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Introduction

Hi, Roger Michalski here, publisher at Eagle Financial Publications.

Recently, I asked our six analysts at Eagle -- a group with more than 150 collective years of experience in the financial markets -- to give our readers something new.

In short, I asked each of our six experts to closely examine their investment portfolios -- and hand-pick their two favorite stock recommendations for 2023.

And for good reason.

Our experts have been through every boom and bust of the last four decades and understand that achieving wealth in America most often comes from prudent investing and opportunistic trading -- even in the most volatile of times.

So, let's get at it. Below, please find our *Top 12 Stocks for 2024* report, from the experts at Eagle Financial:

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #1: **Harmony Gold (HMY)** Jon Johnson



Harmony Gold Mining Company LTD mines gold at the surface and underground, primarily in South Africa (Krugerrands have to come from somewhere). There are two main things I like about HMY.

First, with the economic indicators struggling with a very uneven economic condition in the United States and quite weak economies elsewhere, the risks of ongoing stagflation (yes, it is the 70's show again) and recession, precious metals miners tend to perform well.

Second, HMY is a technical leader in the group, forming a large, 12-month inverted head-and-shoulders pattern through April. That is an upside pattern that has yielded us great returns ever since exiting the financial crisis. That the pattern is of significant length, it sets the foundation for a significant move.

Further, its chart shows a strong upward trend. It's set to continue a strong move upward and liquid enough to maintain it.



Courtesy of Stockcharts.com

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #2: **ProShares Bitcoin Strategy ETF (BITO)**Jon Johnson



BITO is an ETF that does a pretty accurate job of tracking Bitcoin's moves. It is also at a price that more people can afford, rather than actually buying Bitcoin. Sure, your gains are measured in dollars, but if you make enough, you can convert them to anything you desire.

With an average daily volume of upward of seven million shares there is plenty of liquidity – options are available as well. I feel the ongoing de-dollarization, as well as continued overspending and Federal Reserve liquidity backing each crisis, Bitcoin – and thus BITO – will continue the move higher from the lows in late 2022.

As BITO tracks Bitcoin, I want to use it as an easy and leveraged way to play Bitcoin's recovery.



Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #3: **Meta Platforms, Inc. (META)** Jim Woods



Meta Platforms, Inc., formerly Facebook Inc., is a multinational technology conglomerate based in California. It owns numerous social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, and are engaged in numerous other projects. Currently, Meta is among the 10 largest publicly traded corporations in the U.S.

Meta has been a juggernaut thus far in 2024. Shares for the company have been up almost 66% year to date. In addition, Meta is set to cut around 10,000 more jobs, which, when combined with its previous 11,000 job cuts back in November, will lead to 21,000 laid-off individuals. This will help its stock price.

The turmoil in the banking industry earlier this year has also led to more risk-on bidding in higher-beta technology stocks, putting Meta in a favorable spot. Currently, the stock is breaking out of its latest cup-with-handle base pattern and is on the move higher.



Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #4: **DraftKings Inc. (DKNG)** Jim Woods



Founded in 2011, DraftKings is a Boston-based powerhouse digital sports entertainment and gaming company. It offers multi-channel sports betting and gaming technologies along with powering sports and gaming entertainment for operators in 17 different countries.

Moreover, DraftKings Inc. operates two separate gaming brands throughout the United States: it operates iGaming through its DraftKings brand in five states, and Golden Nugget Online Gaming, an iGaming product and gaming brand throughout three other states.

DKNG also offers a live Sportsbook which offers mobile and/or retail betting operations in the United States (pursuant to regulation) in 18 states. Its daily fantasy sports product is available in six countries internationally and provides 15 distinctive sports categories.

Additionally, DraftKings Inc. offers DraftKings Marketplace, which is a digital collectibles arena designed for mainstream accessibility that provides curated NFT drops (pre-announcements for coin-based sales) and supports secondary market transactions. It also owns Vegas Sports Information Network (VSiN) – a multiplatform broadcast and content company.

Currently, DKNG is trading at \$33.76 and has a market cap of around \$16 billion. Overall, DKNG may be a promising long-term prospect in the sports-betting industry given the company's potential. What it lacks in earnings at the moment, it makes up for in revenue growth and is revered as one of the leaders in the online betting megatrend.



Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #5: **Brookfield Infrastructure (BIPC)**Dr. Mark Skousen

Brookfield

Brookfield Infrastructure Corp. (NYSE: BIPC) was formed in May 2020 as an alternative to the Brookfield Infrastructure Partners (NYSE: BIP), a limited partnership that is subject to complex tax reporting.

To avoid those tax complications, Mark Skousen, Ph.D., chose to recommend BIPC in November 2021 to subscribers of his monthly *Forecasts & Strategies* investment newsletter. Based in Toronto, Brookfield Infrastructure Corp. is a subsidiary of its parent company Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE: BAM), a giant asset management firm that has been around since the 1980s and managed by CEO James B. Platt.

Skousen, who personally met Platt in late 2021 at the Baron Investment Conference, said he came away impressed with the executive's experience and technology knowledge. Plus, BIPC is a well-diversified investor in infrastructure assets, including electric utilities, data centers, fiber networks, oil & gas pipelines and telecom towers across North and South America, Asia-Pacific and Europe.

In addition, BIPC's operations are sufficiently profitable to pay a solid and growing dividend, which is currently at \$1.53 annually, equaling a 3.39% dividend yield. Brookfield Infrastructure is on track to see a strong year with a market cap of roughly \$5 billion and a price-to-earnings ratio of 4.64.

As the global economy has reopened, Brookfield has taken advantage of it with new acquisitions, such as the Inter Pipeline in Western Canada. Brookfield is using these funds to invest in "once in a lifetime" opportunities to replace aging data infrastructure and assist utilities and midstream assets with developing more sustainable operating models. One example is its \$500 million investment in the Australian regulated utility, AusNet Services.



Brookfield Infrastructure Corp. offers the prospect of capital appreciation, good management and dividend payouts. With inflation and geopolitical risks weighing down many stocks, BIPC seems much more likely to produce positive returns.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #6: **Main Street Capital Corp. (MAIN)**Dr. Mark Skousen



Main Street Capital (NYSE: MAIN) is considered the best of the breed when it comes to business development companies (BDCs).

Based in Houston, MAIN is a BDC that makes equity investments and loans money to small- and mid-sized companies. Typically, these businesses are cash flow positive, with revenue between \$10 million and \$100 million.

Main Street is well diversified. It has investments that exceed its cost basis in each of its three areas of financing, and the company is well positioned to take advantage of new opportunities.

MAIN saw a strong 2023, with a quarterly dividend of \$2.82 and an annual yield of 7.01%. It's a flush company with a market cap of over \$3.4 billion and a strong forward outlook.

Wall Street analysts consider Main Street Capital the "best dividend stock in America," due to its top management team, insider buying and rising dividend policy.

Management has continued to accumulate more and more shares of its own stock. Main Street's management team and directors own nearly a tenth of the company. MAIN also trades at a premium over the average BDC -- and for good reason.

It has a low-cost operating structure, where less than 16% of its revenue is consumed by operating expenses (others exceed 35%). It also has profited handsomely from its equity and warrants positions in its portfolio of middle-market companies.

MAIN is the lowest-cost firm in the industry that also has a rising dividend policy. It is rare to find a stock with a high yield, growing dividend, a very solid management team and good prospects.



Although MAIN did experience a drop in share price, it has regained those losses, and its relatively steady uptrend over the years illustrates how this downturn will likely be insignificant in the long run.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #7: **Petrobras Brasileiro (PBR)** Bryan Perry



The next pick comes from income-oriented financial expert Bryan Perry. Petrobras is the largest company in Brazil among all sectors and the seventh-biggest oil company in the world. The Brazilian government has a controlling interest with 54% of the shares, giving Petrobras a wealth of support.

As reported by Nasdaq.com, Brazil's state-run energy giant stated that its overall oil and gas production for 2022 was 2.684 million barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day, slightly exceeding its full-year target of 2.6 million boe/day. The company refines this mass of oil through its 13 oil refineries with a capacity of 2.2 million barrels per day, then distributes the products throughout South America and worldwide.

While the company has historically lagged behind its competitors in its stock price, this was largely due to publicity scandals of the past. In terms of raw production efficiency and the cost to pull oil out of the ground, Petrobras is several strides ahead of its peers.

The gradual resolution of supply chain issues, coupled with the increased demand for oil, are causing a price hike in Petrobras and similar companies. Petrobras management is so confident about increasing profitability that it is hiking its dividend aggressively. In 2018, the company paid an annual dividend of \$0.13. In 2019, it paid \$0.25, nearly twice as much. Currently, the company pays a quarterly dividend of \$0.75, and has an annual dividend yield of 25.05%.

The oil company reports that this dividend is going to keep going up. Petrobras is forecasting a 20% dividend yield every year in the next five years, provided oil

stays above \$65 a barrel. This is absolutely plausible, and even if the price of oil drops and stays only above \$40 a barrel, the company is still poised to maintain its high dividend.



A play on Petrobras is a bet on the increasing demand for oil and the profits it brings being paid directly back to shareholders in the form of high dividends. Dividend investors especially should be very excited about this opportunity.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #8: **Rocket Companies, Inc.** (**RKT**) Bryan Perry



Rocket Companies Inc. (**RKT**) -- formerly Quicken Loans -- is one of those companies whose stock is under steady accumulation by CEO Jay Farmer and other directors and officers. Rocket is the largest mortgage lender in the United States, having underwritten \$342 billion in mortgages in 2022.

Shares of Rocket have been crushed as the Fed has aggressively raised interest rates, which have translated into the average 30-year mortgage now being quoted at 6.95% on a national basis. New home and existing home sales have been pressured as a result of the Fed orchestrating a policy designed to bring housing prices down.

CEO Jay Farner has purchased a total of \$10.38 million since mid-September of \$10.38 million. As of July 13, 2023, Jay Farner owns 6,145,007 shares of RKT with a value of over \$63 million. When I see this kind of aggressive accumulation in a stock by its CEO, he is exhibiting an extremely high level of confidence in the company's business model.

The market cap of Rocket Companies is around \$28 billion, and I wanted to have a pure play on a Fed pivot in a stock that could easily double or triple when the market turns bullish on the sector. And quite frankly, bullish sentiment is just now showing up with the recent price action in shares of RKT.

The stock was trading at \$16 a year ago when the Fed began to tighten. Being we are nearing the end of the rate tightening cycle; the market will anticipate mortgage rates coming down and home buying and selling activity picking back up. Investors should get in front of this transition, follow the lead of a CEO who is buying his company's stock hand over fist and look for a powerful rebound in the share price in the months ahead.



Trading just above \$14, roughly 30% of the stock float is short, setting the stage for a meme-sized short squeeze at the appropriate time. If you believe in the long-term U.S. housing market... buy Rocket.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #9: **iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond (TLT)**Bob Carlson



Invest in **iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond (TLT)**, advises Bob Carlson, a pension fund chairman who also serves as the editor of *Retirement Watch*.

Bonds had a bad year in 2022. It was the worst year ever for bonds, according to some measures. When interest rates rise, bonds lose value. The longer the term of the bond, the more it loses. TLT lost more than 26% as of Dec. 10, and it was down much more before a rally in November and early December.

But when interest rates decline, bond values increase. Long-term bonds rise the most in value when rates fall.

It's likely the Federal Reserve will stop tightening monetary policy by then or soon after. Economic growth should be declining, and so should inflation. Market interest rates should fall before the Fed begins its easing policy. In this environment, long-term treasury bonds should generate significant capital gains by the end of 2023 and into 2024. In the meantime, investors will capture the yield on the bonds.



The main risk is that inflation doesn't decline fast enough. In that case, the Fed will maintain its tighter monetary policy longer and delay the switch to an easier monetary policy.

Another risk is that the Fed begins cutting interest rates before inflation is close to its target rate. The Fed might do that if inflation becomes stuck around 4% but the economy is in a recession. The Fed might be unable to resist giving into complaints that its policy is too tight and causing too much economic pain. If that happens, we'll be in for a period of stagflation during which bond prices will fluctuate a lot but are likely to have negative returns much of the time.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #10: **Franklin FTSE Japan Hedged (FLJH) Bob Carlson**



Japan's depression and bear market that began in the late 1980s appear finally to be ending. Inflation recently topped 2%. Japan's policymakers say they're committed to increasing growth and are encouraging corporations to be more shareholder friendly. Policymakers won't worry if the yen declines against the dollar or inflation continues to rise.

While still below their peak of the late 1980s, Japan's stock indexes reached 30-year highs by mid-2023. The stocks still sell at discounts to comparable U.S. stocks.

Among the many quality ETFs that invest in Japan, I recommend **Franklin FTSE Japan Hedged (FLJH).**

The ETF tracks the FTSE Japan index, owning primarily large and mid-size companies and buying both value and growth stocks. Top sectors in the fund recently were industrials, technology, consumer cyclical and financial services. It recently held 516 positions with 20% of the fund in the 10 largest holdings. Top holdings were Toyota, Sony, Keyence, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial and Daiichi Sankyo.



The fund hedges its portfolio against declines in the yen against the dollar, boosting U.S. investors' returns when the stocks rise and the yen declines. The fund's 2023 returns are higher than those of unhedged ETFs because the yen has been falling.

FLJH lost 2.60% in 2022 but returned 28.10% in the first half of 2023.

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #11: Weebit Nano (ASX: WBT) George Gilder



Weebit Nano (ASX: WBT) is an Australian-based startup that has created a revolutionary solid-state, non-volatile semiconductor memory device using technology from Professor Jim Tour's Rice University lab. Compared to today's dominant "Flash" solid state memories, Weebit's devices are faster, more enery efficient, have better endurance, are able to scale to nanometer process levels below the limits of flash and are more cost effective. Flash memories are currently a nearly \$80 billion annual market, and Weebit is a coming challenger.

Weebit recently announced that its chips were "fully qualified" by Skywater, a U.S.-based chip foundry, for manufacture at high temperature while displaying high endurance, great data retention and retention after cycling, exhibiting a robust lifetime performance. Within the semiconductor industry, such "qualifications" are a big deal and significantly bolster Weebit's credibility with customers.



Courtesy of Yahoo Finance

Top 12 Stocks for 2024 #12: **Dotz Nano (ASX: DTZ) George Gilder**



Dotz Nano (ASX: DTZ) is an Israeli-based company that operates on the Australian stock exchange. The company aims to conquer the anti-counterfeiting market (which costs the global economy as much as \$3 trillion a year) via its graphene-based nanomachines.

Dotz's nanomachines are less than 100 billionths of a meter across and both receive infrared light signals and respond with visible light messages. Mixed with another material, these nanocosmic messengers faultlessly identify objects ranging from designer handbags to petroleum from a particular source and can also be used to detect toxic molecules showing up where they shouldn't.

Dotz's carbon nano particles (GQDs for Graphene Quantum Dots) are the basis for the firm's first product, ValidotzTM, a family of tuned optical taggants that have been implemented in polymers, oils, paints, lubricants, fabrics, adhesives, inks and more. The firm's InSpecTM family of hand-held detection devices then scan the product and collect the reflecting signature signal. From the scans, a cloud-based management platform yields a comprehensive map of events along the production and supply chain, pinpointing instances of chemical disruption, dilution, leakage or theft.



Courtesy of Yahoo Finance

DOTZ became public at a much earlier stage than most start-ups, and sales were less than \$200,000 over the last 12 months. DTZ's current \$67 million market cap could boom in the near future, It will take years for the company to reach its full potential, yet we believe can rise 50-100% within six-18 months.

I hope you enjoyed our *Top 12 Stocks for 2024* special report, and be sure to keep an eye out in your email inbox for a personal note from each of our five experts here at Eagle Financial.

Kind regards,

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His latest book is <u>Invest Like a Fox...Not Like a Hedgehog</u>, published by John Wiley & Co. in 2007. His previous book was <u>The New Rules of Retirement</u>, as published by John Wiley & Co. in the fall of 2004.

He has written numerous other books and reports, including *Tax Wise Money Strategies*, *Retirement Tax Guide*, *How to Slash Your Mutual Fund Taxes*, *Bob Carlson's Estate Planning Files* and *199 Loopholes That Survived Tax Reform*. He also has been interviewed by or quoted in numerous publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Reader's Digest, Barron's*, *AARP Bulletin, Money, Worth, Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, the *Washington Post* and many others. He is past editor of *Tax Wise Money*.

The Washington Post calls Bob's advice, "smart... savvy... sensible... valuable and imaginative." He's been widely quoted in *The Wall Street Journal, CNN, CBS MarketWatch.com. SmartMoney.com, Reader's Digest, Barron's, AARP Bulletin* ... just to name a few. You can also hear Bob as a featured guest on nationally syndicated radio shows, such as *The Retirement Hour, Dateline Washington, Family News in Focus, The Michael Reagan Show, Money Matters* and *The Stock Doctor*.

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Wall Street Journal's Smart Money Magazine, Bloomberg, Kiplinger Personal Finance Magazine, Houston Chronicle, Business Week, Money Magazine and other news magazines. He was even featured in Forbes.com's Best of The Web online edition.

Jon holds business and law degrees from the University of Texas in Austin, and has practiced commercial litigation and oil and gas law, arguing before the Texas Supreme Court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

During his law career, Jon became very interested in investing and entrepreneurship, as he worked with many dynamic clients. He became an investor in several small businesses. Today, he owns and helps operate private companies. Jon educated himself in investing and trading by reading everything he could find on markets. From there, he developed his own trading and investing style. It became so successful that his brokers asked if they could follow his trades themselves and with their clients. That soon morphed into him providing investment and education services to clients and then offering his insights through *Investment House*.

For the past 21 years, Jon has helped thousands of clients gain success in the financial markets through his newsletters and education services. His philosophy in investing and trading is to take what the market gives you, regardless of if that is the upside or downside. The goal, of course, is to make money... which leads to his definition of success: Doing what you want to do when you want to do it.



For over a decade, Bryan Perry has brought his expertise on high-yielding investments to his *Cash Machine* subscribers. Before launching the *Cash Machine* advisory service, Bryan spent more than 20 years working as a financial adviser for major Wall Street firms, including Bear Stearns, Paine Webber and Lehman Brothers.

Bryan co-hosted weekly financial news shows on the Bloomberg affiliate radio network from 1997 to 1999, and he's frequently quoted by *Forbes*, *Business Week* and CBS' *MarketWatch*. He often participates as a guest speaker on numerous investment forums and regional money shows around the nation. With over three decades of experience inside Wall Street, Bryan has proved himself to be an asset to subscribers who are looking to receive a juicy check in the mail each month, quarter or year.

Bryan's experience has given him a unique approach to high-yield investing: He combines his insights into dividend-paying investments with in-depth fundamental research in order to pick stocks with high dividend yields and potential capital appreciation.

In addition to *Cash Machine*, Bryan provides a supplemental service called *Premium Income*, which gives subscribers a unique way to generate additional income on the *Cash Machine* stocks. He also offers several other trading services designed to maximize income generation while playing a variety of market trends: *Quick Income Trader*, *Breakout Options Alert* and *Hi-Tech Trader*.



Mark Skousen, Ph. D., editor of *Forecasts & Strategies*, is a nationally known investment expert, economist, university professor and author of more than 25 books. In July 2018, Dr. Skousen was awarded the inaugural Triple Crown in Economics for his work in economic theory, history and education, and has been identified as one of the 20 most influential living economists.

He earned his Ph. D. in monetary economics at George Washington University in 1977. He has taught economics and finance at Columbia Business School, Columbia University, Barnard College, Mercy College, Rollins College and Chapman University. In August 2022, Dr. Skousen was named the first Doti-Spogli Chair in Free Enterprise at Chapman University for his work highlighting the benefits of economic freedom. He also has been a consultant to IBM, Hutchinson Technology and other Fortune 500 companies.

Since 1980, Skousen has been editor-in-chief of *Forecasts & Strategies*, a popular award-winning investment newsletter. He also is editor of four trading services, *Five Star Trader*, *Home Run Trader*, *Fast Money Alert* and *TNT Trader*.

He is the producer of FreedomFest, "the world's largest gathering of free minds," which meets every July (www.freedomfest.com). FreedomFest attracts several thousand people from around the world.

He is a former analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, a columnist to *Forbes* magazine (1997-2001) and past president of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) in New York.

He has written articles for the *Wall Street Journal, Reason, The Daily Caller, Christian Science Monitor* and *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*. He has appeared on CNBC, ABC, CNN, Fox News and C-SPAN Book TV.

Based on his work "The Structure of Production" (NYU Press, 1990), the federal government began publishing a broader, more accurate measure of the economy, Gross Output (GO), every quarter along with gross domestic product (GDP). It is the first macro statistic of the economy to be published quarterly since GDP was invented in the 1940s.



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His books include co-authoring, "Billion Dollar Green: Profit from the Eco Revolution," and "The Wealth Shield: How to Invest and Protect Your Money from Another Stock Market Crash, Financial Crisis or Global Economic Collapse." He's also ghostwritten many books and articles, as well as edited content for some of the investment industry's biggest luminaries.

MoneyShow ranked Jim as the #1 Stock picker in 2022. His Top Pick was the #1 Performing Stock out of 120 in the MoneyShow's 2022 Top Pro's' Top Picks Report. His pick led the way out of the picks of the nation's leading financial experts.

His articles have appeared on many leading financial websites, including InvestorPlace.com, Main Street Investor, MarketWatch, Street Authority, Human Events and many others.

Jim formerly worked with *Investor's Business Daily* founder William J. O'Neil, helping to author training courses in the CANSLIM stock-picking methodology.

TipRanks, an independent ranking firm, recently named Jim #1 financial blogger (out of 14,000). And over the last year TipRanks calculates his success rate at 73% and a +16.3% average return per recommendation.

Jim holds a BA in philosophy from the University of California in Los Angeles and is a former U.S. Army paratrooper. A self-described "radical for capitalism," he celebrates the virtue of making money from his Southern California horse ranch.

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