Most Dangerous Stocks for September 2014

20 Large/Mid Cap and 20 Small Cap Stocks

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- Figure 1 shows 11 new stocks that make our September lists.
- FREE Company Valuation Reports for 2 of the new stocks are in the Free Archive on our website.
- The Dangerous Stocks (+3.1%) rose less than the S&P 500 (+3.3%) and outperformed as a short portfolio last month.
- Figure 4 shows the 22 stocks from August's report that outperformed as shorts.
- See Appendix C for data on returns, volatility and portfolio turnover for our Most Dangerous Stocks Portfolio.
- 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: Additions for September

	Large Cap Additions		
	Ticker	Company Name	
ſ	BMR	Biomed Realty Trust, Inc.	
	HAIN	The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	
ICON Iconix Brand Group, Inc.			

Small Cap Additions			
Ticker	Company Name		
ABCO	The Advisory Board Company		
ALCO	Alico Inc.		
ANGO	AngioDynamics, Inc.		
BOBE	Bob Evans Farms, Inc.		
CMRE	Costamare Inc.		
FCZA	First Citizens Banc Corp.		
GPI	Group 1 Automotive, Inc.		
GSM	Globe Specialty Metals, Inc.		

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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

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The 20 Most Dangerous Large/Mid Cap Stocks for September

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

Figure 2: 20 Most Dangerous Large/Mid Cap Stocks for September

				Misleading Earnings			Expensive Valuation	on	
				As of Last Fiscal Year			as of 09/02/14		<u> </u>
	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	DLR	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	\$99.92	(\$101)	Bottom Quintile	-3%	79.2	Greater than 100	\$8,879
2	AMZN	Amazon.com Inc.	\$313.00	(\$414)	Bottom Quintile	-2%	32.3	Greater than 100	\$158,192
3	ACC	American Campus Communities	\$47.93	(\$42)	Bottom Quintile	-4%	26.3	Greater than 100	\$4,131
4	POL	PolyOne Corporation	\$171.90	(\$52)	4th	-9%	11.5	Greater than 100	\$3,615
5	BXP	Boston Properties, Inc.	\$452.10	(\$59)	4th	-6%	10.9	Greater than 100	\$18,560
6	EXR	Extra Space Storage, Inc.	\$54.20	(\$14)	4th	-5%	10.8	Greater than 100	\$6,192
7	PDM	Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.	\$5.52	(\$26)	Bottom Quintile	-4%	8.1	73	\$3,006
8	0	Realty Income Corp	\$89.10	(\$137)	4th	-27%	6.6	86	\$9,936
9	HIW	Highwoods Properties, Inc.	\$45.86	(\$5)	4th	-3%	6.5	Greater than 100	\$3,860
10	ACIW	ACI Worldwide, Inc.	\$15.02	(\$3)	3rd	-9%	5.8	Greater than 100	\$2,280
11	RLJ	RLJ Lodging Trust	\$71.43	(\$6)	4th	-2%	4.9	Greater than 100	\$3,984
12	STZ	Constellation Brands, Inc.	\$1,555.30	(\$65)	4th	-22%	4.7	31	\$16,724
13	ABG	Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.	\$26.90	(\$7)	4th	-2%	4.4	Greater than 100	\$2,159
14	WYN	Wyndham Worldwide Corp	\$32.00	(\$114)	4th	-8%	4.4	46	\$10,117
15	ICON*	Iconix Brand Group, Inc.	\$18.64	(\$20)	4th	-4%	4.1	68	\$2,011
16	HAIN*	The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$25.20	(\$14)	4th	-6%	4.0	Greater than 100	\$4,951
17	USM	United States Cellular Corp	\$29.03	(\$356)	Bottom Quintile	1%	-0.9	Greater than 100	\$3,193
18	TDS	Telephone & Data Systems, Inc.	\$60.53	(\$239)	Bottom Quintile	-3%	-1.3	Greater than 100	\$2,862
19	DDR	DDR Corp	\$16.88	(\$34)	Bottom Quintile	-10%	-1.8	Greater than 100	\$6,508
20	BMR*	Biomed Realty Trust, Inc.	\$40.45	(\$25)	Bottom Quintile	-11%	-8.4	Greater than 100	\$4,397

^{*} Addition to the Large/Mid Cap Most Dangerous list in September

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 September

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

Figure 3: 20 Most Dangerous Small Cap Stocks for September

				Misleading Earnings	3		Expensive Valuation	on	
			As of Last Fiscal Year			As of Last Fiscal Year as of 09/02/14			
·	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	FCZA*	First Citizens Banc Corp.	\$0.63	(\$3)	Bottom Quintile	-17%	586.2	29	\$70
2	BOBE*	Bob Evans Farms, Inc.	\$36.55	(\$23)	Bottom Quintile	-1%	371.0	Greater than 100	\$1,003
3	CMRE*	Costamare, Inc.	\$20.42	(\$36)	4th	-9%	296.4	Greater than 100	\$1,691
4	QDEL	Quidel Corporation	\$2.41	(\$5)	Bottom Quintile	-4%	44.2	Greater than 100	\$816
5	GSM*	Globe Specialty Metals, Inc.	\$35.44	(\$11)	Bottom Quintile	0%	26.5	Greater than 100	\$1,517
6	TNGO	Tangoe, Inc.	\$1.92	(\$2)	Bottom Quintile	1%	16.3	Greater than 100	\$543
7	PATR	Patriot Transportation Holding, Inc.	\$7.58	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	0%	10.7	Greater than 100	\$348
8	ANGO*	AngioDynamics, Inc.	\$3.70	(\$14)	Bottom Quintile	2%	10.1	Greater than 100	\$491
9	LOJN	LoJack Corporation	\$11.55	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	-13%	8.3	55	\$76
10	NUVA	NuVasive, Inc.	\$4.76	(\$25)	Bottom Quintile	2%	8.2	Greater than 100	\$1,651
11	RP	Real Page, Inc.	\$15.51	(\$2)	4th	-3%	6.6	Greater than 100	\$1,272
12	GPI*	Group 1 Automotive, Inc.	\$14.09	(\$18)	4th	-14%	5.2	21	\$1,899
13	ABCO*	The Advisory Board Company	\$2.59	(\$14)	4th	-5%	4.9	Greater than 100	\$1,806
14	KVHI	KVH Industries, Inc.	\$0.95	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	-5%	4.4	Greater than 100	\$196
15	POWR	PowerSecure International, Inc.	\$1.33	(\$1)	Bottom Quintile	-19%	4.3	Greater than 100	\$256
16	ALCO*	Alico, Inc.	\$1.16	(\$8)	Bottom Quintile	-1%	4.2	Greater than 100	\$290
17	DWA	DreamWorks Animation	\$91.51	(\$51)	Bottom Quintile	-6%	4.2	14	\$1,915
18	NGS	Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.	\$1.71	(\$2)	4th	-3%	4.0	Greater than 100	\$369
19	NFBK	Northfield Bancorp, Inc.	\$3.12	(\$15)	Bottom Quintile	-37%	3.6	Greater than 100	\$682
20	AF	Astoria Financial Corp	\$6.03	(\$2)	Bottom Quintile	-10%	2.9	Greater than 100	\$1,322

^{*} Addition to the Small Cap Most Dangerous list in September

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Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Most Dangerous Stocks: Monthly Updates

The Dangerous Stocks (+3.1%) rose less than the S&P 500 (+3.3%) and outperformed as a short portfolio last month. 22 stocks from our August Most Dangerous Large Cap and Small Cap lists outperformed the S&P 500 as shorts, and 7 stocks had negative returns. See Figure 4 for details. For updates on the performance of all of last month's Most Dangerous stocks, see Appendix A. We measure our August performance based on closing prices from August 04, 2014 to September 02, 2014. We published last month's report to subscribers on August 04, 2014 and to the general public, for purchase, on August 11, 2014.

Figure 4: 22 Stocks that Outperformed as Shorts From August's Report

Large Cap				
Ticker	Ticker Company Name			
AXLL	Axiall Corporation	-2.7%		
PDM	Piedmont Office Realty Trust	0.7%		
BXP	Boston Properties, Inc.	1.2%		
POL	PolyOne Corporation	1.2%		
HIW	Highwoods Properties, Inc.	1.6%		
DLR	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	1.8%		
ACC	American Campus Communities	2.2%		
EXR	Extra Space Storage, Inc.	2.5%		
0	Realty Income Corp	3.0%		
DDR	DDR Corp	3.2%		
S&P 500	S&P 500	3.3%		

Small Cap				
Ticker	Company Name	Change From 08/04/14		
LOJN	LoJack Corporation	-20.8%		
NUVA	NuVasive, Inc.	-6.5%		
NGS	Natural Gas Services Group	-5.8%		
KVHI	KVH Industries, Inc.	-4.0%		
TNGO	Tangoe, Inc.	-1.1%		
ICON	Iconix Brand Group, Inc.	-0.5%		
QDEL	Quidel Corporation	0.0%		
HOS	Hornbeck Offshore Services	0.3%		
CHSP	Chesapeake Lodging Trust	0.8%		
RP	Realpage Inc.	0.9%		
KFRC	Kforce Inc.	1.5%		
CHFN	Charter Financial Corp	1.7%		
S&P 500	S&P 500	3.3%		

Sources: New Constructs, LLC,

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

Most Dangerous Stocks: Methodology

Stocks make our Most Dangerous list because they have:

1. Poor-Quality Earnings based on:

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

AND

2. Expensive Valuations based on:

- a. Free-Cash Flow Yields¹ that are very low or negative;
- b. *Price-to-Economic Book Value* (EBV) ² ratios that are relatively high; and
- c. *Growth Appreciation Periods*³ (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 5: New Constructs Risk/Reward Rating for Stocks

Overall Risk/Reward	Quality of Earnings		Valuation		
Rating	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 > 0	> 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 The Overall Risk/Reward Ranking provides a final ratin 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%

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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	0>3 Very Attractive = at least 0 years but less than 3						

Appendix A – Performance of Stocks on August's Report

Figure 6: Performance of All Stocks from August's Report

	Large Cap		Small Cap						
Ticker	Company Name	Change From 08/04/1 4	Ticker	Company Name	Change From 08/04/1 4				
AXLL	Axiall Corporation	-2.7%	LOJN	LoJack Corporation	-20.8%				
PDM	Piedmont Office Realty Trust	0.7%	NUVA	NuVasive, Inc.	-6.5%				
BXP	Boston Properties, Inc.	1.2%	NGS	Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.	-5.8%				
POL	PolyOne Corporation	1.2%	KVHI	KVH Industries, Inc.	-4.0%				
HIW	Highwoods Properties, Inc.	1.6%	TNGO	Tangoe Inc.	-1.1%				
DLR	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	1.8%	ICON	Iconix Brand Group, Inc.	-0.5%				
ACC	American Campus Communities	2.2%	QDEL	Quidel Corporation	0.0%				
EXR	Extra Space Storage, Inc.	2.5%	HOS	Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc.	0.3%				
0	Realty Income Corp	3.0%	CHSP	Chesapeake Lodging Trust	0.8%				
DDR	DDR Corp	3.2%	RP	Real Page Inc.	0.9%				
SPX	S&P 500	3.3%	KFRC	Kforce, Inc.	1.5%				
ABG	Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.	3.6%	CHFN	Charter Financial Corp	1.7%				
STZ	Constellation Brands, Inc.	4.7%	SPX	S&P 500	3.3%				
WYN	Wyndham Worldwide Corp	4.9%	PATR	Patriot Transportation Holdings	3.5%				
BG	Bunge, Ltd.	6.2%	EXAR	Exar Corporation	3.5%				
RLJ	RLJ Lodging Trust	6.4%	NFBK	Northfield Bancorp, Inc.	3.6%				
ACIW	ACI Worldwide, Inc.	8.3%	AF	Astoria Financial Corp	4.4%				
AMZN	Amazon.Com Inc.	9.2%	OKSB	Southwest Bancorp, Inc.	9.6%				
LNKD	LinkedIn Corporation	11.1%	ASGN	On Assignment, Inc.	9.9%				
USM	United States Cellular Corp	12.7%	DWA	DreamWorks Animation	12.0%				
TDS	TDS Telephone & Data Systems, Inc.		POWR	PowerSecure International, Inc.	18.4%				
Large Cap Portfolio Return		4.7%	Small C	ap Portfolio Return	1.6%				
Combo	Combo (Large and Small Cap) Return								

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:

AXLL - Stock price decreased 2.7% since August report.
 - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
 LNKD - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.

Additions:

BMR - Stock price increased 4.4% since August report.

ICON - Moved from Small Cap to Large/Mid Cap

HAIN - New filing data on 08/27/14.

Most Dangerous Small Cap Stocks

Deletions:

ASGN - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
CHFN - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
CHSP - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
HOS - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
KFRC - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
OKSB - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
EXAR - Displaced by decrease in rank of other stocks.
ICON - Moved from Small Cap to Large/Mid Cap

Additions:

ALCO - Stock price increased 7.1% since August report.

GPI - Stock price increased 5.3% since August report.

ABCO - Stock price increased 5.2% since August report.

BOBE - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.

CMRE - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.

FCZA - Addition by improved rank of other stocks.

ANGO - New filing data on 08/14/14.

GSM - New filing data on 08/29/14.

Appendix C – Portfolio Metrics

Figure 7: Performance and Risk Metrics

	Portfolio Returns			Volatility (Annualized)		Sharpe Ratio		Beta				
Portfolio	1 year annualized	3 year annualized	Since Inception	1 year annualized	3 year annualized	Since Inception	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception	1 Year Average	3 Year Average	Average Since Inception
Most Dangerous Large	13%	14%	3%	14%	20%	21%	0.9	0.7	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Most Dangerous Small	1%	12%	2%	16%	22%	26%	0.1	0.5	0.1	1.24	1.20	1.14
Most Dangerous Small and Large	7%	13%	3%	15%	20%	22%	0.5	0.6	0.1	1.24	1.22	1.15
S&P 500	13%	15%	5%	11%	13%	16%	1.2	1.2	0.3			
Russell 2000	6%	13%	7%	18%	20%	22%	0.3	0.7	0.3			

Source: New Constructs, LLC

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Figure 8: Portfolio Turnover

	Monthly Turnover						
Portfolio	1 Year Average	3 Year Average	Average Since Inception				
Most Dangerous Large	40%	30%	27%				
Most Dangerous Small	39%	28%	28%				
Most Dangerous Small and Large	40%	29%	28%				

Source: New Constructs, LLC

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