

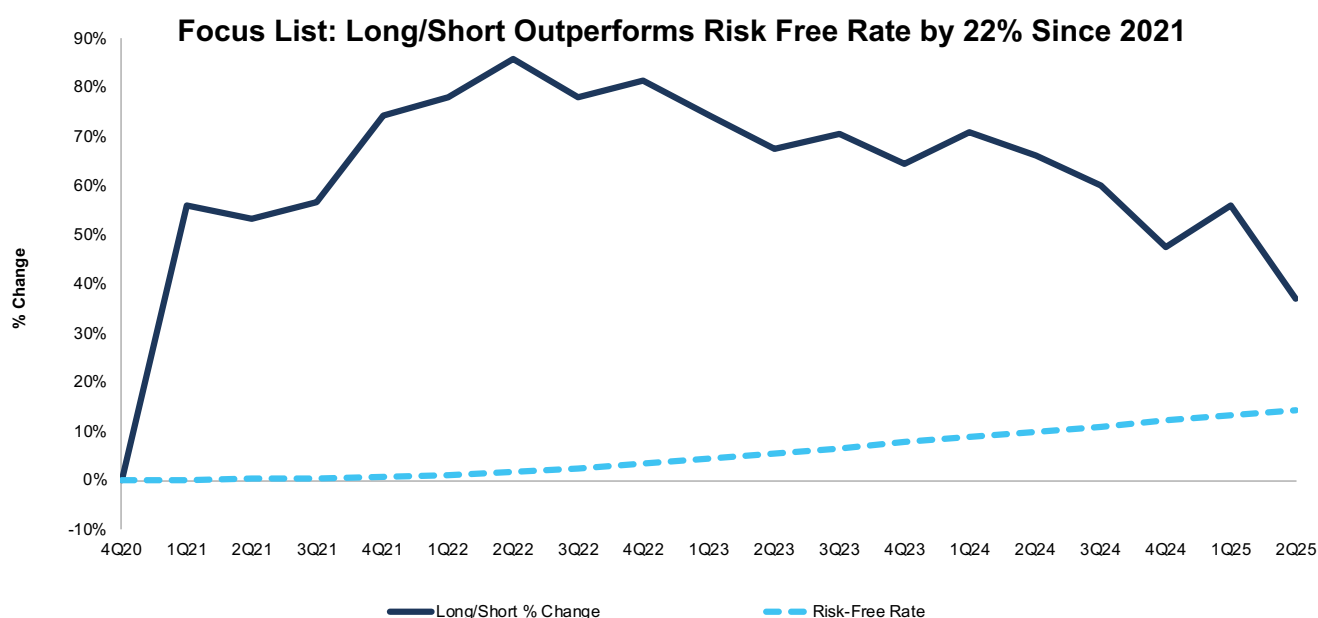


Focus List Stocks Long/Short Continues to Outperform Despite 1H25

Our [Focus List Stocks: Long Model Portfolio](#), the best of our Long Ideas, and our [Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio](#), the best of our Danger Zone picks, beat the Risk Free Rate (RFR)¹ as a long/short portfolio by 22% from the start of 2021 through 1H25. See Figure 1. This outperformance underscores how important reliable fundamental research is.

Through the first half of 2025, however, the Model Portfolio underperformed as a long/short portfolio by 7.8%. See Figure 2.

Figure 1: Focus List Stocks: Long/Short Performance vs. RFR: 2021 Through 1H25



Sources: New Constructs, LLC

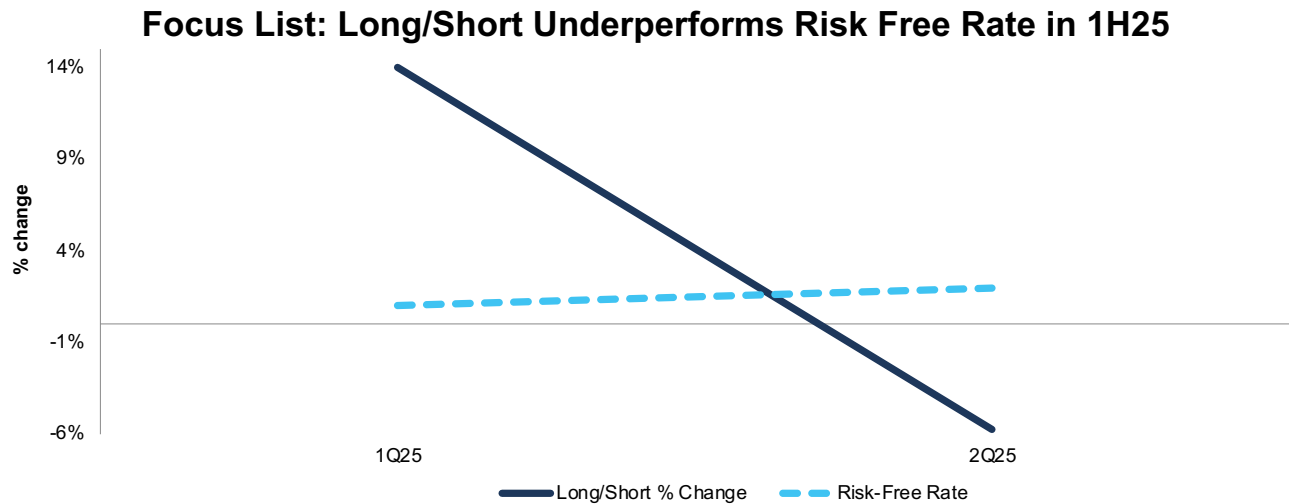
Note: Gain/Dcline performance analysis excludes transaction costs, dividends and rebates. The Risk-Free Rate is based on the 3-month T-bill.

Buy the Focus List Stocks: Short Model Portfolio

Buy the Focus List Stocks: Long Model Portfolio

The [long portfolio was up 0.2%](#) while the [short portfolio fell 6%](#) for a net return of -5.8% compared to the Risk-Free Rate at +2% in 1H25. Note that short portfolios outperform when they fall more than the benchmark.

¹ The Risk-Free Rate is based on the 3-month T-bill.

**Figure 2: Focus List Stocks: Long/Short Performance vs. Risk-Free Rate: 1H25**

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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Figure 3 provides more details on the Model Portfolios' performance, which includes all stocks present in the Model Portfolios at any point in 1H25.

Figure 3: 1H25 Long/Short Performance of Stocks in the Focus List Model Portfolios

Number of Stocks	Number of Outperformers	Number of Underperformers
94	43	51

Sources: New Constructs, LLC

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

We're here to help you navigate these turbulent times. Our [uniquely rigorous fundamental research](#) consistently earns [#1 rankings](#) in several categories on SumZero.

Check Out the Indices Based on New Constructs Research

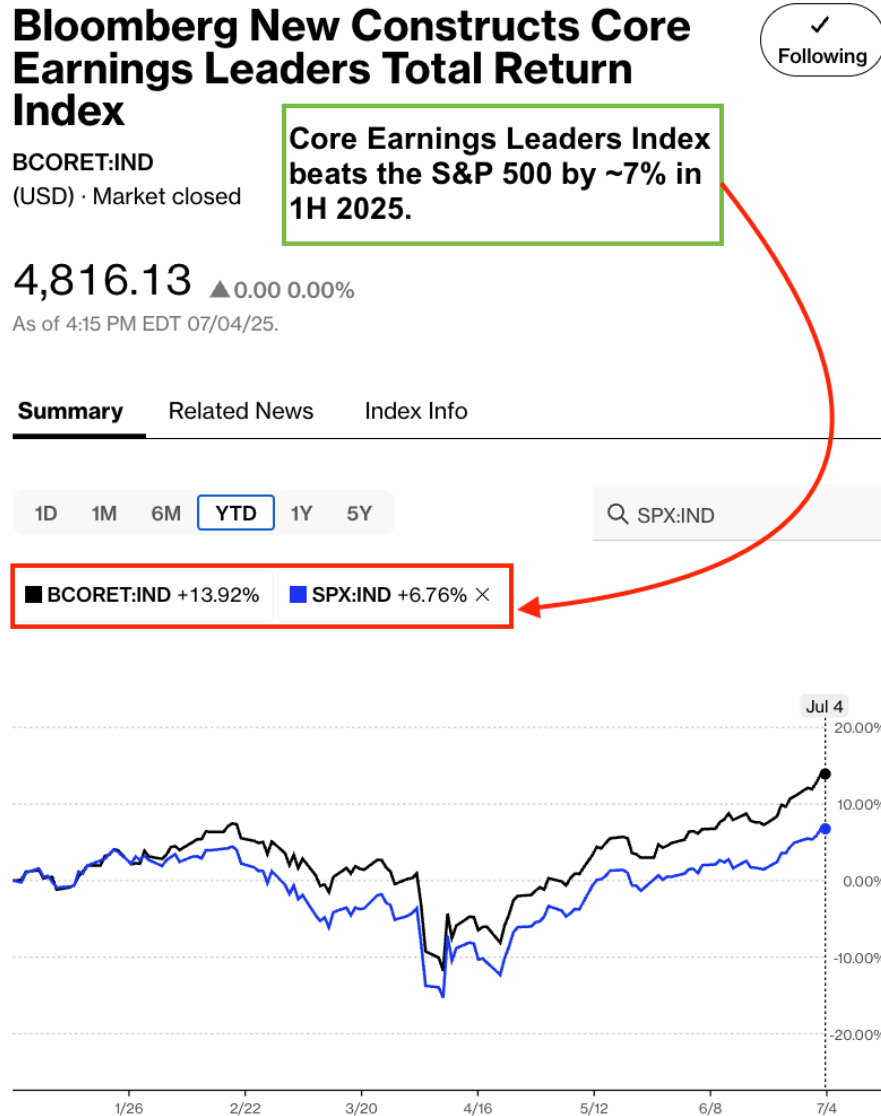
While we're writing about how our Focus List Stocks Model Portfolios find winning stocks, we should highlight the indices we've developed with Bloomberg's Index Licensing Group. All three outperformed the S&P 500 in 1H25. See Figures 4-6.

1. [Bloomberg New Constructs Core Earnings Leaders Index](#) (ticker: [BCORET:IND](#))
2. [Bloomberg New Constructs Ratings VA-1 Index](#) (ticker: [BNCVA1T:IND](#))
3. [Bloomberg New Constructs 500 Index](#) (ticker: [B500NCT:IND](#))

The Bloomberg New Constructs Core Earnings Leaders Index beat the S&P 500 by over 7% in 1H25. Our Index (ticker: [BCORET:IND](#)) was up 13.9% while the S&P 500 was up 6.8%. That's pretty good! See Figure 4 for details.



Figure 4: Bloomberg New Constructs Core Earnings Leaders Index Outperforms the S&P 500 in 1H25



Sources: [Bloomberg](#) as of July 4, 2025

Note: Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The "Very Attractive Stocks" Index beat the S&P 500 by over 0.5% in 1H25. Bloomberg's official name for the index is Bloomberg New Constructs Ratings VA-1Index (ticker: BNCVAT1T:IND). Figure 5 shows it was up 7.3% while the S&P 500 was up 6.8%.



Figure 5: Very Attractive-Rated Stocks Strongly Outperform the S&P 500 in 1H25

Bloomberg New Constructs Ratings VA-1 Total Return Index

BNCVA1T:IND
(USD) · Market closed

The Very Attractive Stocks Index beats the S&P 500 by 0.5% in 1H2025.

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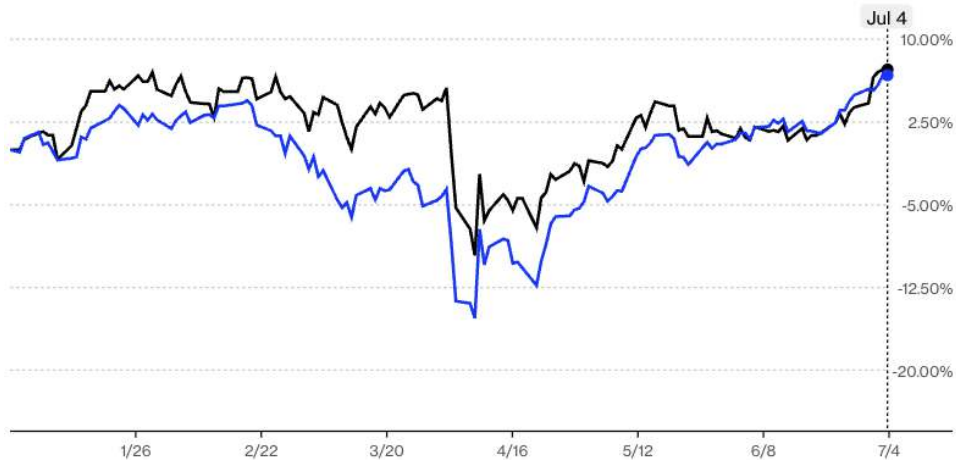
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Our "Core-Earnings Weighted S&P 500" Index beat the S&P 500 by over 0.3% in 1H25. Bloomberg's official name for the index is Bloomberg New Constructs 500 Total Return Index (ticker: BNCVAT1T:IND). Figure 6 shows it was up 7.1% while the S&P 500 was up 6.8%.



Figure 6: Bloomberg New Constructs 500 Index Strongly Outperforms the S&P 500 in 1H25

Bloomberg New Constructs 500 Total Return Index



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(USD) · Market closed

Core Earnings-Weighted S&P 500 beats Legacy S&P 500 by 0.3% in 1H2025

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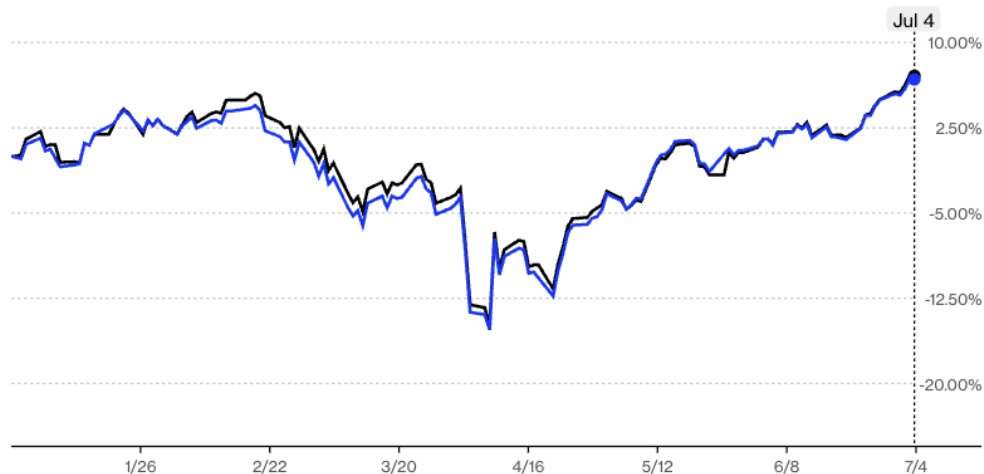
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