



## 5-Star Stocks on the Upswing

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Sadly, there's no such thing as [an ultimate buy signal](#) when it comes to investing in stocks. Identifying companies with the wind at their back takes time, patience, and a good dose of due diligence.

There is, however, an easy way to increase your odds of finding the stocks that will beat the market. At [Motley Fool CAPS](#), the Fool's investing community of more than 145,000 members, we've found that our "five-star portfolio" is up 15.31% between January 2007 and April 2009, compared to a loss of 40.6% for the S&P 500.

In order to fully capture the upside potential of those five-star stocks, it makes sense to identify them just as soon as they achieve five-star status. Fortunately, our CAPS [screener](#) now makes it possible to do this. Below, for example, is a list of companies that have been upgraded to five-star status from four stars just yesterday. These stock ideas are only a starting point, of course. Be sure to join us on [CAPS](#) to dig in even further.

Company	All-Stars Saying Outperform
<b>Ebix, Inc.</b> (Nasdaq: <a href="#">EBIX</a> )	647 of 673
<b>The Phoenix Companies, Inc.</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">PNX</a> )	171 of 188
<b>Murphy Oil Corp</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">MUR</a> )	436 of 451
<b>51job, Inc. (ADR)</b> (Nasdaq: <a href="#">JOBS</a> )	266 of 273
<b>FARO Technologies, Inc.</b> (Nasdaq: <a href="#">FARO</a> )	408 of 431

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