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Safest Dividend Yields for June 2022

10 Large/Mid Cap and 10 Small Cap Stocks

- Figure 1 shows six new stocks that make our June list.
- The Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio underperformed the S&P 500 from May 19, 2022 through June 21, 2022.
- The Model Portfolio fell 6.6% on a price return basis (S&P -3.7%) and 5.9% on a total return basis (S&P -3.3%).
- Figure 10 shows the eight stocks that outperformed since May's report.
- The stocks in this model portfolio have safer dividends based on free cash flow and economic earnings.
- Each stock has an Attractive or Very Attractive rating and a dividend yield that is among the highest in the market.
- This <u>paper</u> compares our analytics on a mega cap company to other major providers. The Appendix details exactly how we stack up.
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Figure 1: Additions for June

Larç	ge/Mid Cap Additions	Small Cap Additions			
Ticker	Company Name	Ticker Company Name			
KRO	Kronos Worldwide	CASS	Cass Information Systems		
MSM	MSC Industrial Direct	MTEX Mannatech Inc.			
WHR	Whirlpool Corporation	UBFO	United Security Bancshares		

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

This model portfolio helps investors find high and safe dividend yields. When investors search for yield, we believe it is important to distinguish between safe and unsafe dividend yields.

Companies with strong free cash flow provide safer dividend yields because we know they generate the cash flow to support the dividend. Dividend yields from companies with low or negative free cash flow cannot be trusted as much because they may not be able to sustain their dividend since they are financing it with debt or cash on the balance sheet.

This model portfolio is updated the third week of every month.



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Please see Appendix B for explanations of additions and deletions to the $\underline{\text{Safest}}$ $\underline{\text{Dividend Yields Model Portfolio}}$.

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The 10 Safest Dividend Yield Large/Mid Cap Stocks for June

We recommend that investors equal-weight holdings in all 10 stocks.

Figure 2: 10 Top Dividend Yield Large/Mid Cap Stocks for June

					Ility Earnings Twelve Months				
Ticker	Company Name	Dividend Yield	Sector	Positive Economic EPS	Return On Invested Capital (ROIC)	Positive Free Cash Flow Yield	Low Price-to-Economic Book Value	Short Market- Implied GAP (years)	Market Value (\$mm)
OMF	OneMain Holdings	10.4%	Financials	\$5.94	22%	27%	0.3	Less than 1	\$4,570
ORCC	Owl Rock Capital Corp	9.9%	Financials	\$0.58	9%	9%	0.5	Less than 1	\$4,940
HBI	Hanesbrands Inc.	5.8%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$1.05	11%	9%	0.3	Less than 1	\$3,585
PRU	Prudential Financial	5.1%	Financials	\$2.61	10%	34%	0.6	Less than 1	\$35,213
DOW	Dow Inc.	5.1%	Basic Materials	\$6.15	14%	9%	0.4	Less than 1	\$40,009
BBY	Best Buy	5.0%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$7.06	24%	11%	0.5	Less than 1	\$15,868
MMM	3M Company	4.6%	Industrials	\$6.86	13%	7%	0.7	Less than 1	\$73,983
WHR*	Whirlpool Corporation	4.6%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$14.88	12%	11%	0.4	Less than 1	\$8,600
KRO*	Kronos Worldwide, Inc.	4.1%	Basic Materials	\$0.75	10%	5%	0.8	1	\$2,141
MSM*	MSC Industrial Direct	4.1%	Industrials	\$3.81	14%	2%	0.7	Less than 1	\$4,116

^{*} Addition to the list in June

Top Dividend Yield Stocks are Sorted by Dividend Yield in Descending Order

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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The 10 Safest Dividend Yield Small Cap Stocks for June

We recommend that investors equal-weight holdings in all 10 stocks.

Figure 3: 10 Top Dividend Yield Small Cap Stocks for June

				High-Qua	lity Earnings		Cheap Valuation		
		•		As of Last	Twelve Months				
Ticker	Company Name	Dividend Yield	Sector	Positive Economic EPS	Return On Invested Capital (ROIC)	Positive Free Cash Flow Yield	Low Price-to-Economic Book Value	Short Market- Implied GAP (years)	Market Value (\$mm)
ETD	Ethan Allen Interiors	6.3%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$2.46	17%	11%	0.3	Less than 1	\$515
UBFO*	United Security Bancshares	5.8%	Financials	\$0.07	8%	8%	0.8	Less than 1	\$128
EBF	Ennis Inc.	5.4%	Industrials	\$0.41	7%	9%	0.7	Less than 1	\$480
MTEX*	Mannatech Inc.	4.8%	Consumer Non-cyclicals	\$2.34	22%	38%	0.2	Less than 1	\$32
WSBF	Waterstone Financial	4.7%	Financials	\$1.24	9%	16%	0.3	Less than 1	\$400
HVT	Haverty Furniture Companies	4.7%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$5.19	26%	10%	0.2	Less than 1	\$369
CIX	CompX International	4.7%	Consumer Cyclicals	\$0.79	11%	7%	0.7	Less than 1	\$263
HTBK	Heritage Commerce Corp	4.7%	Financials	\$0.04	7%	4%	1.0	Less than 1	\$670
ACCO	ACCO Brands Corp	4.5%	Industrials	\$0.15	5%	8%	0.3	Less than 1	\$653
CASS*	Cass Information Systems	3.3%	Industrials	\$1.36	17%	71%	0.8	Less than 1	\$460

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Top Dividend Yield Stocks are Sorted by Dividend Yield in Descending Order

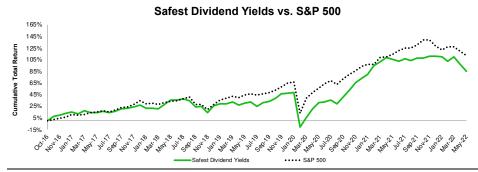
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Safest Dividend Yields: Total Return Performance

Per Figure 4, the Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio has underperformed on a total return basis since inception in October 2016. Since then, the Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio has cumulative total returns of 94% compared to 105% for the S&P 500.

Figure 4: Total Return of Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs.

Most recent month return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our quarterly Model Portfolio Performance reports.

Figure 5: Monthly Total Return of Safest Dividend Yields

			Portfo	lio Total	Return	s			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1Q22	Apr-22	May-22
Safest Dividend Yields	13.4%	11.9%	-0.5%	16.8%	17.5%	22.2%	-0.9%	-1.8%	-5.9%
S&P 500	6.4%	26.1%	-4.2%	28.1%	18.1%	17.4%	-0.4%	-6.8%	-3.3%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs.

Most recent month return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our quarterly Model Portfolio Performance reports.

Figure 6: Cumulative Total Return of Safest Dividend Yields

		Cur	nulative	Portfoli	o Total	Returns			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1Q22	Apr-22	May-22
Safest Dividend Yields	13.4%	26.9%	26.2%	47.4%	73.2%	111.7%	109.7%	106.1%	93.8%
S&P 500	6.4%	34.2%	28.5%	64.6%	94.3%	128.2%	127.4%	111.9%	105.0%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/Decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs.

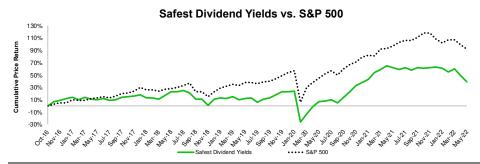
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Safest Dividend Yields: Price Return Performance

Per Figure 7, the Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio has underperformed on a price return basis since inception in October 2016. Since then, the Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio has cumulative price returns of 46% compared to 86% for the S&P 500. A detailed breakdown of last month's performance can be seen on the next page.

Figure 7: Price Return of Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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

Most recent month return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our

quarterly Model Portfolio Performance reports

Figure 8: Monthly Price Return of Safest Dividend Yields

Portfolio Price Returns									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1Q22	Apr-22	May-22
Safest Dividend Yields	12.3%	5.4%	-6.2%	11.1%	12.3%	17.8%	-2.0%	-2.0%	-6.6%
S&P 500	5.8%	23.7%	-6.0%	25.7%	16.0%	16.3%	-0.7%	-6.8%	-3.7%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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

Most recent month return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our quarterly Model Portfolio Performance reports.

Figure 9: Cumulative Price Return of Safest Dividend Yields

Cumulative Portfolio Price Returns									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	1Q22	Apr-22	May-22
Safest Dividend Yields	12.3%	18.3%	11.0%	23.3%	38.5%	63.2%	60.0%	56.7%	46.4%
S&P 500	5.8%	30.9%	23.0%	54.6%	79.3%	108.5%	107.1%	93.1%	85.9%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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

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Safest Dividend Yields: Monthly Price Updates

The <u>Safest Dividend Yields Model Portfolio</u> (-6.6%) underperformed the S&P 500 (-3.7%) from May 19, 2022 to June 21, 2022. Eight stocks have outperformed their respective benchmarks (S&P 500 & Russell 2000) and six stocks have positive returns. See Figure 10 for details. For updates on the performance of all of last month's stocks, see Appendix A. This performance is based on closing prices from May 19, 2022 to June 21, 2022

See our quarterly <u>Model Portfolio Performance reports</u> for updates on performance since inception and other longer periods of time.

Figure 10: Eight Stocks That Outperformed Since May's Report

	Large/Mid Cap		Small Cap				
Ticker	Company Name	Change From 5/19/22		Ticker Company Name F		Change From 5/19/22	
EBF	Ennis Inc.	6.7%		WSBF	Waterstone Financial Inc	4.4%	
PSX	Phillips 66	0.7%		HTBK	Heritage Commerce	3.0%	
CIX	CompX International, Inc.	-0.5%		KRO	Kronos Worldwide, Inc.	2.9%	
ORCC	Owl Rock Capital Corp	-3.3%		XOM	Exxon Mobil Corp	0.4%	
SPY	S&P 500	-3.7%		RUT	Russell 2000	-4.6%	

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs and dividends.

Return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our quarterly Model

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Safest Dividend Yield: Methodology

Stocks make our Safest Dividend Yield Model Portfolio because they have:

- 1. Attractive or Very Attractive rating
- 2. Dividend Yield >3%
- 3. Positive Free Cash Flow and Economic Earnings

To support sector diversification, we limit the number of stocks per sector on each list to three.

This model portfolio offers a well-screened group of stocks that also delivers yields greater than the market (S&P 500 yields ~1.3%), dividend sustainability because of strong free cash flow, and the potential for capital appreciation as each stock is currently undervalued.

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Appendix A – Price Performance of Stocks in May's Report

Figure 11: Price Performance of All Stocks From May's Report

Large/Mid Cap						
Ticker Company Name Change From 5/19/22						
EBF	Ennis Inc.	6.7%				
PSX	Phillips 66	0.7%				
CIX	CompX International, Inc.	-0.5%				
ORCC	Owl Rock Capital Corp	-3.3%				
SPY	S&P 500	-3.7%				
BBY	Best Buy Co, Inc.	-3.9%				
HNI	HNI Corporation	-6.8%				
ACCO	ACCO Brands Corp	-7.0%				
ETD	Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.	-8.5%				
CWH	Camping World Holdings	-15.2%				
DOW	Dow Inc.	-20.1%				
Portfolio F	Portfolio Return -5.8%					
Combo (La	arge and Small Cap) Return	-6.6%				

	Small Cap							
Ticker								
WSBF	Waterstone Financial	4.4%						
HTBK	Heritage Commerce Corp	3.0%						
KRO	Kronos Worldwide, Inc.	2.9%						
XOM	Exxon Mobil Corp	0.4%						
RUT	Russell 2000	-4.6%						
PRU	Prudential Financial, Inc.	-5.7%						
OMF	OneMain Holdings	-11.3%						
MMM	3M Company	-11.5%						
HBI	Hanesbrands Inc.	-12.1%						
HVT	Haverty Furniture Cos.	-12.1%						
CURO	CURO Group Holdings	-31.8%						
Portfolio R	leturn	-7.4%						

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Note: Gain/decline performance analysis excludes transaction costs and dividends.

Return data is through June 21, 2022. Official return data will be provided in our quarterly Model

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Appendix B – Additions and Deletions

Safest Dividend Yield Large/Mid Cap Stocks

Deletions:

CWH - Displaced by improved rank of other stocksPSX - Displaced by improved rank of other stocks

XOM - Rating downgraded to Neutral

Additions:

KRO - Market cap increased to Large/Mid cap
 MSM - Addition by improved rank over other stocks
 WHR - Addition by improved rank over other stocks

Safest Dividend Yield Small Cap Stocks

Deletions:

CURO - Displaced by improved rank of other stocks

HNI - Rating downgraded to Neutral

KRO - Market cap increased to Large/Mid Cap

Additions:

CASS - Addition by improved rank over other stocks
MTEX - Addition by improved rank over other stocks
UBFO - Addition by improved rank over other stocks



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 Risk/Reward Ranking	The Overall Risk/Reward Ranking provides a final rating based on the equal-weighted average rating of each criterion.
Very Unattractive	FCF Yield is not included in the average.
Unattractive	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 Unattractive	Negative and declining Economic Earnings despite positive and rising Reported Earnings			
Unattractive Same as above except Reported Earnings are not risin 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 Unattractive = < 4.8%
4th Quintile	Unattractive = 4.8% < 7.5%
3rd Quintile	Neutral = 7.5% < 10.5%
2nd Quintile	Attractive = 10.5% < 14.5%
Top Quintile	Very Attractive = > 14.5%

FCF Yield	Rates stocks based on their Free Cash Flow Yield. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Latest Fiscal Year.
<-5%	Very Unattractive = less than or equal to -5%
-5%<-1%	Unattractive = 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 Unattractive = greater than or equal to 3.5 or less than 0 but greater than -1
2.4>3.5 or <-1	Unattractive = 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 Unattractive = greater than or equal to 50 years
20>50	Unattractive = 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	Very Attractive = at least 0 years but less than 3



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 Adjustments individually." pp. 14, 1st para.
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