



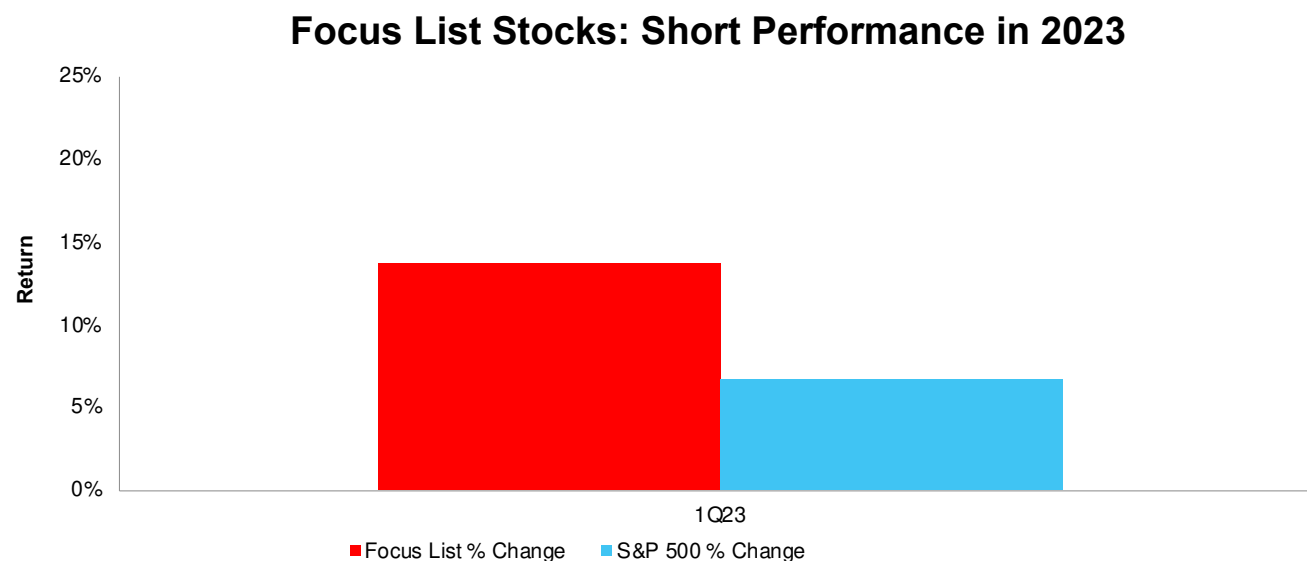
## Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio Underperforms In 1Q23

Our honest approach to research [paid off for clients in 2022](#), despite getting off to a slow start in 1Q23.

[Our Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio](#), the best of our [Danger Zone](#) picks, underperformed shorting the S&P 500<sup>1</sup> by 7% in 1Q23. The Model Portfolio returned 14% compared to 7% for the S&P 500. Despite this quarter's performance, this Model Portfolio has beaten the S&P 500 by 39% since the start of 2021.

For real-time tracking of this Model Portfolio, see the [index](#) Thematic created for it.

**Figure 1: Focus List Stocks: Short Performance in 2023**



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Figure 2 shows a detailed breakdown of the Model Portfolio's performance, which includes all stocks present in the Model Portfolio at any point in 1Q23.

**Figure 2: Performance of the Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio in 2023**

Number of Stocks	Number of Outperforming Shorts	Number of Underperforming Shorts	Return	S&P 500 Return	Outperformance as Shorts
50	22	28	14%	7%	-7%

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

Click to buy the most recent version of this Model Portfolio below.

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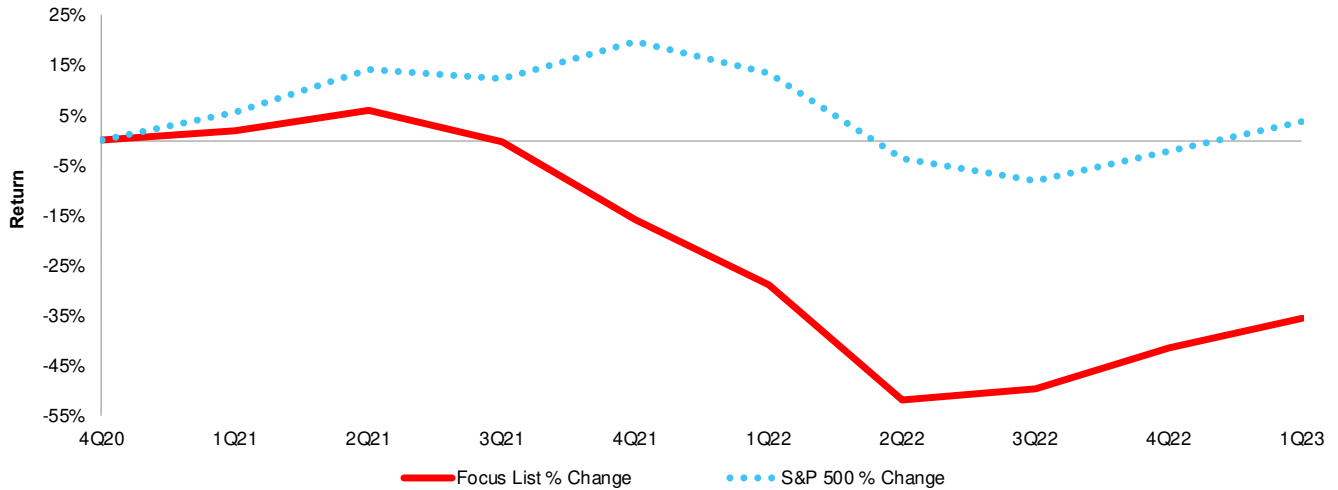
Underscoring just how important reliable fundamental research is in turbulent markets, this Model Portfolio has beaten shorting the S&P 500 by 39% since the start of 2021.

<sup>1</sup> 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 Since Beginning of 2021**

**Focus List Stocks: Short Outperforms by 39% Since Start of 2021**



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[Professional](#) and [Institutional](#) members get real-time updates and can track all Model Portfolios on our site. The Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio leverages superior fundamental data, which provides a [new source of alpha](#).

We're here to help you 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.

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