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# VE View Newsletter Performance Report Summary

ValuEngine has created and tracked a variety of newsletters which reflect varying investment objectives. VE Newsletters aqllow self-directed investors to select a basket of stocks provided by ValuEngine's cutting-edge research.

This performance report covers the VE View Newsletter. All of our newsletters and strategies feature stocks selected according to specific criteria designed to meet the overall goals for return and risk. All selections are based on calculations made by ValuEngine's proprietary stock valuation and forecast models as well as additional fundamental data—market capitalization, e/p ratio, momentum, dividend schedules—where applicable, as well as other factors.

A research team of Ivy League academics and Wall St. investment professionals created ValuEngine's proprietary financial models and investment tools. This four-year effort required a team of 12 PhDs and a budget of more than \$4 million. Each ValuEngine model takes a view of the market from a different perspective and then the various outputs are combined in order to rate and rank each ticker in our universe of 5000 stocks--of which @ 500 are ADRs and foreign companies that trade on US exchanges. The two main models utilize complex mathematical modeling formulas as well as computer simulation techniques to compute what stock prices should be if the market were totally rational and efficient and what stock prices will be given the actual state of the market today.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For additional information on the academic research that serves as the basis for ValuEngine's equity research and investment tools, please see the following papers: <a href="Stock Valuation in Dynamic Economies">Stock Valuation in Dynamic Economies</a>, Bakshi, Chen, 2001; <a href="A Generalized Earnings-Based Stock Valuation Model">A Generalized Earnings-Based Stock Valuation Model</a>, Dong, Hirshleifer, 2004; <a href="Stock Valuation Model">Stock Valuation Model</a>, Chang, Chen and Dong, 1999.





The research effort resulted in the publication of a variety of theoretical research in leading academic journals. The cutting-edge theoretical financial research behind ValuEngine is often cited by other academics working in the field of quantitative finance. Because ValuEngine is an independent research provider, conflicts of interest are avoided and the attempts of investor relations people and others to garner "optimistic" coverage are mitigated. These models are fast, efficient, systematic, and--above all--objective.

One must always remember that despite the proven robustness and performance of the ValuEngine models and the scientific rigor of our research and back testing program, there is no foolproof manner of predicting market performance. ValuEngine provides an avenue to better than average returns because it applies cutting-edge financial theory to a very large universe of stocks in a manner that human beings simply cannot replicate.

ValuEngine systems evaluate fundamental data 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, they do have limitations. No research provider can quantify an unannounced M&A deal, an SEC action, a crooked CFO, an Enron, an accident, storm, or any other act of god. They certainly cannot factor the fanaticism that so many users have vis-a-vis their Macs or their iPods. They are also dependent on the quality of the financial data on which they rely--"garbage in, garbage out!"

The best way to utilize ValuEngine research is to take the data and combine it with your own analysis and read of market conditions. ValuEngine's research and tools are not meant to be utilized as a "black box," they demand human oversight and decision making. Always take model recommendations into account, but make sure you consider the sorts of qualitative data that they cannot quantify.

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# Strategy Description

The VE View Newsletter is based on a hybrid model strategy derived from both our Valuation and Forecast Models. The VE View Newsletter is designed to provide investors with strong returns, relatively low trading costs, and the relative security of larger cap stocks.

For the VE View Newsletter, the top stock selections of our Valuation and Forecast models are combined to select an initial basket of @50 equities.

Stock selections are further refined by creating a composite scoring system for all equities in the basket. Composite scores are based on valuation, one month forecast return, p/e ratio, momentum, and company size.

Stocks in the initial basket who score in the top-twenty in terms of composite score for the month are selected for the newsletter with 15 stocks are primary picks and 5 provided as alternates.

## **Benchmark Description**

The benchmark for the VE View is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500)

An index of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry grouping, among other factors. The S&P 500 is designed to be a leading indicator of U.S. equities and is meant to reflect the risk/return characteristics of the large cap universe.

Companies included in the index are selected by the S&P Index Committee, a team of analysts and economists at Standard & Poor's. The S&P 500 is a market value weighted index - each stock's weight is proportionate to its market value. The S&P 500 is one of the most commonly used benchmarks for the overall U.S. stock market.



## **Report Parameters**

VE VIEW NEWSLETTER	
Report Date	March, 2015
Time Frame	May 2005-March 2015
Strategy	View Hybrid
Size Ranking	> 60 Market Cap @ \$476 Million
Rebalancing	Monthly
Portfolio Size	15
Market Price	> \$5.00

# **Return and Volatility Table**

	ValuEngine View	S&P 500
Last 1-Yr Return	18.03%	15.68%
Last 3-Yr Return	128.01%	55.94%
Last 5-Yr Return	157.72%	97.36%
Avg Monthly Return	1.10%	0.65%
Avg Annual Return	14.04%	8.11%
Annual Volatility	28.11%	16.35%
Max Drawdown	-72.02%	-51.34%
Sharpe Ratio	0.50	0.50
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Correlation with Benchmark	0.87	1.00

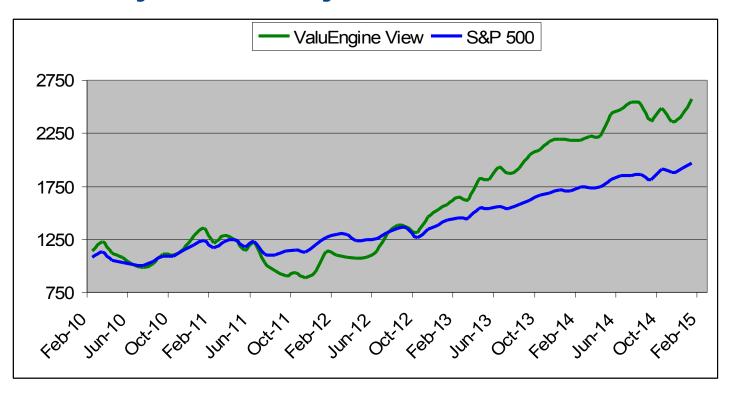
## **Annual Return Table**

Year	ValuEngine View	S&P 500
2006	11.14%	11.11%
2007	6.90%	-2.87%
2008	-58.44%	-39.00%
2009	31.25%	36.12%
2010	25.36%	13.84%
2011	-26.19%	-0.32%
2012	61.26%	15.27%
2013	43.61%	24.50%
2014	10.50%	11.90%
2015 YTD	6.20%	2.54%



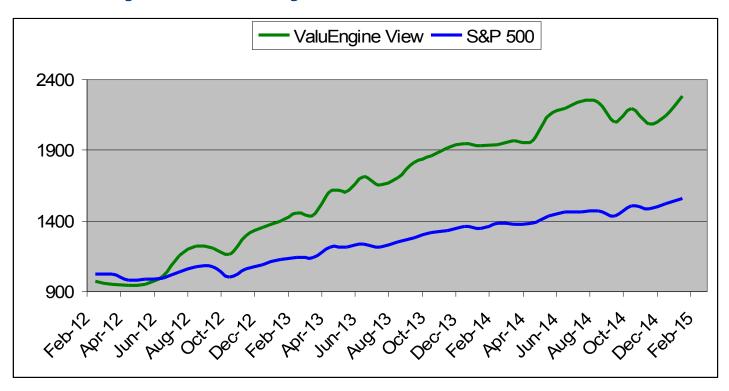
## **Wealth Accumulation Charts**

## February 2010-January 2015 Last Five Years



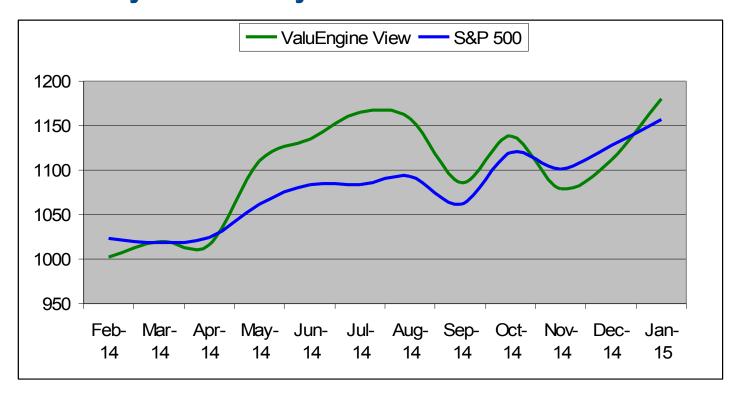


## February 2012-January 2015 Last Three Years





## February 2014-January 2015 Last Twelve Months





# **Monthly Return Table**

Month	ValuEngine View	S&P 500
May-05	8.61%	4.32%
Jun-05	8.18%	1.99%
Jul-05	5.10%	0.20%
Aug-05	3.93%	0.61%
Sep-05	-4.25%	-4.15%
Oct-05	3.37%	4.06%
Nov-05	7.44%	2.93%
Dec-05	4.97%	1.31%
Jan-06	0.78%	-0.59%
Feb-06	2.67%	1.80%
Mar-06	2.80%	-1.07%
Apr-06	-0.07%	0.42%
May-06	-12.41%	-2.96%
Jun-06	-1.77%	-1.59%
Jul-06	7.99%	4.00%
Aug-06	0.86%	2.39%
Sep-06	10.84%	3.75%
Oct-06	1.43%	2.02%
Nov-06	1.99%	2.43%
Dec-06	-2.69%	0.25%
Jan-07	6.04%	1.82%
Feb-07	-2.76%	-4.43%
Mar-07	9.73%	4.35%
Apr-07	1.83%	3.98%
May-07	4.94%	2.11%
Jun-07	4.01%	1.28%
Jul-07	-15.50%	-9.10%
Aug-07	11.46%	5.17%





Sep-07	7.21%	4.34%
Oct-07	-10.04%	-6.30%
Nov-07	1.73%	1.16%
Dec-07	-8.01%	-5.93%
Jan-08	8.59%	-2.24%
Feb-08	-4.83%	-4.58%
Mar-08	2.89%	3.59%
Apr-08	16.23%	6.51%
May-08	-2.83%	-4.46%
Jun-08	-9.26%	-10.67%
Jul-08	-2.27%	6.86%
Aug-08	-17.14%	-6.52%
Sep-08	-46.75%	-25.19%
Oct-08	-11.53%	-3.81%
Nov-08	5.90%	4.57%
Dec-08	-5.61%	-7.60%
Jan-09	-8.54%	-2.00%
Feb-09	-9.02%	-8.50%
Mar-09	11.39%	12.62%
Apr-09	5.64%	3.62%
May-09	-1.13%	4.63%
Jun-09	5.71%	1.84%
Jul-09	1.96%	6.73%
Aug-09	8.52%	4.83%
Sep-09	6.70%	4.17%
Oct-09	-1.96%	-0.28%
Nov-09	1.84%	1.32%
Dec-09	8.82%	3.66%
Jan-10	-2.42%	-5.33%
Feb-10	13.94%	7.81%
Mar-10	7.72%	4.41%
Apr-10	-8.54%	-6.19%
May-10	-3.26%	-1.80%
Jun-10	-7.08%	-1.80%
Jul-10	-2.30%	-1.45%
Aug-10	4.24%	4.21%





Sep-10	7.68%	4.58%
Oct-10	-0.20%	0.18%
Nov-10	5.42%	4.83%
Dec-10	10.35%	4.70%
Jan-11	5.77%	2.78%
Feb-11	-10.68%	-5.44%
Mar-11	6.05%	5.00%
Apr-11	-2.96%	1.37%
May-11	-8.02%	-5.24%
Jun-11	6.04%	3.83%
Jul-11	-15.52%	-9.37%
Aug-11	-6.82%	-0.34%
Sep-11	-5.20%	3.02%
Oct-11	2.68%	1.01%
Nov-11	-5.30%	-1.39%
Dec-11	7.27%	5.69%
Jan-12	19.19%	5.60%
Feb-12	-2.91%	2.43%
Mar-12	-1.77%	-0.25%
Apr-12	-0.84%	-4.32%
May-12	0.94%	1.06%
Jun-12	6.03%	0.66%
Jul-12	14.41%	4.77%
Aug-12	5.48%	2.90%
Sep-12	-0.89%	0.11%
Oct-12	-3.63%	-6.92%
Nov-12	11.24%	6.39%
Dec-12	4.25%	2.71%
Jan-13	3.51%	3.38%
Feb-13	4.13%	1.38%
Mar-13	-0.98%	-0.01%
Apr-13	11.32%	6.34%
May-13	0.02%	0.08%
Jun-13	6.47%	1.48%
Jul-13	-3.39%	-1.43%
Aug-13	2.87%	2.74%





Sep-13	6.56%	2.09%
Oct-13	2.33%	3.16%
Nov-13	3.52%	1.27%
Dec-13	1.17%	1.83%
Jan-14	-0.58%	-0.82%
Feb-14	0.20%	2.38%
Mar-14	1.72%	-0.53%
Apr-14	-0.24%	0.56%
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Jun-14	2.18%	2.04%
Jul-14	2.62%	0.00%
Aug-14	-0.53%	0.88%
Sep-14	-6.26%	-2.89%
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ValuEngine's research combines the most advanced academic concepts with real world Wall Street practice. The result is state-of-the-art fair market valuation and price forecasting technologies.

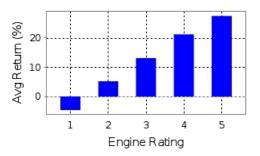
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