

Magazine Stock Picking Contests which Michael Markowski has been a contestant

Trophy Investing's expert Michael Markowski was named as one of Fortune Magazine's top 50 investors in an article, "[Top Picks from 50 Great Investors](#)", that appeared in its 2004 Investor Guide issue. Each of the 50 who were named provided Fortune with their favorite stock pick. The web conferencing company, Webex, which was Markowski's pick was subsequently acquired by Cisco Systems for a 200% gain. Michael Markowski has competed in numerous stock picking contests sponsored by Magazines.

The data in the table below pertains to the performance of the stock picks that Michael Markowski provided to Fortune and Equities Magazines between 2004 and 2008. Four of the five picks that Mr. Markowski gave to the magazines between 2004 and 2008 were acquired for cash.

Performance of stock picks provided to Equities and Fortune Magazine by Michael Markowski for annual stock picking contests as of 11/01/17					
Magazine	Year	Pick	Pick Price	Price @9/30/14	% change
Fortune Magazine	2004	Webex	\$19.00	\$57.00*	200%
Equities Magazine	2005	United Online (UNTD)	\$11.32	\$8.41*	-26%
Equities Magazine	2006	Info Crossing	\$8.20	\$18.70*	128%
Equities Magazine	2007	Net Scout (NTCT)	\$8.15	\$28.85	253%
Equities Magazine	2008	Transcend Services	\$15.50	\$29.50*	90%

*Acquired for cash

The table below includes performance data and rankings for Michael Markowski, Mario Gabelli and Larry Rader who were contestants in the Equities Magazine annual stock picking contests between 2005 and 2008. CNBC's Jim Cramer only competed against Markowski, Gabelli and Rader in the 2007 Equities Magazine contest.

Equities Magazine's rankings and performance of picks for Michael Markowski, Larry Rader and Mario Gabelli for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007

Expert	Year	Ranking	% change
M. Markowski	2005	3/11	+28%
L. Rader		9/11	-34%
M. Gabelli		10/11	-38%
M. Markowski	2006	4/9	+50%
M. Gabelli		5/9	+45%
L. Rader		6/9	+23%
M. Markowski	2007	2/10	+27%
M. Gabelli		3/10	+19%
J. Cramer		4/10	-13%
L. Rader		6/10	-50%

Mr. Gabelli, Mr. Rader and Mr. Cramer; who are highlighted in the table above; were the three best known and most formidable contestants which Mr. Markowski competed against in the annual stock picking contests that were held by Equities Magazine. Mario Gabelli was named [Mutual Fund Manager of the year in 1997](#) and was [Wall Street's highest paid CEO for 2013](#). Larry Rader spent 15 years as Merrill Lynch's [Director of its Emerging Growth Stock Group](#). *A year after Mr. Markowski began his career with Merrill Lynch, Mr. Rader became his mentor when he joined the firm in 1978, as its emerging growth company analyst.*