



Core Earnings Leaders Index in a Volatile Market | Monthly Podcast with David Trainer and Kyle Guske II

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In the latest episode, we had two special guests.

First, [Joe McCann](#), CEO of Slingshot Insights, joined us to talk about Slingshot Insights and how investors can use their expert calls to make more informed investment decisions. Joe is giving all New Constructs clients a special offer: 3 months free access to his expert network. [Click here](#) and use this special code: NewConstructs26.

Then, [Kenneth Blazick](#), Chief Investment Officer for Horizon Financial and founder of the Core Earnings Leaders concept joined to discuss the Core Earnings Leaders Index, its origin story, and why he believes superior fundamental research, particularly Core Earnings, works.

Here's an outline of the podcast.

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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.

Superior Models

Ernst & Young features the superiority of our ROIC, NOPAT and Invested Capital research to Capital IQ & Bloomberg’s in [Getting ROIC Right](#). See the [Appendix](#) for direct comparison details.

Key quotes from the paper:

- “...an accurate calculation of ROIC requires more diligence than often occurs in some of the common, off-the-shelf ROIC calculations. Only by scouring the footnotes and the MD&A [as New Constructs does] can investors get an accurate calculation of ROIC.” – pp. 8, 5th para.
- “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.

Superior Stock Ratings

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Key quotes from the paper:

- “the portfolios formed following the buy recommendations of Robo-Analysts earn abnormal returns that are statistically and economically significant.” – pp. 6, 3rd para.
- “Our results ultimately suggest that Robo-Analysts are a valuable, alternative information intermediary to traditional sell-side analysts.” – pp. 20, 3rd para.

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