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My Top Ten Growth Stocks for 2017


Low interest rates have taken the air right out of growth stocks the past two years, as investors put their money into high yielding conservative stocks.

In some cases, value stocks have gone so high they could remain around these levels for the next cou-
ple of years. For instance, 3M (MMM) had a median P/E of 14 during 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Now MMM has a P/E of 21 - yet is expected to grow profits just 8\% in 2016. The yield of $3 \%$ attracted income investors, but now MMM is overvalued.

Interest rates are now rising, and that could mean a flow of money out of conservative stocks. It could mean good news for growth stocks, which have some catching up to do - Technology in particular. My Top Ten for 2017 is heavy on Tech, and China too.


David started his career as a Financial Consultant at A.G.Edwards \& Sons in 1999, investing clients in mutual funds, stocks, bonds \& annuities. The 2000 stock market crash crushed his investors and left David leery of Wall Street \& mutual funds. Sharek became a student of stocks, and discovered the best stocks had the highest profit growth.

In 2002 David accepted a position of Vice President-Investments at Wunderlich Securities and developed his Growth Stock Portfolio. Sharek's portfolio averaged a return of $24 \%$ his first five years as a portfolio manager (2003-2007), more than double the market's (S\&P 500) average of $11 \%$. David soon got client portfolios back to even.

In 2008 David Sharek founded DavidSharek.com a stock research website and money management firm. Another stock market crash took the Growth Portfolio down 58\% that year, and by 2013 client accounts hit new highs. From his office in Midtown Manhattan David Sharek does his own stock research and manages portfolios on a fee basis.

Through 2015, the Growth Portfolio has grown an average of 13\% a year, compared to the market's average of 8\% (2003-2015). \$100,000 invested at inception would have made a profit of $\$ 175,093$ vs. a $\$ 132,313$ profit in the S\&P 500. Sharek's posted three years of greater than $40 \%$ returns in 12 years as a stock portfolio manager. David launched his Conservative Growth Portfolio on 12/31/15.

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Salesforce.com (CRM)
Sector: Technology
Salesforce is expected to grow profits 31\% in 2016 (CRM hasn't reported yet), and the stock declined 15\% last year. Salesforce has the most advanced software for sales teams, with all the data on the cloud. It also focuses on YOUR individual industry needs. For example, I can get Salesforce to store my client stock holdings \& returns over time, schedule sales call reminders, and send emails. CRM has a high P/E, it always does.

| Fair Value |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Profits | x | P/E | $=$ | Price | Upside/Downside |
| This Qtr | 0.98 | $x$ | 73 | $=$ | $\$ 71$ |  |
| 2017 Est | 1.28 | $x$ | 73 | $=$ | 93 | $31 \%$ |
| 2018 Est | 1.66 | $x$ | 73 | $=$ | 121 | $70 \%$ |

$5 \quad$ UnitedHealth (UNH) Sector: Healthcare

UnitedHealth has peen profiting from two things. First, it got rid of Obamacare last year, which was losing the company money ( $\$ 0.35$ a share in 2016). Second, its health benefits services company Optum is taking deals away from the competition, such as Caremark. UNH is a very safe stock, with an Est. LTG of $15 \%+$ a $2 \%$ yield and clean annual reports. If Trump gets lower drug prices, that could mean even higher profits for UNH.

| Fair Value |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Profits | x | P/E | $=$ | Price | Upside/Downside |
| This Qtr | 8.01 | x | 19 | $=$ | $\$ 149$ |  |
| 2017 Est | 9.14 | x | 19 | $=$ | 174 | $16 \%$ |
| 2018 Est | 10.19 | x | 19 | $=$ | 194 | $30 \%$ |


| 6 | Tesla (TSLA) | Sector: Technology |
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Since going public in 2010, Tesla's stock had risen $40 \%, 7 \%, 19 \%, 344 \%$, $48 \%$ and $8 \%$ before 2016 's $-11 \%$ drop. But this year might mean another leg-higher for the electric car manufacturer, which is set to produce \& begin to deliver its $\$ 35,000$ Model 3 in 2017. Although Tesla's sales are growing briskly, profits aren't as it spends to grow like Amazon/Netflix. These Fair Values below are messed up because of no profits, just buy-and-hold TSLA.





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## 8 Amazon.com (AMZN) <br> Sector: Retail \& Travel

AMZN's profitability is rising due to Amazon Web Services. Profits are expected to climb $281 \%$ in 2016, yet AMZN stock only went up $11 \%$ for the year (sigh). Now AMZN has a grocery store concept without checkouts \& this week announced a credit card with 5\% cash back to Prime members. Profits are estimated to climb from $\$ 1$ in 2015 to $\$ 5$ in 2016, \$9 in 2017, \$15 in 2018 and \$23 in 2019.

| Fair Value |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Profits | x | P/E | $=$ | Price | Upside/Downside |
| This Qtr | 4.76 | x | 159 | $=$ | $\$ 755$ |  |
| 2017 Est | 9.01 | x | 75 | $=$ | 676 | $-11 \%$ |
| 2018 Est | 16.00 | x | 75 | $=$ | 1200 | $59 \%$ |



## 10 Weibo (WB) $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Sector: } \\ & \text { Technolog }\end{aligned}$

Weibo is China's version of Twitter, but Weibo grows profits. Alibaba owns around $1 / 3$ rd of WB, and advertises with them too. WB sports an impressive Est. LTG of $83 \%$ a year, and is expected to grow profits an average of $94 \%$ the next 4 qtrs. The stock sells for 36x 2017 earnings, but had a P/E of 60 during 2016. China's Internet stocks remind me of America's in the '90s.

| Fair Value |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Profits | x | P/E | $=$ | Price | Upside/Downside |
| This Qtr | 0.76 | x | 59 | $=$ | $\$ 45$ |  |
| 2017 Est | 1.26 | x | 60 | $=$ | 76 | $69 \%$ |
| 2018 Est | 1.82 | x | 60 | $=$ | 109 | $144 \%$ |


|  | Alphabet (GOOGL) <br> Ten-Year Chart | Annual Profits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2006 | 5.29 |
|  |  | 2007 | 7.80 |
|  | H5N+4. | 2008 | 9.75 |
|  |  | 2009 | 11.60 |
|  |  | 2010 | 14.80 |
|  |  | 2011 | 18.02 |
|  |  | 2012 | 19.91 |
|  |  | 2013 | 21.95 |
|  |  | 2014 | 25.14 |
|  |  | 2015 | 29.59 |
|  |  | 2016 | 34.42 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Growt |  |
| Growth | 19\% 28\% 22\% 10\% 10\% 15\% 18\% 16\% | Yearly | Stock |
| Rate |  | Grow | : 12\% |





2015 was horrible year for my Top Ten list. Healthcare stocks really hurt me, and I feel the Technology names didn't go up as much as they should have.

2017's Top Ten list has an average upside to Fair Value of $36 \%$, up from 2016's 30\% (I omitted TSLA which is just reaching profitability).

Upside to 2018's Fair Values is $75 \%$. I do wish to stress these are just guestimates, and investors shouldn't bet on this happening.

## 2016 Top Ten Results

| Facebook (FB) | $+10 \%$ |
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| Celgene (CELG) | $-3 \%$ |
| Restor. Hardware (RH) | $-61 \%$ |
| Envision HIth (EVHC) | $-17 \%$ |
| Regeneron (REGN) | $-32 \%$ |
| Stamps.com (STMP) | $+4 \%$ |
| Acadia Health (ACHC) | $-47 \%$ |
| UltimateSftware (ULTI) | $-7 \%$ |
| BfloWildWings (BWLD) | $-3 \%$ |
| Adobe (ADBE) | $+10 \%$ |
| Average | $-15 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 | $+10 \%$ |


| Top Ten Track Record |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | Top <br> Ten | s\&P <br> 500 |
| 2009 | $+22 \%$ | $+23 \%$ |
| 2010 | $+38 \%$ | $+13 \%$ |
| 2011 | $+2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2012 | $+19 \%$ | $+13 \%$ |
| 2013 | $+57 \%$ | $+30 \%$ |
| 2014 | $-9 \%$ | $+11 \%$ |
| 2015 | $0 \%$ | $-1 \%$ |
| 2016 | $-15 \%$ | $+10 \%$ |
| Average | $+14 \%$ | $+10 \%$ |

## Portfolio Management

## Let us manage your stock portfolio

David Sharek manages brokerage accounts and IRAs of $\$ 50,000$ or more on a fee-basis. Returns shown here are after fees.

## You own the stocks

David manages each account individually - this isn't a mutual fund you own the stocks. Your account is in your name and is not commingled with other clients.

## Fee-based account management

We grow when you grow. Shareks, LLC bills client accounts 0.50 to $0.75 \%$ per quarter (2-3\% per year). Fees may be tax deductible. Also, clients are charged commissions by their brokerage firm when trades are made, usually \$1 to \$7 per trade.

## Watch your account

Clients can log online and view their accounts at anytime.

## Security

Shareks, LLC is registered with the State of New York as an investment advisor (RIA). Accounts are kept safe at brokers such as Scottrade and Interactive Brokers
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| Sector Key |
| :--- |
| Healthcare |
| Food \& Necessities |
| Technology |
| Financial |
| Retail \& Travel |
| Energy \& Commodities |



## Power Rankings

| Growth Portfolio |  |  |  |  |  | Conservative Portfolio |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ticker | Security name | Est | Yield | Est |  | Ticker | Security name | Est | Yield | Est |
|  |  |  | LTG |  | Total |  |  |  | LTG |  | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  | Return |  |  |  |  |  | Return |
| 1 | FB | Facebook | 35\% |  | 35\% | 1 | FB | Facebook | 35\% | 0\% | 35\% |
| 2 | NTES | Netease | 27\% |  | 27\% | 2 | GOOGL | Google | 19\% | 0\% | 19\% |
| 3 | ADBE | Adobe Systems | 31\% |  | 31\% | 3 | UNH | United Health | 15\% | 2\% | 17\% |
| 4 | CRM | Salesforce.com | 30\% |  | 30\% | 4 | HD | Home Depot | 14\% | 2\% | 16\% |
| 5 | UNH | UnitedHealth | 15\% | 2\% | 17\% | 5 | CELG | Celgene | 23\% | 0\% | 23\% |
| 6 | TSLA | Tesla | 35\% |  | 35\% | 6 | V | Visa | 16\% | 1\% | 17\% |
| 7 | GOOGL | Google | 19\% |  | 19\% | 7 | ORLY | O'Reilly Automotive | 15\% | 0\% | 15\% |
| 8 | AMZN | Amazon.com | 42\% |  | 42\% | 8 | SBUX | Starbucks | 16\% | 2\% | 20\% |
| 9 | TCEHY | Tencent | 30\% |  | 30\% | 9 | FDS | Factset Research | 10\% | 2\% | 12\% |
| 10 | WBA | Weibo | 76\% |  | 76\% | 10 | AMGN | Amgen | 8\% | 2\% | 10\% |
| 11 | MNST | Monster Beverage | 22\% |  | 22\% | 11 | AZO | Autozone, Inc. | 12\% | 0\% | 12\% |
| 12 | ULTI | Ultimate Software | 23\% |  | 23\% | 12 | ESRX | Express Scripts | 15\% | 0\% | 15\% |
| 13 | CELG | Celgene | 23\% |  | 23\% | 13 | DG | Dollar General | 11\% | 2\% | 13\% |
| 14 | HD | Home Depot | 14\% | 2\% | 16\% | 14 | SHW | Sherwin-Williams | 10\% | 1\% | 11\% |
| 15 | PCLN | Priceline.com | 16\% |  | 16\% | 15 | BCR | C.R. Bard | 12\% | 1\% | 13\% |
| 16 | BABA | Alibaba | 27\% |  | 27\% | 16 | MA | MasterCard | 15\% | 1\% | 16\% |
| 17 | V | Visa | 16\% | 1\% | 17\% | 17 | TD | TD Bank | 6\% | 4\% | 10\% |
| 18 | SBUX | Starbucks | 16\% | 2\% | 20\% | 18 | MSFT | Microsoft | 10\% | 2\% | 12\% |
| 19 | PANW | Palo Alto Networks | 42\% |  | 42\% | 19 | COST | Costco Wholesale | 10\% | 1\% | 11\% |
| 20 | NFLX | Netflix | 74\% |  | 74\% | 20 | BDX | Becton, Dickinson | 13\% | 2\% | 15\% |
| 21 | GPN | Global Payments | 23\% |  | 23\% | 21 | WBA | Walgreen's | 12\% | 2\% | 14\% |
| 22 | LKQ | LKQ Corp | 27\% |  | 27\% | 22 | JNJ | Johnson \& Johnson | 7\% | 3\% | 10\% |
| 23 | PAYC | Paycom Software | 49\% |  | 49\% | 23 | TSCO | Tractor Supply | 12\% | 1\% | 13\% |
| 24 | HOMB | Home BancShares | 17\% | 1\% | 18\% | 24 | RAI | Reynolds American | 11\% | 3\% | 14\% |
| 25 | FIVE | Five Below | 24\% |  | 24\% | 25 | SYK | Stryker | 10\% | 1\% | 11\% |
| 26 | DG | Dollar General | 11\% | 1\% | 12\% | 26 | CVS | CVS Caremark | 15\% | 1\% | 16\% |
| 27 | ORLY | O'Reilly Automotive | 15\% |  | 15\% | 27 | DIS | Disney | 10\% | 1\% | 11\% |
| 28 | ESRX | Express Scripts | 13\% |  | 13\% | 28 | ECL | Ecolab | 12\% | 1\% | 13\% |
| 29 | BWLD | Buffalo Wild Wings | 22\% |  | 22\% | 29 | MKC | McCormick | 9\% | 2\% | 11\% |
| 30 | SSNC | SS\&C Technologies | 20\% | 2\% | 22\% | 30 | HRL | Hormel Foods | 10\% | 2\% | 12\% |
| 31 | STMP | Stamps.com | 18\% |  | 18\% |  |  | Average | 13\% | 1\% | 15\% |
| 32 | ICLR | ICON | 17\% |  | 17\% |  | cks on t | the Radar |  |  |  |
| 33 | CYNO | CynoSure | 20\% |  | 20\% | 31 | JPM | JPMorgan Chase | 5\% | 2\% | 7\% |
| 34 | WBA | Walgreen's | 13\% | 2\% | 15\% | 32 | MCD | McDonald's | 10\% | 3\% | 13\% |
|  |  | Average | 27\% |  | 27\% | 33 | NKE | Nike | 13\% | 1\% | 14\% |
| Stocks on the Radar |  |  |  |  |  | 34 | FISV | Fiserv | 13\% | 0\% | 13\% |
| 35 | BFAM | Bright Horizons | 18\% |  | 18\% | 35 | MD | Mednax | 15\% | 0\% | 15\% |
| 36 | ULTA | Ulta Salon | 21\% |  | 21\% | 36 | ROST | Ross Stores | 12\% | 1\% | 13\% |
| 37 | STZ | Constellation Brands | 17\% | 1\% | 18\% | 37 | TJC | TJX Companies | 11\% | 1\% | 12\% |
| 38 | MA | MasterCard | 15\% | 1\% | 16\% | 38 | ITW | Illinois Tool Works | 8\% | 2\% | 10\% |
| 39 | OLLI | Ollie's Bargain Outlet | 19\% |  | 19\% | 39 | MTB | M\&T Bank | 5\% | 2\% | 7\% |
| 40 | UA | Under Armour | 20\% |  | 20\% | 40 | MMM | 3M | 8\% | 3\% | 11\% |


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