

# Hot Growth Companies

**TO WIN A POSITION IN THIS TABLE**, a company must excel in three ways. The selection process begins by ranking companies according to their three-year results in sales growth, earnings growth, and return on invested capital. The ranks in the table are calculated from these numbers. A company's composite rank is the sum of 0.5 times its rank in return on total capital plus 0.25 times its sales- and profit-growth ranks.

**COMPANIES WERE DRAWN** from Standard & Poor's Compustat database of more than 10,000 publicly traded corporations. To qualify, a company must have annual sales of more than \$50 million and less than \$1.5 billion, a current market value greater than \$25 million, a current stock price of at

least \$5, and be actively traded. Banks, insurers, real estate firms, and utilities are excluded. So are companies with declines in current financial results or in stock price, as well as companies where other developments raise questions about future performance.

**SALES AND EARNINGS** are the latest figures available through the most recent 12 months. Earnings include net income from continuing operations before gains or losses from extraordinary items.

**INCREASES IN SALES AND PROFITS** are calculated using the least-squares method. If results for the earliest year are negative or not available, the average is for two years.

**RETURN ON CAPITAL** is earnings expressed as a percent of debt and equity. For ranking purposes, the maximum allowable annual return on invested capital is 100%. If companies have made substantial accounting restatements, long-term returns may be averaged for two years instead of three years.

**TIME PERIODS VARY** according to the month of a company's fiscal yearend. Profitability and growth are calculated based on the most recently available data.

**STOCK PRICE DATA** are as of May 5, 2004.

A ● indicates that a company also appeared in last year's rankings (BW—June 9, 2003).

COMPANY (STOCK SYMBOL)	CURRENT RESULTS		THREE-YEAR AVERAGES			INVESTMENT DATA			
	SALES \$ MIL.	EARNINGS \$ MIL.	INCREASE (%) SALES	PROFITS	RETURN ON CAPITAL	STOCK PRICE		MARKET VALUE \$ MIL.	
						52-WEEK HIGH - LOW	RECENT	P-E RATIO	
<b>1 PetMed Express (PETS)</b> Pompano Beach, Fla. 954 979-5995 Online, phone, and mail-order retailer of pills for pets	<b>87.4</b>	6.2	<b>102.2</b>	173.9	<b>51.5</b>	13 - 3	<b>11</b>	37	<b>212</b>
<b>2 Universal Technical Institute (UTI)</b> Phoenix 623 445-9500 It trains car technicians	<b>210.2</b>	23.2	<b>29.1</b>	1242.9	<b>68.5</b>	48 - 24	<b>46</b>	53	<b>1280</b>
<b>3 University of Phoenix Online (UOPX)</b> Phoenix 800 366-9699 Higher education in virtual classrooms	<b>664.2</b>	145.4	<b>73.7</b>	86.6	<b>35.3</b>	94 - 41	<b>87</b>	71	<b>1383</b>
<b>4 Multimedia Games (MGAM)</b> Austin, Tex. 512 334-7500 It's laid a bet on electronic gambling	<b>427.4</b>	32.0	<b>61.7</b>	137.0	<b>28.7</b>	27 - 10	<b>23</b>	21	<b>635</b>
<b>5 Aeropostale (ARO)</b> New York 646 485-5398 ● Clothing stores for fashionable teens	<b>734.9</b>	54.3	<b>53.7</b>	88.2	<b>28.2</b>	25 - 11	<b>24</b>	26	<b>1330</b>
<b>6 Headwaters (HDWR)</b> South Jordan, Utah 801 984-9400 Services for the energy industry; turning coal sludge into synth fuel	<b>433.9</b>	50.5	<b>140.5</b>	43.1	<b>29.8</b>	30 - 13	<b>23</b>	14	<b>746</b>
<b>7 Corinthian Colleges (COCO)</b> Santa Ana, Calif. 714 427-3000 ● For-profit provider of career-oriented education	<b>726.1</b>	80.6	<b>44.1</b>	61.2	<b>24.4</b>	36 - 22	<b>31</b>	36	<b>2816</b>
<b>8 Chico's FAS (CHS)</b> Fort Myers, Fla. 239 277-6200 ● Retailer of women's fashions and accessories	<b>768.5</b>	100.2	<b>43.3</b>	52.9	<b>27.4</b>	48 - 19	<b>44</b>	38	<b>3827</b>
<b>9 USANA Health Sciences (USNA)</b> Salt Lake City 801 954-7100 Nutritional supplements, foods, and body-care products	<b>220.9</b>	23.5	<b>17.5</b>	107.5	<b>32.3</b>	39 - 14	<b>27</b>	24	<b>525</b>
<b>10 Coach (COH)</b> New York 212 594-1850 ● Designer and manufacturer of leather goods and accessories	<b>1214.5</b>	225.9	<b>19.9</b>	53.7	<b>35.1</b>	45 - 21	<b>44</b>	37	<b>8177</b>
<b>11 MTC Technologies (MTCT)</b> Dayton 937 252-9199 Info tech services for the U.S. government and commercial clients	<b>212.5</b>	13.9	<b>34.7</b>	27.1	<b>32.5</b>	33 - 18	<b>27</b>	26	<b>352</b>
<b>12 Eon Labs (ELAB)</b> Laurelton, N.Y. 718 276-8600 ● Manufactures generic drugs	<b>362.9</b>	87.3	<b>40.9</b>	92.9	<b>15.9</b>	74 - 27	<b>69</b>	36	<b>3074</b>
<b>13 Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTSH)</b> Teaneck, N.J. 201 801-0233 ● Business outsourcing and consulting for tech needs	<b>413.5</b>	67.0	<b>38.0</b>	48.8	<b>18.5</b>	57 - 18	<b>45</b>	47	<b>2887</b>
<b>14 Central European Distribution (CEDC)</b> Sarasota, Fla. 941 330-1558 ● Importers of beer, wine, and spirits in Poland	<b>429.1</b>	15.1	<b>50.0</b>	155.3	<b>15.0</b>	42 - 18	<b>32</b>	22	<b>345</b>
<b>15 K-Swiss (KSWs)</b> Westlake Village, Calif. 818 706-5100 The athletic shoemaker also sells clothes and accessories	<b>465.4</b>	58.7	<b>24.5</b>	35.3	<b>22.3</b>	28 - 14	<b>19</b>	13	<b>687</b>
<b>16 Bio-Reference Laboratories (BRLI)</b> Elmwood Park, N.J. 201 791-2600 Its Northeast labs do clinical tests and diagnosis	<b>114.2</b>	7.0	<b>18.1</b>	271.7	<b>17.2</b>	23 - 5	<b>14</b>	26	<b>162</b>
<b>17 Hot Topic (HOTT)</b> City of Industry, Calif. 626 839-4681 ● These stores carry the fashion and music trends of teens and tweens	<b>572.0</b>	48.0	<b>30.7</b>	26.7	<b>21.2</b>	32 - 15	<b>23</b>	24	<b>1102</b>
<b>18 Bradley Pharmaceuticals (BDY)</b> Fairfield, N.J. 973 882-1505 Dermatology, respiratory, gastroenterology, and nutritional products	<b>84.8</b>	20.2	<b>58.6</b>	115.8	<b>13.5</b>	33 - 15	<b>27</b>	19	<b>419</b>

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	SALES \$ MIL.	EARNINGS \$ MIL.	INCREASE (%)		RETURN ON CAPITAL	STOCK PRICE		P-E RATIO	MARKET VALUE \$ MIL.	
			SALES	PROFITS		52-WEEK HIGH-LOW	RECENT			
<b>19 Shuffle Master (SHFL)</b> Las Vegas 702 897-7150 ● Manufacturer of casino products	<b>68.8</b>	18.0	<b>19.8</b>	25.2	<b>30.3</b>	36 – 15	<b>34</b>	48	<b>839</b>	
<b>20 Dick's Sporting Goods (DKS)</b> Pittsburgh 412 809-0100 ● The retailer sells athletic gear, apparel, and equipment	<b>1470.8</b>	52.8	<b>18.1</b>	50.4	<b>21.2</b>	31 – 13	<b>28</b>	27	<b>1302</b>	
<b>21 Career Education (CECO)</b> Hoffman Estates, Ill. 847 781-3600 ● Programs in info tech, health care, and other fields	<b>1345.8</b>	141.7	<b>53.3</b>	75.2	<b>14.1</b>	71 – 29	<b>69</b>	50	<b>6893</b>	
<b>22 Strayer Education (STRA)</b> Arlington, Va. 703 247-2500 ● Offers degrees to working adults at Eastern U.S. campuses and online	<b>146.4</b>	33.7	<b>23.5</b>	15.5	<b>26.7</b>	130 – 63	<b>124</b>	55	<b>1327</b>	
<b>23 Merit Medical Systems (MMSI)</b> South Jordan, Utah 801 253-1600 ● Products used in cardiology and radiology procedures	<b>141.9</b>	17.9	<b>13.9</b>	162.2	<b>16.1</b>	25 – 10	<b>15</b>	23	<b>402</b>	
<b>24 FLIR Systems (FLIR)</b> Portland, Ore. 503 684-3731 See in the dark with its thermal-imaging cameras	<b>351.7</b>	48.2	<b>19.0</b>	31.3	<b>20.3</b>	50 – 25	<b>46</b>	33	<b>1525</b>	
<b>25 Escalade (ESCA)</b> Wabash, Ind. 260 569-7233 Manufacturer of sporting goods and office equipment	<b>227.9</b>	15.4	<b>22.0</b>	19.9	<b>21.2</b>	41 – 13	<b>35</b>	15	<b>227</b>	
<b>26 Alliance Resource Partners (ARLP)</b> Tulsa, Okla. 918 295-7600 ● It mines coal for industry and utilities	<b>575.6</b>	53.0	<b>14.5</b>	60.7	<b>18.3</b>	42 – 23	<b>41</b>	14	<b>727</b>	
<b>27 Tuesday Morning (TUES)</b> Dallas 972 387-3562 Retailer of closeout household merchandise	<b>840.9</b>	55.8	<b>12.1</b>	31.0	<b>30.6</b>	35 – 21	<b>29</b>	22	<b>1181</b>	
<b>28 Reliv International (RELV)</b> Chesterfield, Mo. 636 537-9715 Nutritional supplements, foods, and skin products	<b>81.8</b>	5.1	<b>8.9</b>	277.8	<b>16.6</b>	12 – 3	<b>10</b>	34	<b>151</b>	
<b>29 Champps Entertainment (CMPP)</b> Littleton, Colo. 303 804-1333 Operates and franchises a chain of casual-dining restaurants	<b>204.4</b>	18.3	<b>18.4</b>	66.2	<b>15.7</b>	9 – 4	<b>9</b>	7	<b>111</b>	
<b>30 Panera Bread (PNRA)</b> Richmond Heights, Mo. 314 633-7100 ● Bakery-cafés that are rising across the U.S.	<b>355.9</b>	30.6	<b>33.5</b>	64.8	<b>13.4</b>	48 – 32	<b>43</b>	42	<b>1277</b>	
<b>31 Yankee Candle (YCC)</b> South Deerfield, Mass. 413 665-8306 ● Candles, candle-holders, and scented products	<b>518.1</b>	76.3	<b>14.8</b>	22.3	<b>28.2</b>	30 – 20	<b>27</b>	18	<b>1379</b>	
<b>32 American Healthways (AMHC)</b> Nashville, Tenn. 615 665-1122 ● Provider of disease management and care	<b>196.0</b>	18.9	<b>47.8</b>	379.2	<b>11.2</b>	31 – 12	<b>25</b>	45	<b>803</b>	
<b>33 Engineered Support Systems (EASI)</b> St. Louis 314 553-4000 ● Sells electronic and support equipment to the U.S. military	<b>646.2</b>	50.6	<b>15.3</b>	49.1	<b>17.3</b>	62 – 22	<b>49</b>	26	<b>1268</b>	
<b>34 Amedisys (AMED)</b> Baton Rouge, La. 225 292-2031 Delivers health-care services to your home	<b>158.7</b>	11.5	<b>16.3</b>	28.7	<b>19.9</b>	31 – 5	<b>27</b>	27	<b>318</b>	
<b>35 Sportsman's Guide (SGDE)</b> South St. Paul, Minn. 651 451-3030 Catalog and Internet retailer of sports and recreation products	<b>195.5</b>	6.4	<b>7.7</b>	49.6	<b>19.6</b>	24 – 9	<b>20</b>	17	<b>95</b>	
<b>36 CCA Industries (CAW)</b> East Rutherford, N.J. 201 330-1400 Manufactures and markets health and beauty aids	<b>54.8</b>	5.5	<b>11.8</b>	61.5	<b>16.7</b>	9 – 5	<b>8</b>	11	<b>57</b>	
<b>37 Urban Outfitters (URBN)</b> Philadelphia 215 564-2313 ● Retailer of clothes, housewares, and hipster accessories	<b>548.4</b>	48.4	<b>22.7</b>	68.0	<b>13.1</b>	51 – 15	<b>49</b>	41	<b>1939</b>	
<b>38 Varian Medical Systems (VAR)</b> Palo Alto, Calif. 650 493-4000 ● Producer of X-ray and oncology products	<b>1156.3</b>	148.6	<b>14.5</b>	35.4	<b>17.8</b>	93 – 51	<b>88</b>	43	<b>6016</b>	
<b>39 SCP Pool (POOL)</b> Covington, La. 985 892-5521 ● A wholesale distributor of swimming pool supplies	<b>1194.1</b>	53.4	<b>19.4</b>	21.3	<b>17.7</b>	42 – 20	<b>41</b>	28	<b>1450</b>	
<b>40 Corporate Executive Board (EXBD)</b> Washington, D.C. 202 777-5000 ● Business research, analysis, support, and executive-ed services	<b>226.9</b>	39.3	<b>29.7</b>	34.0	<b>14.5</b>	54 – 37	<b>53</b>	52	<b>1980</b>	
<b>41 Caché (CACH)</b> New York 212 575-3200 ● Upscale women's clothier	<b>225.6</b>	12.7	<b>7.4</b>	120.8	<b>15.2</b>	35 – 8	<b>28</b>	22	<b>292</b>	
<b>42 Providence Service (PRSC)</b> Tucson 520 747-6600 Contract provider of government social services	<b>64.3</b>	3.2	<b>48.0</b>	159.1	<b>8.9</b>	20 – 13	<b>19</b>	NM	<b>159</b>	
<b>43 Quality Systems (QSII)</b> Irvine, Calif. 949 255-2600 ● Software and services for managing health-care and dental practices	<b>67.2</b>	9.1	<b>19.4</b>	36.8	<b>14.7</b>	62 – 25	<b>44</b>	31	<b>274</b>	
<b>44 Cantel Medical (CMN)</b> Little Falls, N.J. 973 890-7220 Medical and scientific products and services	<b>144.4</b>	8.6	<b>54.4</b>	43.7	<b>12.0</b>	18 – 12	<b>17</b>	19	<b>160</b>	
<b>45 Pediatrix Medical Group (PDX)</b> Sunrise, Fla. 954 384-0175 Contractors providing maternal, fetal, and newborn care	<b>573.1</b>	88.6	<b>31.4</b>	100.0	<b>10.9</b>	72 – 31	<b>67</b>	19	<b>1591</b>	
<b>46 Pacific Sunwear of California (PSUN)</b> Anaheim, Calif. 714 414-4000 ● A retailer of hot fashions for younger people	<b>1040.3</b>	80.2	<b>21.1</b>	30.9	<b>14.8</b>	26 – 13	<b>22</b>	22	<b>1743</b>	
<b>47 Sanderson Farms (SAFM)</b> Laurel, Miss. 601 649-4030 A poultry producer, rising to the top of the pecking order	<b>914.5</b>	67.7	<b>12.1</b>	39.5	<b>15.9</b>	43 – 13	<b>38</b>	11	<b>756</b>	
<b>48 Education Management (EDMC)</b> Pittsburgh 412 562-0900 ● Operates career-oriented educational institutions	<b>800.2</b>	71.2	<b>28.4</b>	36.7	<b>12.9</b>	37 – 22	<b>36</b>	38	<b>2633</b>	

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<b>49 Marine Products (MPX)</b> Atlanta 404 321-7910 Manufactures Chaparral powerboats	<b>205.7</b>	19.5	<b>10.5</b>	12.1	<b>21.8</b>	19 - 7	<b>16</b>	21	<b>401</b>
<b>50 Sensytech (STST)</b> Newington, Va. 703 550-7000 Military surveillance, communications, and imaging systems	<b>54.1</b>	4.1	<b>38.1</b>	38.4	<b>12.1</b>	20 - 10	<b>19</b>	30	<b>122</b>
<b>51 SFBC International (SFCC)</b> Miami 305 895-0304 Runs research and clinical trials for drug and biotech outfits	<b>118.7</b>	13.4	<b>77.0</b>	80.7	<b>8.5</b>	26 - 9	<b>25</b>	25	<b>370</b>
<b>52 ANSYS (ANSS)</b> Canonsburg, Pa. 724 746-3304 ● Simulation and analysis software for designers and engineers	<b>120.3</b>	24.2	<b>14.3</b>	11.9	<b>18.6</b>	45 - 25	<b>38</b>	25	<b>580</b>
<b>53 ManTech International (MANT)</b> Fairfax, Va. 703 218-6000 Info tech services for U.S. defense and intelligence agencies	<b>756.2</b>	39.5	<b>22.1</b>	67.0	<b>12.1</b>	28 - 16	<b>27</b>	22	<b>838</b>
<b>54 Matthews International (MATW)</b> Pittsburgh 412 442-8200 ● From plaques to urns, it memorializes the past and passed-away	<b>476.1</b>	49.2	<b>23.2</b>	17.5	<b>15.1</b>	33 - 23	<b>31</b>	21	<b>1010</b>
<b>55 Conn's (CONN)</b> Beaumont, Tex. 409 832-1696 Retailer of appliances, consumer electronics, and household products	<b>499.3</b>	24.3	<b>14.9</b>	10.4	<b>17.9</b>	18 - 14	<b>18</b>	15	<b>413</b>
<b>56 Middleby (MIDD)</b> Elgin, Ill. 847 741-3300 Cooking up kitchen equipment for the food service industry	<b>241.4</b>	21.7	<b>30.6</b>	96.6	<b>9.0</b>	57 - 10	<b>56</b>	25	<b>516</b>
<b>57 Charles River Laboratories Intl. (CRL)</b> Wilmington, Mass. 978 658-6000 Provides biomedical research products and services	<b>634.2</b>	78.4	<b>25.3</b>	65.2	<b>11.0</b>	48 - 26	<b>47</b>	29	<b>2130</b>
<b>58 Applebee's International (APPB)</b> Overland Park, Kan. 913 967-4000 ● International chain of family restaurants	<b>990.1</b>	93.6	<b>12.6</b>	15.2	<b>18.1</b>	43 - 28	<b>40</b>	24	<b>2186</b>
<b>59 JetBlue Airways (JBLU)</b> Forest Hills, N.Y. 718 286-7900 A leading low-fare airline	<b>1070.2</b>	101.7	<b>110.7</b>	64.2	<b>6.3</b>	47 - 20	<b>28</b>	30	<b>2917</b>
<b>60 Renal Care Group (RCI)</b> Nashville 615 345-5500 ● Outpatient and hospital care to patients with kidney disease	<b>1041.2</b>	110.4	<b>17.6</b>	25.1	<b>15.1</b>	52 - 32	<b>51</b>	23	<b>2284</b>
<b>61 Nutraceutical International (NUTR)</b> Park City, Utah 435 655-6000 Nutritional-supplement manufacturer	<b>135.9</b>	13.9	<b>5.4</b>	35.2	<b>15.9</b>	26 - 8	<b>26</b>	22	<b>288</b>
<b>62 Big 5 Sporting Goods (BGFV)</b> El Segundo, Calif. 310 536-0611 Athletic equipment and apparel retailer for the fit and fashionable	<b>726.2</b>	29.7	<b>7.5</b>	36.1	<b>15.8</b>	28 - 12	<b>25</b>	19	<b>567</b>
<b>63 Certegy (CEY)</b> Alpharetta, Ga. 678 867-8000 Check-processing, credit, e-banking, and other financial transactions	<b>1038.7</b>	102.2	<b>10.1</b>	2.1	<b>18.9</b>	37 - 24	<b>36</b>	23	<b>2333</b>
<b>64 Drew Industries (DW)</b> White Plains, N.Y. 914 428-9098 Components for manufactured homes and recreational vehicles	<b>380.3</b>	22.2	<b>8.4</b>	125.9	<b>12.7</b>	41 - 15	<b>38</b>	18	<b>383</b>
<b>65 Hibbett Sporting Goods (HIBB)</b> Birmingham, Ala. 205 942-4292 ● Retailer of sporting goods, shoes, and apparel	<b>321.0</b>	20.3	<b>15.3</b>	23.9	<b>15.1</b>	26 - 12	<b>25</b>	28	<b>571</b>
<b>66 American Medical Systems (AMMD)</b> Minnetonka, Minn. 952 930-6000 Makes medical devices for urinary, erectile, and prostate conditions	<b>176.2</b>	31.6	<b>18.9</b>	662.5	<b>8.7</b>	31 - 14	<b>26</b>	29	<b>876</b>
<b>67 Daktronics (DAKT)</b> Brookings, S.D. 605 697-4000 Signs of the times: It makes programmable displays	<b>199.3</b>	17.0	<b>10.3</b>	34.3	<b>15.1</b>	28 - 14	<b>22</b>	25	<b>407</b>
<b>68 Apria Healthcare Group (AHG)</b> Lake Forest, Calif. 949 639-2000 Provider of respiratory and infusion therapy and medical equipment	<b>1396.8</b>	116.0	<b>10.8</b>	29.5	<b>15.5</b>	32 - 23	<b>30</b>	14	<b>1518</b>
<b>69 Multi-Color (LABL)</b> Cincinnati 513 381-1480 No one tag fits this producer of consumer-product labels	<b>122.3</b>	6.9	<b>23.8</b>	25.5	<b>12.6</b>	23 - 12	<b>18</b>	17	<b>111</b>
<b>70 J.M. Smucker (SJM)</b> Orrville, OH 330 682-3000 Food products include peanut butter, too	<b>1420.6</b>	112.4	<b>34.8</b>	63.9	<b>7.6</b>	54 - 36	<b>53</b>	24	<b>2660</b>
<b>71 Gen-Probe (GPRO)</b> San Diego 858 410-8000 Diagnostic products for testing blood	<b>237.5</b>	46.4	<b>20.1</b>	176.6	<b>7.5</b>	40 - 15	<b>40</b>	43	<b>1945</b>
<b>72 Bright Horizons Family Solutions (BFAM)</b> Watertown, Mass. 617 673-8000 ● Child care for employer-sponsored programs	<b>491.7</b>	21.6	<b>17.6</b>	29.9	<b>13.4</b>	52 - 30	<b>45</b>	28	<b>590</b>
<b>73 Encore Acquisition (EAC)</b> Fort Worth, Tex. 817 877-9955 Amasses and exploits oil and natural gas reserves in North America	<b>223.6</b>	62.6	<b>25.6</b>	91.8	<b>7.4</b>	32 - 17	<b>28</b>	14	<b>863</b>
<b>74 Fossil (FOSL)</b> Richardson, Tex. 972 234-2525 ● Producer of fashion watches and other accessories	<b>781.2</b>	68.3	<b>16.2</b>	9.4	<b>15.6</b>	26 - 13	<b>25</b>	26	<b>1716</b>
<b>75 Cooper Cos. (COO)</b> Pleasanton, Calif. 925 460-3600 ● Contact lenses and women's health-care products	<b>427.5</b>	73.3	<b>28.4</b>	32.6	<b>11.5</b>	57 - 28	<b>57</b>	25	<b>1844</b>
<b>76 Respironics (RESP)</b> Murrysville, Pa. 724 387-5200 Seller of respiratory products	<b>730.5</b>	59.9	<b>19.4</b>	89.8	<b>10.0</b>	56 - 35	<b>54</b>	31	<b>1831</b>
<b>77 Matrix Service (MTRX)</b> Tulsa, Okla. 918 838-8822 Makes and maintains storage facilities for oil and chemicals	<b>598.8</b>	12.9	<b>44.6</b>	40.9	<b>8.6</b>	20 - 6	<b>11</b>	15	<b>188</b>
<b>78 CARBO Ceramics (CRR)</b> Irving, Tex. 972 401-0090 Sells ceramics for oil production, mineral grinding, and metal casting	<b>181.4</b>	33.4	<b>18.7</b>	19.6	<b>14.0</b>	70 - 35	<b>66</b>	31	<b>1045</b>

# HOT GROWTH COMPANIES

COMPANY (STOCK SYMBOL)	CURRENT RESULTS		THREE-YEAR AVERAGES			INVESTMENT DATA				
	SALES \$ MIL.	EARNINGS \$ MIL.	INCREASE (%)		RETURN ON CAPITAL	STOCK PRICE		P-E RATIO	MARKET VALUE \$ MIL.	
			SALES	PROFITS		52-WEEK HIGH - LOW	RECENT			
<b>79 Medical Action Industries (MDCI)</b> Hauppauge, N.Y. 631 231-4600 ● Manufacturer of disposable surgical-related products	<b>125.7</b>	9.4	<b>19.3</b>	28.9	<b>12.9</b>	23 - 11	<b>18</b>	20	<b>182</b>	
<b>80 Gulf Island Fabrication (GIFI)</b> Houma, La 985 872-2100 Builds platforms and other structures for offshore oil and gas drilling	<b>214.9</b>	16.5	<b>22.4</b>	54.3	<b>10.4</b>	25 - 14	<b>22</b>	16	<b>258</b>	
<b>81 Patina Oil &amp; Gas (POG)</b> Denver 303 389-3600 U.S. petroleum exploration and production	<b>445.6</b>	109.7	<b>34.7</b>	17.6	<b>12.2</b>	30 - 14	<b>29</b>	19	<b>2002</b>	
<b>82 ResMed (RMD)</b> Poway, Calif. 858 746-2400 ● Rest well: Its products diagnose and treat sleep-disordered breathing	<b>327.1</b>	55.0	<b>33.1</b>	39.6	<b>9.3</b>	51 - 36	<b>51</b>	32	<b>1710</b>	
<b>83 JoS. A. Bank Clothiers (JOSB)</b> Hampstead, Md. 410 239-2700 ● Still tailored to the classy professional, it now offers casual wear	<b>299.7</b>	16.6	<b>13.5</b>	50.7	<b>12.6</b>	41 - 16	<b>32</b>	21	<b>334</b>	
<b>84 ScanSource (SCSC)</b> Greenville, S.C. 864 288-2432 Products that help stores cash-in at the checkout counter	<b>1112.0</b>	27.2	<b>26.6</b>	17.7	<b>12.5</b>	58 - 21	<b>54</b>	26	<b>675</b>	
<b>85 Navarre (NAVR)</b> New Hope, Minn. 763 535-8333 Distributor of consumer software, music, and DVDs	<b>416.3</b>	6.1	<b>10.6</b>	49.5	<b>13.0</b>	10 - 2	<b>10</b>	39	<b>260</b>	
<b>86 Techne (TECH)</b> Minneapolis 612 379-8854 Manufacturing and marketing of diagnostics and biotech products	<b>158.2</b>	52.2	<b>11.9</b>	14.8	<b>15.8</b>	43 - 24	<b>41</b>	32	<b>1672</b>	
<b>87 Gentex (GNTX)</b> Zeeland, Mich 616 772-1800 ● Makes automotive and fire-protection safety products	<b>483.0</b>	110.7	<b>17.5</b>	16.4	<b>14.4</b>	47 - 29	<b>39</b>	28	<b>3013</b>	
<b>88 Finish Line (FINL)</b> Indianapolis 317 899-1022 This retailer sports the latest athletic footwear	<b>985.9</b>	47.3	<b>13.5</b>	120.6	<b>10.6</b>	39 - 16	<b>32</b>	16	<b>761</b>	
<b>89 Global Payments (GPN)</b> Atlanta 770 829-8000 Processor of financial transactions	<b>581.8</b>	60.2	<b>17.4</b>	36.2	<b>12.2</b>	51 - 30	<b>47</b>	31	<b>1794</b>	
<b>90 RC2 (RCRC)</b> Bolingbrook, Ill. 630 633-3000 Die-cast model cars, trains, action-figures, and toys	<b>329.9</b>	38.5	<b>12.3</b>	84.4	<b>11.4</b>	31 - 15	<b>27</b>	13	<b>477</b>	
<b>91 SigmaTron International (SGMA)</b> Elk Grove Village, Ill. 847 956-8000 Contract manufacturer of electronics products and components	<b>101.1</b>	6.3	<b>7.9</b>	102.2	<b>11.7</b>	34 - 6	<b>11</b>	6	<b>40</b>	
<b>92 Cheesecake Factory (CAKE)</b> Calabasas Hills, Calif. 818 871-3000 It is O.K. to have dessert first at their chain of restaurants	<b>821.5</b>	61.9	<b>20.9</b>	22.0	<b>12.3</b>	49 - 31	<b>44</b>	37	<b>2272</b>	
<b>93 American Vanguard (AVD)</b> Newport Beach, Calif 949 260-1200 ● Its pesticides and agricultural chemicals protect crops	<b>124.9</b>	10.3	<b>16.9</b>	32.6	<b>12.3</b>	40 - 11	<b>32</b>	29	<b>288</b>	
<b>94 Simpson Mfg. (SSD)</b> Dublin, Calif. 925 560-9000 ● Structural connectors used to build homes	<b>591.6</b>	67.5	<b>13.9</b>	17.6	<b>14.5</b>	54 - 34	<b>54</b>	20	<b>1304</b>	
<b>95 K-V Pharmaceutical (KV.A)</b> Saint Louis 314 645-6600 Maker of generic and branded drugs and drug-delivery systems	<b>273.4</b>	45.0	<b>14.9</b>	20.0	<b>13.0</b>	28 - 16	<b>25</b>	28	<b>1200</b>	
<b>96 Young Innovations (YDNT)</b> Algonquin, Ill 847-458-5400 ● Smile services: makers of dental instruments and supplies	<b>78.7</b>	13.6	<b>14.0</b>	17.0	<b>14.0</b>	39 - 20	<b>33</b>	23	<b>293</b>	
<b>97 A.C. Moore Arts &amp; Crafts (ACMR)</b> Blackwood, N.J. 856 228-6700 Sells hobby, household decoration, and holiday supplies	<b>453.4</b>	18.1	<b>18.3</b>	39.5	<b>10.6</b>	30 - 15	<b>27</b>	30	<b>523</b>	
<b>98 Quiksilver (ZQK)</b> Huntington Beach, Calif. 714 889-2200 ● Surf and snowboard stores and clothing lines	<b>1039.1</b>	61.1	<b>22.4</b>	23.6	<b>11.0</b>	23 - 15	<b>22</b>	21	<b>1243</b>	
<b>99 Inter Parfums (IPAR)</b> New York 212 983-2640 Perfumes and cosmetics manufacturing	<b>185.6</b>	13.8	<b>21.6</b>	26.8	<b>10.4</b>	33 - 7	<b>22</b>	31	<b>413</b>	
<b>100 Lifeline Systems (LIFE)</b> Framingham, Mass. 508 988-1000 ● In emergencies, its service sends help with the press of a button	<b>120.3</b>	10.6	<b>12.2</b>	45.7	<b>11.1</b>	22 - 11	<b>22</b>	29	<b>297</b>	

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