



The Dangers of Dividend-Trap Stocks

Not all dividend stocks are created equal.

Some are Fake Dividend Stocks – with high yields disguising deteriorating fundamentals and overvalued stocks.

Others are False Dividend Stocks, where companies borrow or burn capital because they cannot afford to pay the dividend.

But there's a third category that's even trickier...

Dividend-Trap Stocks.

These are quality businesses—strong cash flows, decent ROIC, solid reputations. But the stock price? Way too high.

They're priced for perfection, and the dividend yield doesn't even beat a risk-free bond.

In other words, you're taking big stock market risk for bond-level reward.

We take you through the dangers of Dividend-trap Stocks in our latest special session. Specifically, we break down:

- Why “good companies” can still be bad investments.
- How to identify overvalued dividend stocks that quietly erode capital.
- A simple 3-part screen to flag Dividend-Trap Stocks in any market.

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Best Fundamental Data in the World

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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.

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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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