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## 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 125,000 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
<b>Brasil Telecom Part. S.A. (ADR)</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">BRP</a> )	350 of 359
<b>Ebix, Inc.</b> (Nasdaq: <a href="#">EBIX</a> )	372 of 386
<b>Nabors Industries Ltd.</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">NBR</a> )	1048 of 1094
<b>Preformed Line Products Company</b> (Nasdaq: <a href="#">PLPC</a> )	194 of 198
<b>Allegheny Technologies, Inc.</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">ATI</a> )	1102 of 1151
<b>Noble Energy, Inc.</b> (NYSE: <a href="#">NBL</a> )	337 of 343

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