Robo-Analysts Beat ‘The Street’

Our Robo-Analyst’s stock ratings outperform those from human analysts because they are driven by proven-superior fundamental research and unbiased decision-making.

You don't have to take our word for it. Professors at Indiana’s Kelley School of Business and Harvard Business School prove the superiority of Robo-Analyst’s stock ratings in Human versus Machine: A Comparison of Robo-Analyst and Traditional Research Analyst Investment Recommendations. Bloomberg features the paper here.

Here are key quotes from the paper explaining why our ratings are superior:

**Unbiased Process**

- “Robo-Analysts generally follow set rules with more limited human review, allowing their recommendations to be more consistent, less susceptible to behavioral biases, and less conflicted by investment banking, trading commissions, and the need to curry favor with company management” – pp. 2, 1st para.

**More Rigorous Research**

- Robo-Analysts employ a different research process that results in recommendations … more likely to incorporate information from complex disclosures.” – pp. 6, 2nd para.

**Material Outperformance**

- “Portfolios formed from Robo-Analyst buy recommendations earn abnormal returns that are statistically and economically significant and are between 4 to 5 percentage points higher than human analysts when annualized.” – pp. 7, 2nd para.

- “Our results ultimately suggest that Robo-Analysts are a valuable, alternative information intermediary to traditional sell-side analysts.” – pp 29, 2nd para.

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

Robo-Analysts’ stock ratings outperform those from human analysts as shown in this paper from Indiana’s Kelley School of Business. Bloomberg features the paper here.

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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