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3 Stocks That Blew the Market Away

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Don't settle for ordinary quarterly reports.

I take a look at three companies that beat market expectations every week, because I believe that it's the biggest factor in a stock beating the market. Leaving Wall Street's pros with stunned expressions can be a good thing. It usually means that the companies have more in the tank than analysts figured. Capital appreciation typically follows.

Let's take a look at a few companies that humbled the prognosticators over the past few trading days.

We can start with **priceline.com** (Nasdaq: [PCLN](#)). The "name your price" travel website earned [\\$5.33 a share](#) in its latest quarter, well ahead of the \$4.97 a share that Wall Street had expected.

The results were enough to send priceline.com shares off to their highest levels since the dot-com bubble popped, but investors should have seen this one coming. The travel portal has obliterated Wall Street's profit targets on a quarterly basis for years. It also only helps that deals publisher **Travelzoo** (Nasdaq: [TZOO](#)) and rival travel portals **Expedia** (Nasdaq: [EXPE](#)) and **Orbitz Worldwide** (NYSE: [OWW](#)) all landed well ahead of bottom-line projections during the same quarter.

LDK Solar (NYSE: [LDK](#)) became the latest solar energy stock to take off after a market-thumping report. The company earned [\\$0.72 a share](#) in its latest quarter, ahead of both the \$0.29 a share it delivered a year ago and the \$0.43 a share that Mr. Market had set his sights on.

Then we have **Ebix** (Nasdaq: [EBIX](#)), which provides cloud computing solutions for the insurance industry. It rang up another blowout quarter, with revenue and net income up 43% and 77%, respectively. Ebix's profit of \$0.43 a share crushed the market's target of \$0.32 a share.

It's important to keep watching the companies that surpass expectations. Over time, it will be a lucrative experience for investors as the market rewards the overachievers. That's the kind of surprise that we look for in the [Rule Breakers](#) newsletter service. Want in? Check out a [30-day trial subscription](#).

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