



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 120,000 members, we've found that five-star stocks, as a group, substantially outperform the broader market -- to the tune of [12 percentage points](#) on an annualized basis from November 2006 to July 2008.

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
Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq: AMAT)	1452 of 1530
Bayer AG (ADR) (OTC BB: BAYRY)	220 of 226
Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (NYSE: HP)	1009 of 1069
Fluor Corp (NEW) (NYSE: FLR)	845 of 876
Ebix, Inc. (Nasdaq: EBIX)	361 of 374
Parker Hannifin Corp (NYSE: PH)	453 of 466

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