

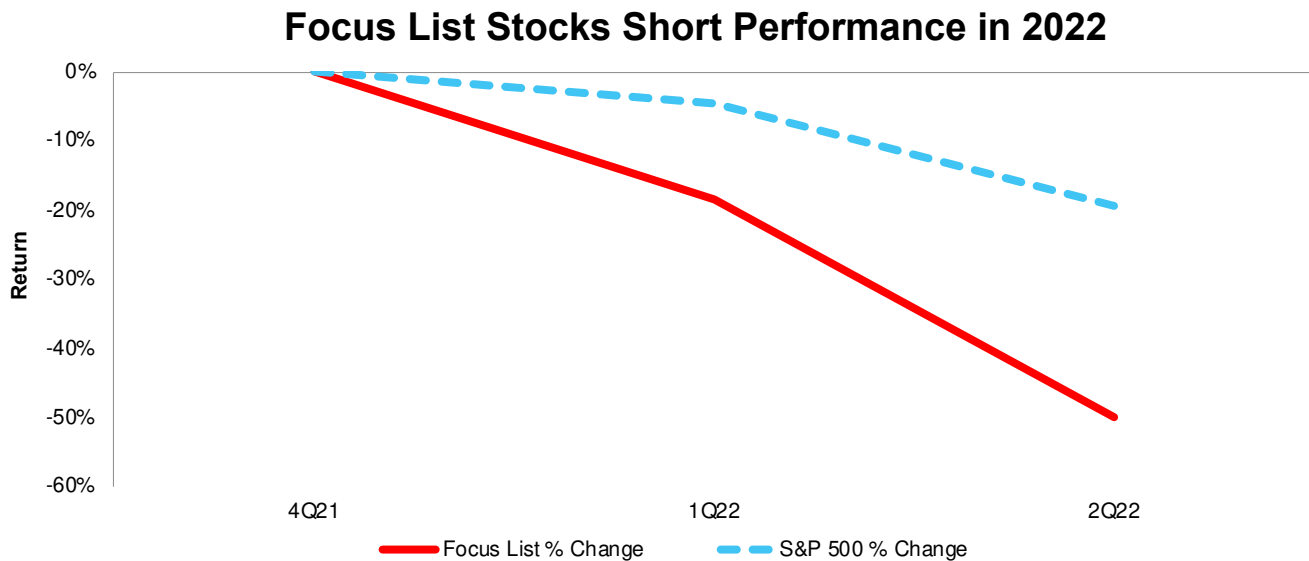


Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio Outperforms by 31% in 1H22

Our honest approach to research paid off [again](#) for clients in the first half of 2022 (1H22).

[Our Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio](#), the best-of-the-best of our [Danger Zone](#) picks, outperformed shorting the S&P 500¹ by 31% in 1H22, falling 50% in 1H22 compared to 19% for the S&P 500.

Figure 1: Focus List Stocks: Short Performance in 1H22



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Figure 2 shows a more detailed breakdown of the Model Portfolio's performance, which encompasses all the stocks that were in the Model Portfolio at any time in 1H22.

Figure 2: Performance of Stocks in the Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio in 1H22

Number of Stocks	Number of Outperforming Shorts	Number of Underperforming Shorts	Avg Return	Avg S&P 500 Return	Avg Outperformance as Short
32	26	6	-50%	-19%	31%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Performance includes the performance of stocks currently in the Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio, as well as those removed during the quarter, of which there were none in 1H22.

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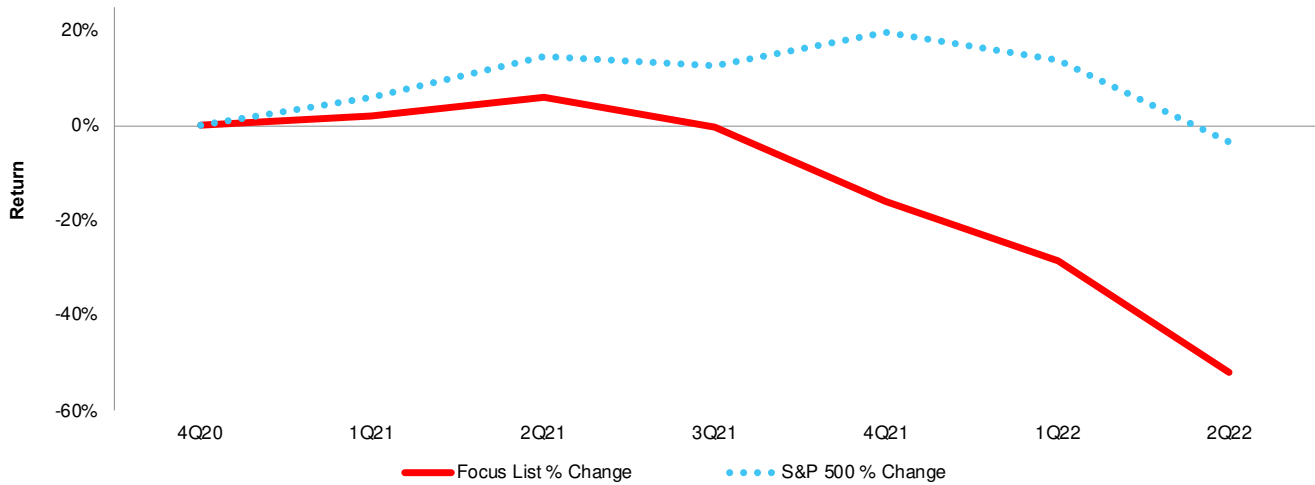
Underscoring just how important reliable fundamental research is in turbulent markets, this model portfolio has beaten the S&P 500 by an even wider margin, 48%, since the start of 2021.

¹ Stocks are in the Focus List Model Portfolios for different periods of time as we open and close positions during the year. When measuring outperformance of the Focus List Model Portfolios, we compare each stock's return to the S&P 500's return for the time each is in the Focus List Model Portfolios. This approach provides more of an apples-to-apples comparison of how each stock performed vs. the S&P 500.



Figure 3: Focus List Stocks: Short Performance over Last 18 months

Focus List Stocks: Short Outperforms by 48% Since Start of 2021



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

[Pro](#)-and-higher members get real-time updates and can track all our Model Portfolios on our site. The Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio contains the “best of the best” of our [Danger Zone](#) picks, and leverages superior fundamental data, which provides a [new source of alpha](#).

We’re here to help navigate these turbulent times. Our [uniquely rigorous fundamental research](#) consistently earns SumZero’s [#1 All-Time ranking](#), along with #1 rankings in several other categories.

Investors deserve reliable fundamental research, more than ever, to protect their portfolios from overvalued stocks and falling knives.

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- “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.

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- “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.

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