	Difference	1.7%	-	-	-	1.7%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

Figure 3 shows the annualized returns of the long/short strategies offered by our Most Attractive and Most Dangerous Stocks versus benchmarks.

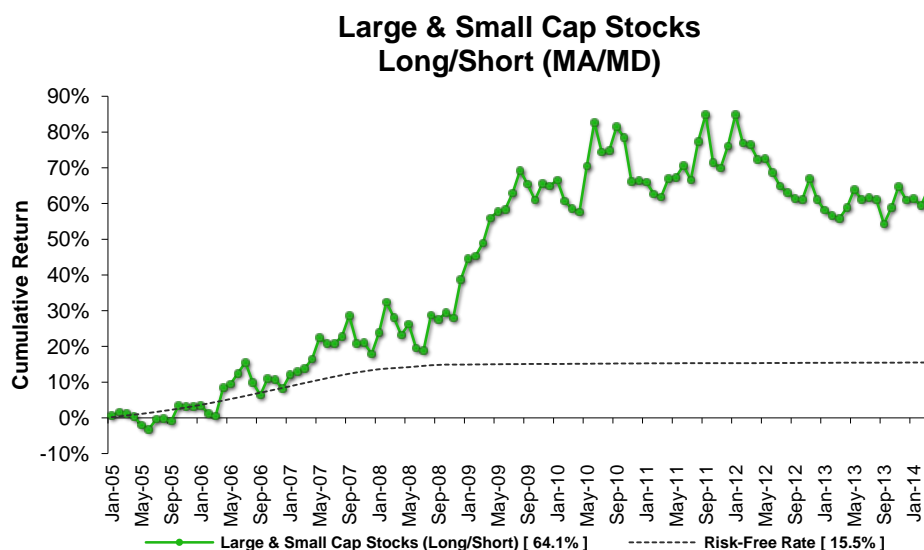
**Figure 3: Annualized Returns for Long/Short Strategies**

Strategy	Portfolio	Annualized return as of 3/31/2014			
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Long/Short benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	5.3%	0.5%	2.0%	5.5%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.6%
	Difference	5.3%	0.4%	1.9%	3.9%
Long/Short benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	-1.6%	0.6%	3.4%	5.4%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.6%
	Difference	-1.6%	0.6%	3.3%	3.8%
Long/Short benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	12.5%	-0.2%	-0.1%	4.9%
	Risk-Free Rate	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.6%
	Difference	12.5%	-0.2%	-0.2%	3.3%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Difference performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. Inception date is January 2005.

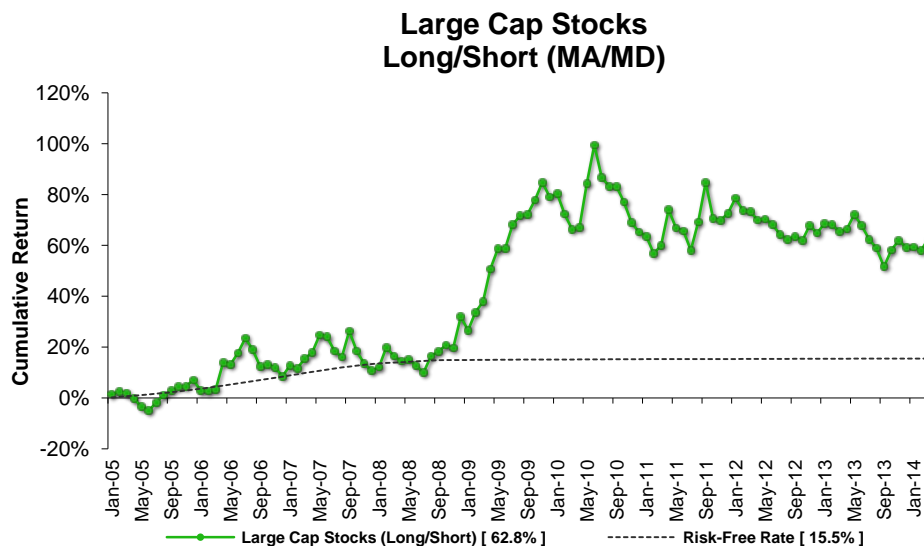
**Figure 4: Large and Small Cap Strategy: Most Attractive/Most Dangerous (MA/MD) Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Dcline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. The Risk-Free Rate is based on the 3-Month T-Bill.

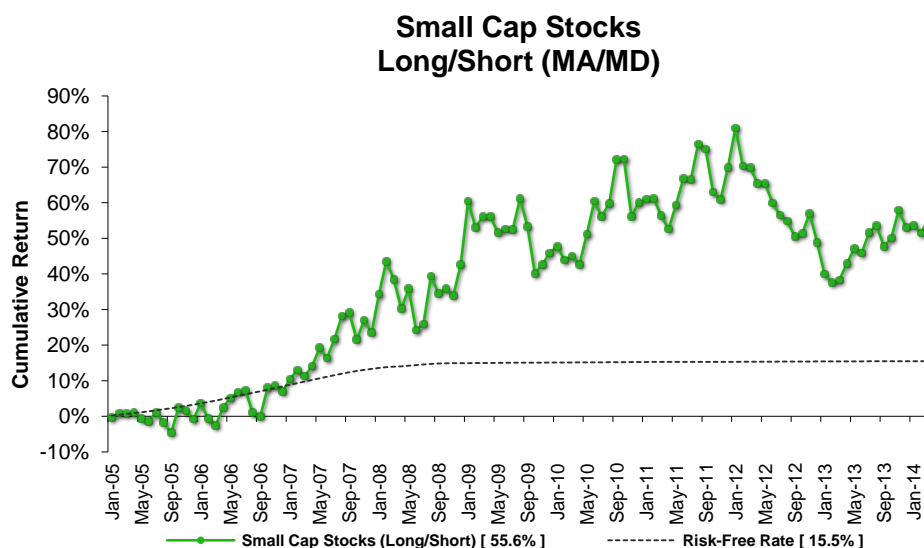
**Figure 5: Large Cap Strategy: Most Attractive/Most Dangerous (MA/MD) Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Dcline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. The Risk-Free Rate is based on the 3-Month T-Bill.

**Figure 6: Small Cap Strategy: Most Attractive/Most Dangerous (MA/MD)  
Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Dcline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. The Risk-Free Rate is based on the 3-Month T-Bill.

## Long Strategies: Most Attractive Stocks (MA)

Figure 7 shows the 2014 performance of the long strategies offered by our Most Attractive Stocks versus benchmarks.

**Figure 7: Returns for Long Strategies For 2014**

Strategy	Portfolio	2014				YTD
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Long benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	5.3%	-	-	-	5.3%
	S&P 500 and Russell 2000	3.0%	-	-	-	3.0%
	Difference	2.3%	-	-	-	2.3%
Long benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	7.2%	-	-	-	7.2%
	S&P 500	2.9%	-	-	-	2.9%
	Difference	4.3%	-	-	-	4.3%
Long benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	3.5%	-	-	-	3.5%
	Russell 2000	3.1%	-	-	-	3.1%
	Difference	0.4%	-	-	-	0.4%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

Figure 8 shows the annualized returns of the long strategies offered by our Most Attractive Stocks versus benchmarks.

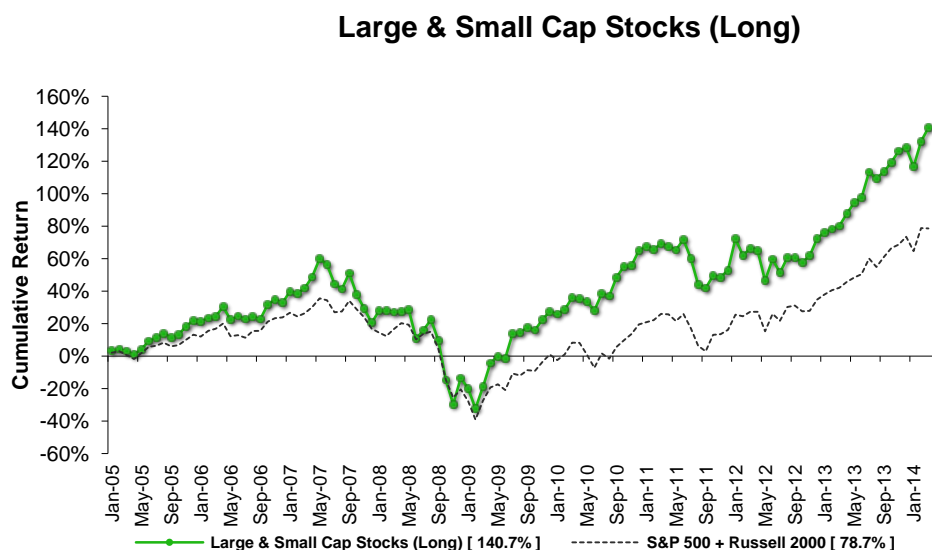
**Figure 8: Annualized Returns for Long Strategies**

Strategy	Portfolio	Annualized return as of 3/31/2014			
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Long benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	33.5%	12.4%	24.3%	10.0%
	S&P 500 and Russell 2000	25.8%	12.3%	19.7%	6.5%
	Difference	7.8%	0.1%	4.6%	3.5%
Long benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	29.2%	13.5%	24.1%	9.8%
	S&P 500	21.7%	12.4%	17.8%	5.3%
	Difference	7.5%	1.1%	6.3%	4.5%
Long benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	37.6%	10.9%	24.0%	9.5%
	Russell 2000	29.8%	12.1%	21.5%	7.5%
	Difference	7.8%	-1.2%	2.5%	2.0%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. Inception date is January 2005.

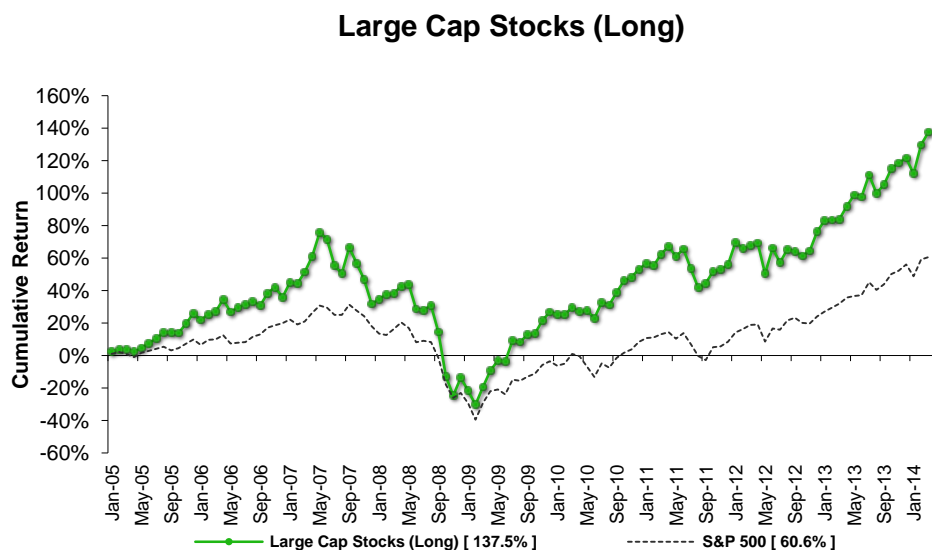
**Figure 9: Large and Small Cap Strategy: Most Attractive Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

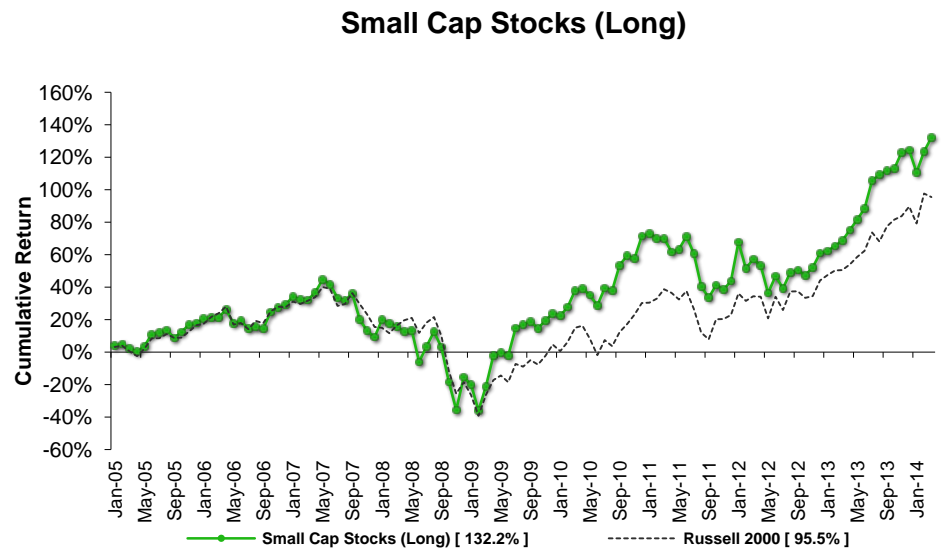
**Figure 10: Large Cap Strategy: Most Attractive Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

**Figure 11: Small Cap Strategy: Most Attractive Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

## Short Strategies: Most Dangerous Stocks (MD)

Figure 12 shows the 2014 performance of the short strategies offered by our Most Dangerous Stocks versus benchmarks.

**Figure 12: Returns for Short Strategies For 2014**

Strategy	Portfolio	2014				YTD
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Short benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	-4.1%	-	-	-	-4.1%
	Short S&P 500 and Russell 2000	-3.9%	-	-	-	-3.9%
	Difference	-0.2%	-	-	-	-0.2%
Short benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	-5.5%	-	-	-	-5.5%
	Short S&P 500	-3.5%	-	-	-	-3.5%
	Difference	-2.0%	-	-	-	-2.0%
Short benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	-2.6%	-	-	-	-2.6%
	Short Russell 2000	-4.3%	-	-	-	-4.3%
	Difference	1.7%	-	-	-	1.7%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

Figure 13 shows the annualized returns of the short strategies offered by our Most Dangerous Stocks versus benchmarks.

**Figure 13: Annualized Returns for Short Strategies**

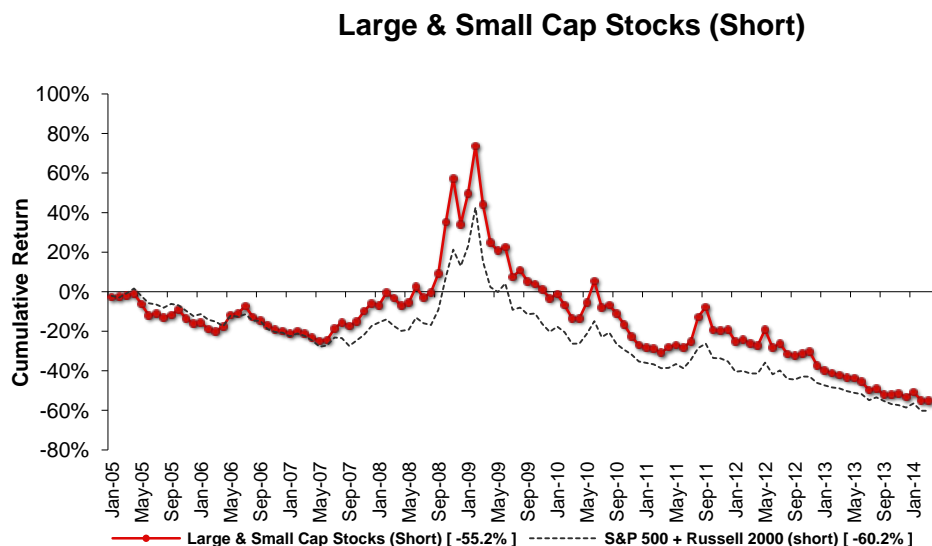
Strategy	Portfolio	Annualized return as of 3/31/2014			
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Short benchmark	Large and Small Cap Stocks	-22.6%	-13.4%	-20.8%	-8.3%
	Short S&P 500 and Russell 2000	-22.1%	-13.4%	-19.1%	-9.5%
	Difference	-0.5%	-0.1%	-1.7%	1.2%
Short benchmark	Large Cap Stocks	-25.6%	-13.8%	-18.9%	-7.3%
	Short S&P 500	-19.1%	-12.7%	-17.1%	-7.6%
	Difference	-6.4%	-1.1%	-1.8%	0.3%
Short benchmark	Small Cap Stocks	-19.6%	-13.3%	-23.2%	-9.9%
	Short Russell 2000	-25.0%	-14.2%	-21.2%	-11.5%
	Difference	5.4%	0.9%	-1.9%	1.5%

Source: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. Inception date is January 2005.



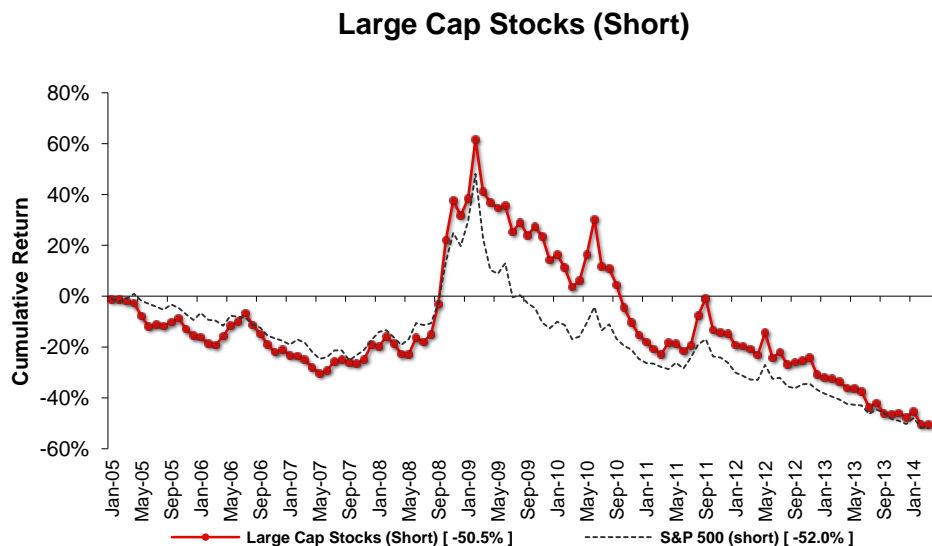
**Figure 14: Large and Small Cap Strategy: Most Dangerous Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

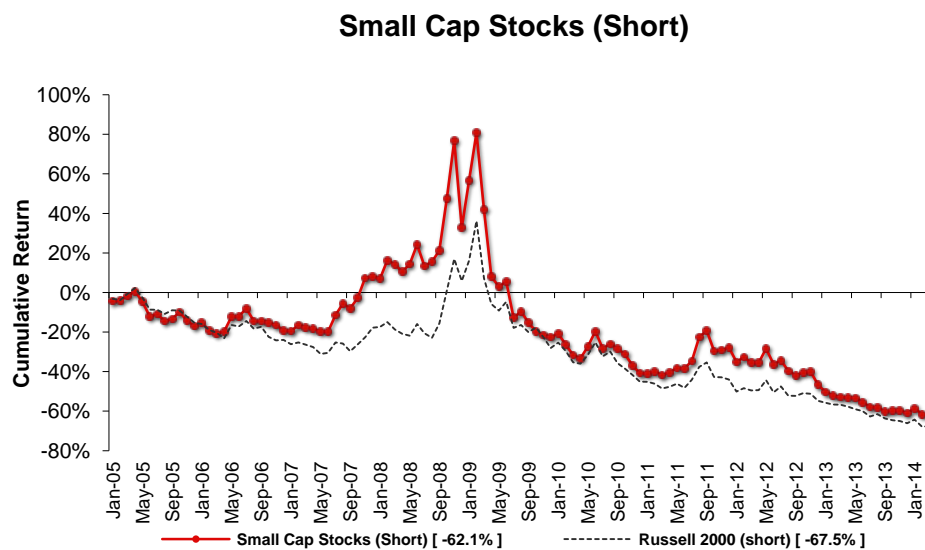
**Figure 15: Large Cap Strategy: Most Dangerous Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

**Figure 16: Small Cap Strategy: Most Dangerous Stocks: Cumulative Performance**



Source: New Constructs, LLC

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

## ***Appendix 1 – Assumptions Behind Simulated Performance Analysis***

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The basic assumptions behind our simulated performance analysis are:

1. Positions are equally dollar-weighted in all portfolios and strategies: going long with the Most Attractive and shorting the Most Dangerous.
2. Holdings are updated on the publish date of the monthly reports.
3. Closing prices are used to open positions on the day each report was published. If a report is published on a non-trading day, then the closing price of the next trading day is used.
4. Positions are closed at the same time new positions are opened.
5. If a stock stops trading before the subsequent monthly report is published, we assume that the position was exited at the last available price.
6. Performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends, and the rebates associated with the short portfolios.

The Most Attractive and Most Dangerous portfolios are matched to the following benchmarks:

1. Long/Short (Most Attractive as Long and Most Dangerous as Short): Benchmark is the 3-Month T-Bill, the Risk-Free Rate.
2. Large Cap Stocks: Long benchmark is the S&P 500. Short benchmark is based on shorting the S&P 500.
3. Small Cap Stocks: Long benchmark is the Russell 2000. Short benchmark is based on shorting the Russell 2000.
4. Combo Large and Small Cap Stocks: Long benchmark is the average of the S&P 500 and Russell 2000. Short benchmark is based on the average of shorting the S&P 500 and shorting the Russell 2000.

## Appendix 2 – Keys to Our Success

### **Key to Our Success: Better Data and Better Models**

Our proprietary earnings and valuation models leverage large amounts of data from the Notes to the Financial Statements to produce better measures of profitability and valuation. Our report “[Why the Notes Matter](#)<sup>1</sup>” provides insights into why our analysis of the Notes to the Financial Statements is critical to understanding the financial performance of companies.

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We believe the performance of our Most Attractive and Most Dangerous Stocks portfolios underscores the merits of our [investment philosophy](#).

### **Most Attractive and Most Dangerous Stocks Methodologies**

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