



February 2021 Stock Picking Accolades: #1 in Long, #4 in Consumer Discretionary, #5 in Healthcare

We are February's [#1 ranked stock picker in the Long category](#) per *SumZero Rankings*. SumZero is a highly exclusive buy-side only community with over 16,000 pre-screened professional portfolio managers.

We also ranked #4 in [Consumer Discretionary](#) and #5 in [Healthcare](#).

Below are some of our best picks, which utilize our [proprietary fundamental data](#)¹, proven more reliable than legacy datasets in [Core Earnings: New Data and Evidence](#), forthcoming in [The Journal of Financial Economics](#).

We give members of New Constructs access to these ideas, as we do all research, before we post them to SumZero.

Long Calls

1. GameStop (GME) – up over 1100% when position closed in [January 2021](#)
2. Williams-Sonoma (WSM) – up 162% since publishing in [September 2016](#)
3. NVR Inc. (NVR) – up 112% since publishing in [April 2017](#)
4. General Motors (GM) – up 101% since reiterating in [July 2020](#)
5. Mastec Inc. (MTZ) – up 98% since publishing in [June 2020](#)

Short Calls

1. Hertz Global Holdings (HTZ) – down 75% when position closed in [April 2020](#)
2. TrueCar Inc. (TRUE) – down 67% when position closed in [June 2019](#)

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¹ Our reports utilize our [Core Earnings](#), a superior measure of profits, as demonstrated in [Core Earnings: New Data & Evidence](#), a paper by professors at Harvard Business School (HBS) & MIT Sloan. Recently accepted by the Journal of Financial Economics, the paper reveals significant inaccuracies, omissions, and biases in legacy fundamental datasets while proving the superiority of our fundamental data.



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1. Legacy fundamental datasets suffer from significant inaccuracies, omissions and biases.
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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.

Superior Models

A top accounting firm features the superiority of our ROIC, NOPAT and Invested Capital research to Capital IQ & Bloomberg’s in [Getting ROIC Right](#). See the [Appendix](#) for direct comparison details.

Key quotes from the paper:

- “...an accurate calculation of ROIC requires more diligence than often occurs in some of the common, off-the-shelf ROIC calculations. Only by scouring the footnotes and the MD&A [as New Constructs does] can investors get an accurate calculation of ROIC.” – pp. 8, 5th para.
- “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.

Superior Stock Ratings

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Key quotes from the paper:

- “the portfolios formed following the buy recommendations of Robo-Analysts earn abnormal returns that are statistically and economically significant.” – pp. 6, 3rd para.
- “Our results ultimately suggest that Robo-Analysts are a valuable, alternative information intermediary to traditional sell-side analysts.” – pp. 20, 3rd para.

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