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The Best Investing Ideas in the Services Sector

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Chasing highfliers is a sucker's game. But tracking monthly trends across the market can lead to great investment ideas, as well as shed new light on stocks you already have in your portfolio.

Let's take a look at the biggest movers in the Services sector. These stocks -- which include companies from the air freight and logistics, commercial services and supplies, media, software, and chemicals sectors -- have clocked some of the biggest gains during the last month.

Service market movers

Company	Industry	CAPS Rating	30-Day Return	Market Cap	Price / Earnings
Pacer International (Nasdaq: <u>PACR</u>)	Air Freight and Logistics	***	129.23%	228.45M	3.04
Bowne & Co. (NYSE: <u>BNE</u>)	Commercial Services and Supplies	**	78.92%	452.67M	39.60
Carmike Cinemas	Media	*	72.63%	164.52M	37.29
TiVo (Nasdaq: <u>TIVO</u>)	Software	**	79.63%	1.81B	12.06

Those returns are certainly eye-catching. But do these highfliers have staying power?

Let's see what The Motley Fool <u>CAPS</u> community (more than 160,000 investors strong) has to say about the best plays in the Services market.

And the next big winners are ...

The following service stocks are of similar size in comparable industries to the ones in the previous chart. However, these are companies that CAPS members think have more promising future returns than the ones already making waves.

CAPS community service favorites

CAPS Market Price / Fools Company Industry Rating Cap Earnings Outperform

Standex (NYSE: SXI)	Industrial	****	331.10M	1164 43	38 of 41	
(Alternative for <u>PACR</u>)	Conglomerates		5511101	1 10 11 10		
Ennis (NYSE: <u>EBF</u>)	Commercial Services and	****	416.50M	5.61	91 of 95	
(Alternative for <u>BNE</u>) Fisher	Supplies					
Communications (Nasdaq: <u>FSCI</u>)	Media	****	131.31M	14.02	19 of 26	
(Alternative for <u>CKEC</u>)						
Ebix (Nasdaq: <u>EBIX</u>)	Software	****	1.75B	18.1	874 of 891	
(Alternative for TIVO)						

Of course, some of today's winners might continue to rack up outsize returns. But isn't it better to snag tomorrow's winners before they start running up?

Find out if your hot stocks still have sizzle

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