



#1 Stock Picker – Last Twelve Months – June 2016

The latest rankings have been released and New Constructs' CEO David Trainer is June's [#1 ranked stock picker over the last twelve months \(LTM\)](#) per *SumZero Rankings*. SumZero is a highly exclusive buy-side only platform for connecting allocators and money managers. Each of the 12,000 managers/contributors is pre-screened before being allowed to join.

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[New Constructs ranked #2 in May.](#)

As a member of our mailing list, you get access to these investment ideas before we send to SumZero. Some of the top performing ideas are below:

1. [Men's Wearhouse](#) (TLRD) (short) – down 72% since publish date
2. [Twitter](#) (TWTR) (short) – down 59% since publish date
3. [SolarCity](#) (SCTY) (short) – down 57% since publish date
4. [Valeant Pharmaceuticals](#) (VRX) (short) – down 56% since publish date
5. [Sanderson Farms](#) (SAFM) (long) – up 24% since publish date



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1. Based on the complete set of financial information available.
2. Standard for all companies.
3. A more accurate representation of the true underlying cash flows of the business.

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