

GLNG

The stock pick of the week is Golar LNG Limited, also known by its ticker GLNG. Golar LNG Limited is a midstream LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) company. It focuses on the liquefaction, storage, transportation, and re-gasification of LNG, providing services to the LNG industry. They own and operate LNG carriers and FSRUs (Floating Storage and Regasification Units), and are also involved in developing FLNGs (Floating Liquefaction Natural Gas vessels). Additionally, they invest in downstream power projects through a joint venture.

Firstly, is that although GLNG has had its ups and downs, it has overall been up, and it has just come off a good upward trend, but the stock has gone sideways recently. I do think that another upward trend will form. Especially in the long term, I think that this stock has a lot of potential and will go up a lot more. The stock ended the week down 0.50% and was down 0.55% for the day(6/27), sitting at \$41.42. The stock is right on the 15-day EMA, but it is 2.6% above its 50-day SMA. GLNG has had a strong recovery from its March lows and remains in a longer-term uptrend, confirmed by a golden cross and support holding near the 50 and 180 SMAs. However, in the short term, momentum has clearly slowed, and SAR has flipped bearish. We are now at an inflection zone: if \$39 fails to hold, expect further downside toward \$36.50. If bulls defend this support and reclaim \$42+, it opens the door for a retest of April highs and potential breakout toward \$48+. Traders should remain cautious but opportunistic — this setup favors a **buy-the-dip** strategy near long-term support or **momentum buying** above \$44.70.

Secondly, is that this stock is relatively safe and recession-proof, but if oil prices do go down, this stock will suffer as the rest of the sector would. I think that the stock is pretty safe because they are in the oil and gas pipeline business, and they deal with transporting natural gas and oil, which is essential in most places. It is a stock that has gone under the radar and is not one of your more popular pipeline stocks like Cheniere, but those are more overvalued and aren't going to give big returns in the long run like how GLNG will. It is also projected to continue to increase its cash pile, which could indicate more buybacks and excess cash that can fund multiple growth projects while paying dividends.

Thirdly, are GLNG's analyst ratings. TradingView analysts rate the stock a strong buy, and have an average price target of \$50.90 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates GLNG a strong buy and has a price target of \$51.83. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate the stock a buy and have a price target of \$50.90 for it. Marketbeat rates GLNG a buy and has a price target of \$50.88 for it. Benzinga rates the stock a buy, but has a price target of \$41.69 for the stock.

Lastly, is that in the short-term to mid-term, we see this stock hitting \$50–\$60, but in the long-term, we can expect a 100% increase, and even the stock hitting \$97, even with buybacks and dividends. This target may sound ambitious, but when we zoom out and look at the fundamental trajectory—expanding FLNG assets, strengthening free cash flow, and a management team committed to shareholder returns—it starts to look much more attainable. If

the company continues to compound its earnings and reinvest smartly while maintaining a lean capital structure, the runway for long-term growth is substantial.

GSL

The stock pick of the week is Global Ship Lease, also known by its ticker GSL. Global Ship Lease (GSL) is a containership owner and lessor. They purchase containerships and then lease them to container shipping companies under fixed-rate charters. Essentially, they provide the ships that transport goods in containers around the world, generating revenue through the leasing agreements. A Value Investors Club article written by RockMirror on May 2nd 2025, opened my eyes to this stock and gave me an idea to do my own analysis on the stock. I will refer to his article sometimes in this stock pick. He highlighted that, GSL is a container ship lessor trading far below its value. With no new ships on order, a \$1.9B NAV, and only \$500M in net debt, its \$1.3B enterprise value looks cheap. It's delivered ~30% ROEs over the past 3 years and is expected to generate \$200M in free cash flow by 2026, against just an \$800M market cap. These are just some useful facts to keep in mind.

Firstly, GSL has shown strong technical momentum. After bottoming around \$17.73 in early April, the stock has rallied nearly 50%, now trading at \$26.73. It's consistently holding above both its 50-day and 180-day moving averages, which confirms the bullish trend. The 50-day has recently crossed above the 180-day (a golden cross), a classic sign of a long-term reversal. The stock has been consolidating just below \$27, and a breakout above this level could quickly push it back toward the recent high of \$30. Meanwhile, support sits around \$24.50, and as long as it holds above this level, the setup remains strong. GSL ended the day(7/3) up 0.73% and up 1.52% for the week. They also provide a fairly high dividend at %7, which provides a good guaranteed return from the stock. Another plus sign is that the P/E ratio is an extremely low 2.51. Indication that the stock is extremely undervalued.

Secondly, is that the stock has very low volatility. Making it fairly predictable and not subject to significant changes in stock price. The stock has also been steadily going up, making the growth and momentum very sustainable. But I would also add that the stock is fairly risky. The main reason is because of the extremely high trade uncertainty. We don't know if this trade war and tariffs will worsen or get better. If the trade uncertainty gets better, then GSL will benefit because there will be an increase in trade. So, more ships will need to be leased. But if the trade uncertainty gets worse than trade will drop massively, and there will be less of a need for ships and vessels. So there will be less demand for GSL.

Thirdly, GSL's analyst ratings. TradingView rated the stock a buy and set a price target of \$31.25. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate the stock as overweight and set a price target of \$31.25. Marketbeat rates GSL a moderate buy and has a price target of \$29 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates GSL a strong buy with a price target of \$30. Benzinga rates the stock a buy with a price target of \$30.

Lastly, Valuing GSL is tricky, but useful data points exist. Its \$1.9B net asset value (NAV) seems realistic, as peer companies like MPC Container Ships have sold vessels at or above book. GSL has \$1.88B in contracted revenue (weighted average charter length of 2.3 years), which could generate ~\$1.1B in cash earnings, assuming a conservative 60% EBITDA margin and modest expenses. The company has already generated nearly \$1B in free cash flow over the past 3 years. GSL earns ~\$30K/day per ship, while breakeven for a decent return is ~\$21–22K. These are unusually strong returns (~30% ROE), which aren't sustainable forever. But even if returns normalize, the stock should trade closer to book value—say 0.8–1.0x P/B, instead of today's ~0.5x.

ANF

The stock pick of the week is Abercrombie and Fitch, also known by its ticker ANF. Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (A&F) is a global, omnichannel specialty retailer that designs and markets apparel and accessories for men, women, and kids. They operate under various brands, including Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister, and sell their products through e-commerce websites and physical stores across North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. This stock came onto my radar from reading a value investor article by bdon99, where he talked about different aspects of the company and how their stock price has rebounded. Which then prompted me to do my own analysis of the stock. So I will be referring to some of the ideas and stats he stated in his article. ANF has no financial debt, nearly \$900 million in cash, and is actively buying back shares under a \$1.3 billion repurchase plan, with the ability to retire up to a quarter of its shares at current prices. With a deeply discounted valuation (trading at ~4x EBIT), diversified sourcing, and promising franchise and licensing deals set to ramp in 2025, the stock appears oversold.

Firstly, is that ANF is coming off a sell off but the stock is gaining a lot of momentum, which I think will continue for quite a bit of time. Slowly but surely going up, unless their quarterly earnings disappoint again and if tariffs worsen. ANF is in a recovery stage after a brutal selloff and is showing early bullish signs, especially above its 50-day and 15-day averages. However, the long-term trend remains bearish until it breaks above the 180-day MA (~\$105). Near-term price action will heavily depend on upcoming earnings and forward guidance. Investors should watch \$80 as strong support and \$95–105 as resistance zones. A breakout above \$105 could signal the beginning of a much stronger uptrend. Ending the week(7/11) at around \$89. ANF also has a very low PE of 9.07.

Secondly, is that the stock isn't completely risk-free, but the risk's ANF faces are slightly different than the rest of the market. ANF is affected mainly by consumer sentiment and tariffs. These two are the main risks, as consumer sentiment directly affects their quarterly earnings reports. Which then affects the stock tremendously. For example, we saw the stock at around \$160 at

the start of the year, and after week earnings reports the stock has dropped significantly to a much cheaper \$89. But, this also gives us a great buying opportunity because the stock is now very much oversold and is at a great discounted price. Giving us a good margin of safety. But nevertheless, when buying this stock, be weary of tariffs and global economic factors, as well as upcoming earnings. Although ANF has experienced a substantial drop, they still saw a historic retail turnaround that saw EBIT go from ~100m to ~740m over a few years.

Thirdly, is ANF's analyst ratings. TradingView rates ANF a buy and a price target of \$112.63 for the stock. MarketWatch, WSJ, and Barrons rate ANF as overweight but has a price target of \$112.63 for the stock. Marketbeat rates the stock a moderate buy and has a price target of \$110.63 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates ANF a buy and has a price target of \$118.56 for the stock. Benzinga rates ANF a buy and has a price target of \$166 for the stock.

Lastly, Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF) shares have fallen sharply from a mid-2024 high of nearly \$200 to around \$89 today, driven by investor disappointment in margin guidance, imperfect Q4 results, and cautious 2025 forecasts—particularly for the Abercrombie brand, which is underperforming while Hollister, now the larger brand, continues to outperform. Additional pressure has come from tariff volatility and weak consumer data, though management remains confident in the brand's strength and flexibility. Despite promotional activity and signs of short-term margin pressure, the company's long-term fundamentals remain strong. ANF has no financial debt, nearly \$900 million in cash, and is actively buying back shares under a \$1.3 billion repurchase plan, with the ability to retire up to a quarter of its shares at current prices. With a deeply discounted valuation (trading at ~4x EBIT), diversified sourcing, and promising franchise and licensing deals set to ramp in 2025, the stock appears oversold. While risks remain ahead of upcoming Q1 earnings, the risk-reward profile looks attractive for medium-term investors.

PINS

Pinterest, also known by its ticker **PINS**, is a **visual discovery engine** where users find, save, and share ideas through images and videos called "Pins." Think of it as a digital bulletin board: users organize these Pins into themed "boards" for easy inspiration and future planning. Whether it's fashion, home decor, travel ideas, or recipes—Pinterest is the go-to platform for millions looking to explore and discover visually.

This stock caught my attention after reading a value investor article that focused on **Pinterest's evolving business model and growing monetization**. One of the biggest highlights from their **Q1 2025 earnings call** was the **year-over-year increase in ad impressions**, driven by recent **AI enhancements** and improved targeting capabilities. These product changes are helping Pinterest monetize its user base more effectively—making it not just a social platform, but a smart advertising machine.

Why I'm Bullish on Pinterest

Firstly, the technical chart for PINS is flashing **bullish signals**. The stock is currently trading around **\$38.21**, above all key moving averages (15 EMA, 50 MA, and 180 MA), which suggests solid upward momentum. It has been in a strong uptrend since April and is forming higher highs and higher lows—a classic bullish pattern. With resistance just under \$39, a breakout above this level could push the stock into a new rally, possibly toward **\$41–\$45** in the coming months. The momentum is healthy, and institutions seem to be quietly accumulating shares.

Secondly, PINS has had relatively **low intra-day volatility**, though it has experienced some swings over the past year. This tells us that while the stock can be sensitive to **consumer sentiment**, it's not highly exposed to macroeconomic factors like tariffs or interest rate fluctuations. That's because Pinterest's business model is **ad-based**, similar to Meta (META) and Google (GOOGL). In essence, it serves as a **cheaper, growth-focused alternative** to those tech giants. While it doesn't have the same level of safety or scale, its runway for growth remains significant.

Thirdly, let's talk about **analyst sentiment**. Multiple sources show a positive outlook:

- **TradingView**: Buy, with a price target of **\$41.79**
- **MarketWatch / Barron's / WSJ**: Overweight, price target of **\$41.79**
- **MarketBeat**: Moderate Buy, price target of **\$41.81**
- **Benzinga**: Buy, price target of **\$42.28**

This strong analyst consensus around the **\$41–\$42 range** reinforces the idea that there's still room for upside.

Lastly, Pinterest is benefiting from broader trends in AI integration and performance-based advertising. As advertisers demand more measurable returns, platforms like Pinterest that can leverage user intent and search-based discovery are well-positioned to deliver results. With its recent product upgrades and ad innovations, Pinterest is quietly transitioning from a passive social platform to a more **commerce-friendly, AI-enhanced ecosystem**. This transformation isn't fully priced into the stock yet—which gives savvy investors a potential edge. As more brands recognize Pinterest's unique value proposition—especially in visually driven verticals like fashion, home, and food—ad dollars could continue to shift toward the platform, driving revenue growth and shareholder value in the quarters ahead.

VICI

The stock pick of the week is VICI Properties, also known by its ticker, VICI. VICI Properties is a real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns and leases a diverse portfolio of experiential assets, primarily gaming and entertainment destinations. They specialize in owning properties like casinos, hotels, and golf courses, and then lease them to various operators, such as Caesars Entertainment and MGM Resorts. I have written about them in the past, and they were one of my stock picks before. But I am writing about them again because their analyst ratings were really good and the stock is a safe bet, especially after the terrible day in the market on Friday (8/1).

Firstly, is that VICI Properties Inc. (VICI) is showing signs of short-term bullish momentum after bouncing from the \$32.25–\$32.50 range and climbing to \$33.11, up 1.56% on the day. The stock has reclaimed the 180-period SMA and is forming a bullish crossover between the 15- and 50-period SMAs—both positive technical signals. Volume is moderate, supporting the move. While VICI has been range-bound between \$31.50 and \$33.50, a pattern of higher lows since June suggests building pressure for a breakout. A sustained move above \$33.50–\$34.00 could open the door to a run toward \$35, though stronger momentum will be needed to confirm a long-term trend. The stock ended the day up 1.56% (8/1), and ended the week down 0.9%. The stock is sitting at a low 12.47 PE ratio, and a moderate dividend yield of 5.31%.

Secondly, is that the stock is very safe. The stock has very minimal movements and has been very steady. Which is very rare in this market. Also, the stock is very resilient, for example, when the rest of the market was down really badly this Friday (8/1), the stock was up 1.56%. Also, the fact that VICI is a REIT it is a stock that people tend to fall back on in bad times of the market. It has been very resilient and has been steadily going up while giving us a really good dividend rate. Also they have great real estate, for example, In Vegas, VICI owns 660 acres of land, 41,400 hotel rooms, and 5.9M sq. ft. of event space. The city continues to thrive with 42M annual visitors, \$8.5B in gaming revenue, and 6M convention attendees.

VICI enjoys 100% occupancy and they own most of the Las Vegas Strip. Leases average 40 years, with 90% of rent CPI-protected by 2035. The dividend has grown at a 7.4% CAGR over the past seven years. Tenants are investing heavily, including VICI's role in the \$1.5B Venetian reimagination and Caesars' \$435M renovation.

Thirdly, is VICI's analyst ratings. TradingView rates the stock a strong buy and has an average price target of \$36.36 for VICI. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate VICI a buy, and also have a price target of \$36.36 for the stock. Marketbeat rates VICI a moderate buy and has a price target of \$35.40. Stock Analysis rates VICI a buy and has an average price target of \$35.42. Benzinga rates VICI a buy and has a price target of \$35.36 for the stock.

Lastly, VICI's combination of stability, consistent dividend growth, and prime real estate holdings makes it one of the most dependable income-generating stocks in this volatile market. This isn't

a flashy AI name or a meme stock—it's a fortress. With a 5.31% dividend yield, high-quality tenants, and long-term leases locked in for decades, VICI gives you peace of mind and a paycheck.

In a week where most of the market took a hit, VICI remained steady and even showed strength. That kind of resilience is exactly why I'm picking it again.

CRGY

The stock pick of the week is Crescent Energy Company, also known by its ticker CRG. Crescent Energy Company (CRGY) is an acquisition-driven oil and gas exploration company managed by KKR. CRGY currently trades at 4.11x EBITDA, with a dividend yield of 5.20%. CRGY was formed in 2021 by means of a merger between KKR-backed private operator Independence Energy LLC and publicly traded Contango Oil & Gas. Independence was built and managed by KKR's Energy Real Assets team; the merger with Contango provided Independence with a public listing. Contango Oil & Gas was founded in 1999 by Kenneth Peak, a value investing legend in the oil and gas industry. After Ken Peak's passing in 2013, Contango was acquired by Crimson Exploration. The combination with Crimson did not work out well for Contango's shareholders. John Goff purchased over 20% of Contango's common stock in 2018, and Goff was appointed Chairman of Contango in 2019. Goff spearheaded Contango's combination with Independence in 2021.

Firstly, Crescent Energy (CRGY) is currently consolidating between \$9.00–\$9.30 after a recovery from its April low of \$6.83, with the 50-day SMA (\$9.04) now acting as near-term support and the 180-day SMA (\$11.41) highlighting that the broader, longer-term downtrend is still intact. Short-term momentum is neutral to mildly bullish, supported by the stock holding above its 50-day SMA, but a meaningful upside move likely requires a decisive breakout above \$9.65 on heavy volume; otherwise, price action may remain range-bound. Key resistance levels sit at \$9.65 and \$10.00, while a sustained break above \$10–\$11 could open the door for a true trend reversal and test toward the \$12 area. On the downside, a break below \$8.70 would weaken the setup, potentially leading to a retest of \$8.00–\$7.50. Overall, the stock appears to be building a base after a steep decline from January highs near \$17, and the next major directional move will depend on whether it can attract enough buying momentum to break through multi-month resistance zones. The stock ended the week(8/8) at \$9.23 up 0.33% for the day and 1.99% for the week. The stock also has an attractive 5.20% dividend yield.

Secondly, CRGY relies mainly on mergers and acquisitions to drive growth. Using a so-called “acquire and exploit” strategy with a track record of driving operational and cost improvements on acquired assets. CRGY focuses on cash-on-cash returns, both when evaluating potential acquisition targets and when evaluating drilling capital expenditures. For both types of investments, the company targets a 2x multiple of invested capital, with a targeted payback

period of less than five years for merger and acquisitions targets and less than three years (half-cycle) for drilling and completion expenditures. CRGY's design and construct reinvestment rate has averaged less than 50% since Independence's founding. CRGY has made 8 acquisitions since year-end 2021, the two most recent large transactions being a merger with SilverBow Resources in July 2024 and the acquisition of privately held Ridgemar LLC in the first quarter of 2025. The overall business is relatively safe compared to other sectors in the market, but the strategy CRGY is fairly risky; it also opens up great opportunities to make a lot more profits than others. I also believe that the management has a lot of experience, and I trust them to make well-calculated decisions.

Thirdly, TradingView rates CRGY a strong buy and has an average price target of \$14.57 for the stock. Stockanalysis rates CRGY a buy and has a price target of \$16.50 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate CRGY as a buy and have a price target of \$14.57 for the stock. Marketbeat rates CRGY a moderate buy and has a price target of \$16.10 for the stock. Benzinga rates CRGY as overweight but has a price target of \$15.86 for the stock.

Lastly, the stock is at a very low price. Which is great if you are an investor who doesn't have lots of capital, or even if you have a lot of capital, you might not want to spend a lot of money to limit your risks. For both scenarios, this stock is great. While KKR's involvement clearly differentiates CRGY from other small and mid-cap exploration & Production companies, I view the involvement of John Goff as the most positive differentiating factor. Goff is the chairman of CRGY's board of directors and currently owns approximately 4% of CRGY's common stock. By way of background, Goff co-founded Crescent Real Estate with Richard Rainwater in the early 1990's. Crescent Real Estate became a public REIT in 1994 and was ultimately sold to Morgan Stanley in 2007. Partnering with Barclays Capital, Goff reacquired Crescent Real Estate from Morgan Stanley in 2009 and then bought out Barclay's interest in 2017. Goff is currently the chairman of the successor company, Crescent Real Estate Holdings. Goff has proven to be a shrewd investor and I believe his continued involvement is vital to CRGY's success.

CHYM

The stock pick of the week is Chime Financial, also known by its ticker CHYM. Chime Financial, Inc. is a “neobank” fintech company offering mobile banking to 8.6 million monthly active members that primarily fall into the sub-\$100k earnings segment in the US. Chime relies on banking partners to offer their fee-free business model that monetizes via interchange on payments flow, plus a growing suite of other financial services, including secured credit cards and various lending products. Founder CEO Chris Britt previously worked as a senior product leader at Visa then CPO / SVP CorpDev at Green Dot (formerly “hot” fintech company from 1999, now the largest prepaid debit card company + payments rails behind Apple Cash) before founding Chime in 2012 with Ryan King, the technical cofounder who ran engineering then became COO of contact management startup Plaxo (acquired by Comcast for \$150M+ in 2008). CHYM went public on June 12th, pricing their IPO at \$27 per share (\$11.4B EV, \$10.4B MCAP fully-diluted), then popped 59% to open at \$43 before ending their first day of trading up 37% at \$37.11. Since then, the stock has been going up and down, but is currently down 31.67% from then.

Firstly, although CHYM has had a rough start, I think the stock will start to pick up sooner or later. I also believe that the stock is trading at a major discount now, so once this downtrend is over, the only way is up. The shares of Chime Financial (CHYM) remain under pressure, having declined from recent highs in the mid-\$40s to the current ~\$29 level, just above the recent trough near \$27. In the near term, momentum appears weak, and we see a risk of a retest of the \$27 support area absent a positive catalyst. A sustained move above the \$31–32 range, accompanied by stronger volume, would be required to confirm a shift in sentiment. From a longer-term perspective, the outlook remains mixed: if the \$27 level holds, it could serve as a base for a potential recovery toward the mid-\$30s, but a decisive break below that level would raise the probability of a further decline into the mid-\$20s before stabilization. The stock was down 7.87% for the week but up 0.44% for the day(8/15).

Secondly, is that although the stock has had its ups and downs and has been unpredictable. Which is because it is a very new stock and it just came to the market. So once we give it time, I think it should stabilize and start to provide good returns. Some risks that the stock has are Possible changes to the Durbin Amendment, which could cut interchange revenue, also if economic downturns happen, they may lose core customers. But apart from this, I think the stock has lots of potential and will start an upward trend once the market agrees on the right valuation of the stock, removing the post IPO volatility. They also have a pretty low cost to serve, which is at \$152, compared to big banks, which are at \$450.

Thirdly, is CHYM’s analyst ratings. TradingView rates CHYM a buy and has an average price target of \$37.31 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates the stock a buy and has a price target of \$37.92 for it. Marketbeat rates CHYM a moderate buy and has a price target of \$38 for the

stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate the stock as overweight and have a price target of \$37.31. Benzinga rates CHYM as overweight and has a price target of \$37.92 for the stock.

Lastly, when investing in CHYM, I would suggest you pay close attention to the stock price and the overall trend of the stock and its sector. Try and find a similar correlation between CHYM and other fintech stocks. So once the unpredictability and post IPO volatility fade, you can capitalize on the opportunity. I will warn you that this stock is pretty unpredictable, so if you aren't familiar with volatile stocks, I would suggest staying out of this trade for now. But I do think that this stock will do very well in the long term. Just give CHYM a couple of years, and you will see tremendous growth.

LIN

The stock pick of the week is Linde plc, also known by its ticker LIN. Linde is the largest producer of industrial gases in the world. Gases are essential inputs in most manufacturing processes, but only make up a low single-digit % of most manufacturing cost structures. Reliable supply is therefore extremely important. The defining characteristic of the market is local/regional dominance because gases can't be transported economically over long distances. A cylinder of packaged gas weighs 250lbs, but can't carry more than 30lbs of gas, and over enough distance, there is also evaporation and leakage, which makes it incredibly inefficient to transport over long distances. At most, an air separation unit (ASU) can supply a 100-200-mile radius economically. The tighter the radius, the more profitable the business, as it maximizes the lbs delivered per mile of drive time. They serve a broad range of industries, including healthcare, food and beverage, electronics, and chemicals, with products essential for everything from life-saving medical oxygen to clean hydrogen for the energy transition.

Firstly, Linde PLC (LIN) is showing strong bullish momentum, with the 15-day EMA (yellow) trending above the 50-day SMA (blue) and price consistently respecting these levels as support. In the short term, the stock is positioned well for a breakout, with resistance near \$486; if this level is cleared, the stock could advance toward the \$495–500 range. On the downside, immediate support lies around \$480 at the 15-day EMA, followed by stronger support near \$469 at the 50-day SMA. From a longer-term perspective, the uptrend remains intact as the 50-day SMA is rising above the 180-day SMA, reflecting sustained institutional buying and strong technical health. As long as the stock holds above \$455, the trajectory points upward, with potential targets in the \$520–540 range over the next several months, reinforcing both short-term momentum and long-term strength. The stock ended the week up 0.16% and up 0.20% for the day(8/22). Currently sitting at \$481.67. With a dividend of 1.25%.

Secondly, is that LIN has been very stable throughout the past months, gradually going up and up. Also, the industry they are in is pretty safe and stable. This is a huge plus in this current market that is super unpredictable and volatile. Also, the company's sales are tied to global industrial production, so an economic downturn or prolonged slowdown in manufacturing could

weaken demand, particularly in its merchant and packaged gas segments. Since producing gases is highly energy-intensive, Linde is also exposed to fluctuations in electricity and power costs, and while much of this is passed through to customers, sudden spikes or shortages could still impact profitability or reliability. But other than that, the stock has maintained a great moat and has a great trend.

Thirdly, are LIN's analyst ratings. Tradingview rated LIN a buy and has a price target of \$513.44 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates LIN a buy and has a price target of \$514.44 for the stock. Marketbeat rates the stock a buy and has a price target of \$519.63 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate LIN as overweight and have a price target of \$513.44 for the stock. Benzinga rates LIN a buy but has a price target of \$473.41.

Lastly, are its numbers. Linde trades at about 28x trailing owner earnings and generates an unlevered after-tax return on gross PPE of roughly 14%, which is high for an industrial company. Management expects to deliver long-term earnings growth of 8–12% per year, split roughly evenly between 4–6% from pricing power and productivity gains (“management actions”) and 4–6% from capital allocation (new projects, buybacks, and acquisitions). Historically, Linde has been able to grow pricing at a 2.5% CAGR while keeping cost inflation much lower, and new projects are expected to earn after-tax IRRs above 12%, with about 25% of owner earnings reinvested annually. Adding in share buybacks of roughly 2% per year and a dividend yield of about 1.25%, the stock is expected to deliver long-term IRRs in the 10–12% range, which is not explosive growth but attractive given Linde's low risk, high barriers to entry, and inflation protection.

This stock is also fairly expensive, which is one reason the stock is very stable. But one drawback is that if you don't have a lot of capital or if you aren't willing to spend that much, then this stock might not be for you unless you can do fractional trades. But I do think this stock is pretty beginner-trader-friendly.

ZG

Quick Summary: Zillow (ZG) Stock Pick of the Week

Zillow (ZG), a leading online real estate marketplace, is poised for potential growth by leveraging its strong brand, technological innovations, and dominant market position. Its platform offers unparalleled access to housing data and services, making it a critical player in the digital real estate landscape. Despite the housing market staying relatively flat, Zillow's upward trend indicates resilience. Analysts are largely bullish, with [Placeholder for target price range].

Bullish-O-Meter:  (Buy)

Price Range: \$75 - \$86

Strategy: mid-term

Stock Pick of the Week: Zillow (Ticker: ZG) 🏠✨

📊 Bullish-O-Meter: 🐂🐂🐂🐂 (Strong Buy – Placeholder, feel free to adjust)

This week's top stock pick is Zillow (Ticker: ZG), the powerhouse behind some of the most recognized brands in online real estate. Zillow operates a comprehensive suite of digital real estate services, including its flagship Zillow.com, Trulia, and StreetEasy, among others. It serves as a vital hub for consumers looking to buy, sell, rent, or finance homes, providing a vast database of property listings, valuation tools (like the Zestimate), and connections to real estate professionals. In essence, Zillow is the digital roadmap for millions navigating the complex world of real estate.

📈 Strong Technical Setup & Market Resilience

Think of Zillow like a smart, adaptive navigation system for your portfolio. It may not always have a perfectly smooth ride, but it consistently finds its way forward, even when the market throws detours. The chart for Zillow Group Inc. (ZG) clearly demonstrates strong upward momentum as the stock price has climbed above both short-term and long-term moving averages, with the 50-day and 180-day SMAs now acting as support levels. Following a prolonged period of consolidation and a notable low around \$56.63, ZG has recovered sharply toward \$81.48, supported by increased trading volume during bullish price movements. Recently formed a new 180-day high at \$86.52 on Thursday (8/28). The current technical setup suggests continued strength in the short term, with potential for further gains unless momentum stalls or a pullback triggers consolidation toward key averages. In the longer term, as moving averages trend higher and previous resistance turns to support, the trend remains favorable, although investors should be mindful of possible volatility around earnings releases and monitor for signals of trend exhaustion before making major portfolio decisions. ZG ended the week up 4.35% but was down 1.21% on the close on Friday (8/29). We also see that the stock is closely correlated with the broader market.

💪 Digital Dominance & Innovation – The Real Estate Navigator 🌐

Let's be real—the real estate market can be a rollercoaster, but Zillow is more like the dependable guide who knows every twist and turn. It may not give you adrenaline-pumping jumps, but it consistently leads the way in a vital industry.

🌟 Why is it a dominant player?












- Essential Service: People always need places to live, buy, and sell, making Zillow's services recession-resistant to a degree, much like utilities.

- **Data & Technology Edge:** Its vast data insights and continuous innovation in AI-powered tools provide a strong competitive moat, similar to how Pinterest leverages AI in advertising.
 - **Brand Recognition:** With millions of users, Zillow has unparalleled brand recognition and trust in the online real estate space.
 - **Diverse Revenue Streams:** Beyond listings, Zillow is expanding into mortgages and other adjacent services, diversifying its income.
- Unlike some high-risk, high-reward tech stocks that shoot up and crash, Zillow is the strategic long-term player that wins by consistently evolving and providing essential value.




Fast Facts – Key Stats at a Glance

Metric	Value
Stock Price	\$81.48
P/E Ratio	50.38
15-Day EMA	\$82.31
50-Day SMA	\$76.03
Analyst Price Target Range	\$82 - \$87

Analyst Ratings – What the Experts Say


When in doubt, check what the analysts are saying. The consensus? Zillow is a strong pick.  TradingView:  Buy – Target: \$87.77  StockAnalysis:  Buy – Target: \$85.40  WSJ & MarketWatch:  Overweight – Target: \$87.77  MarketBeat:  Hold – Target: \$85.62  Benzinga:  Buy – Target:\$82.08  So while some price targets may be slightly conservative, the overall sentiment remains bullish.


Why You Should Care



Not sure if this stock is relevant to you? Here's why it matters:  You probably use Zillow's services daily or have used them if you've ever considered buying, selling, or renting a home.  Real estate tech stocks offer exposure to a foundational industry that is constantly being modernized, making them great for long-term portfolios.  If you're looking for steady gains and a leader in a transforming sector, ZG is a solid bet—not just flashy, but reliable.

Basically, if you like predictability in a growth-oriented sector and long-term stability powered by innovation, this is your stock.

Next Steps – What You Can Do Now

Not sure what to do next? Here are some actionable steps to take:  Research competitors – Compare ZG to other real estate tech stocks like Redfin (RDFN) or

CoStar Group (CSGP).  Check recent news – Look for earnings reports, partnerships, or new product announcements.

 **17** Monitor technical levels – Keep an eye on whether ZG stays above its key moving averages.  Watch for upcoming earnings – This could be a catalyst for further price movement.

Taking these steps will help you make an informed decision on Zillow.

17 What to Watch This Week

Keep an eye on these key factors that could impact Zillow's price movement: ▲
Upcoming economic reports – Housing market data, inflation data, or Fed rate decisions could affect the real estate sector. ▲ Real estate sector performance – If the sector stays strong, ZG could continue its climb. ▲ Market sentiment – If investors remain risk-averse, quality tech plays like ZG may see more inflows.

Watching these trends will help you determine if now is the best time to buy.







Final Thoughts

Zillow is a dominant, technologically advanced player in the real estate market with strong fundamentals and potential for long-term growth. While it won't double overnight, it offers reliable growth, innovation, and solid analyst backing.

If you're looking for a safe, long-term stock that won't give you heartburn but will keep you at the forefront of a transforming industry, Zillow is worth considering. Think of it like your financially responsible friend—always consistent, never reckless, and always adapting to the future.

Would I buy this stock? Absolutely. 

 TL;DR (Too Long; Didn't Read)

 Stock: Zillow (NYSE: ZG)  Why? Leading real estate tech, strong brand, innovation, and growth potential.  Key Stat: New 180-day high,  Analyst Sentiment: Mostly Buy ratings, price targets around \$87.  Risk Level: Moderate – Great for growth-oriented long-term investors.  What to Do? Watch for housing market trends, tech innovation updates, and overall market conditions.

MRVL

The stock pick of the week is Marvell Technologies, also known by its ticker MRVL. Marvell Technology designs and produces specialized semiconductors and other components for data infrastructure, focusing on enabling the movement, processing, storage, and security of data across data centers, enterprise networks, carrier infrastructure, and automotive systems. They create high-performance chips for cloud computing, networking, and storage, as well as custom solutions, such as Compute Express Link (CXL) products and custom application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs) for AI workloads.

Firstly, although the chart for Marvell Technology (MRVL) shows that the stock is currently in a bearish phase after a sharp selloff from the mid-\$70s down to the low \$60s, the short-term moving average is still trending downward. In the near term, the stock appears to be stabilizing around the \$62–63 support zone, though resistance sits around \$66–67, and momentum suggests any bounce is more likely to be a relief rally than a true reversal. Over the next few months, the declining 50-day moving average and the much higher 180-day moving average indicate continued weakness, with sideways-to-lower trading expected unless the stock can reclaim the 50-day level. A breakdown below \$60.50 could trigger a deeper move toward the \$58–59 area, making this a critical support to watch. From a long-term perspective, the trend remains bearish, with the 180-day average confirming downside pressure; however, if support holds, the stock may be forming an accumulation base that could present opportunities for long-term investors once broader sentiment improves. MRVL ended Friday (8/5) down 1.85% for the week and down 1.2% for the day. Even though the stock has been on a downward trend, I think a reversal is possible, and I also think that this stock is trading at a pretty big discount and is very underrated.

Secondly, is that even though the stock hasn't been that stable and has recently had big price fluctuations. I think that the stock is trading at a pretty big discount and is a great option, especially if you want to invest in the chip and semiconductor sector. I would invest in this stock instead of investing in NVDA or AVGO. NVDA and AVGO are slightly bigger than MRVL, but they are also pretty overvalued and risky as well. So I would rather take my risks on a stock that is undervalued and has more potential of going up a lot than a more traditional stock that is overvalued. Also, because of the fact that MRVL is pretty undervalued, we have a fairly good margin of safety.

Thirdly, is MRVL's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates the stock a strong buy and has a price target of \$86.77 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates MRVL a strong buy and has a price

target of \$93.33 for the stock. Marketbeat rates MRVL a moderate buy and has a price target of \$90.50 for the stock. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate MRVL a buy and have a price target of \$86.73 for the stock. Benzinga rates MRVL a buy and has a price target of \$95.63 for the stock.

Lastly, I would recommend going long on Marvell(MRVL), with potential upside of 60–120%+, as the company is positioned to be a major AI beneficiary through its custom chip (ASIC) business, dominant DSP market share, and recovering non-AI segments. Marvell has secured partnerships with hyperscalers such as Amazon, Microsoft, and Google, plus 2–4 additional undisclosed customers, which will meaningfully ramp in 2025–2026, driving substantial earnings beats well above consensus. Its optical DSP business, where it controls 70%+ market share, will benefit from surging AI workloads, a major bandwidth upgrade cycle (800G → 1.6T), and growing data center interconnect demand. Meanwhile, non-AI markets (networking, carrier, auto/industrial, consumer) have troughed and will rebound through 2025. Despite lagging peers like NVDA and AVGO in 2024, Marvell is set for a powerful re-rating as investors better appreciate its ASIC wins, AI-driven networking acceleration, and EPS growth trajectory that could mirror Broadcom's. Valuation implies a base case of \$110/share (60–70% upside) and a bull case of \$150/share (120%+ upside), with near-term catalysts from 2H24 beats, 2025–2026 outperformance, potential short squeezes, and even long-term takeout optionality.

DUOL

Stock Pick of the Week: Duolingo (DUOL)

The stock pick of the week is Duolingo, also known by its ticker DUOL. Duolingo provides a gamified and interactive platform for users to learn a new language or subject, such as math, music, or chess. The free, app-based service offers bite-sized, daily lessons to help build consistency, focusing on reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills through interactive exercises and spaced repetition. It utilizes motivational features like progress streaks and rewards to encourage continued learning, and also offers a paid version for an ad-free experience and additional features.

Firstly,

DUOL's trend has overall been bearish, but it looks like the stock is gaining a bit of positive momentum, which is a sign that right now is a good time to buy the stock. The chart for Duolingo Inc. (DUOL) indicates a sharp short-term rebound, with the 15-day EMA curling higher after the stock bounced strongly from recent lows around \$270. This suggests renewed buying momentum that could carry the stock toward the 50-day SMA near \$340 in the coming weeks. However, the medium- and long-term trends remain decisively bearish, as both the 50-day and 180-day SMAs continue to slope downward, reflecting sustained selling pressure over the past several months. While near-term momentum is supportive of further gains, DUOL will face significant resistance at the \$340–\$375 range, and until the stock decisively breaks above these levels, the broader outlook remains cautious with the risk of the downtrend reasserting itself. DUOL ended the week(9/12) at \$307.91 up 12.68% for the week, but down 0.46% for the day.

Secondly, Duolingo's business model is relatively stable and predictable, supported by its strong financial performance. The company recently delivered a strong Q2 CY2025, surpassing market expectations across key metrics (Note: This Q2 data is not from the provided source documents). Revenue rose 41.5% year-over-year to \$252.3 million, beating estimates by 4.8%, while GAAP EPS hit \$0.91, which was 56% above consensus. Adjusted EBITDA reached \$78.7 million, with an impressive 31.2% margin, significantly ahead of forecasts. This demonstrates elite profitability well above peers in the consumer internet space. The company also raised its full-year revenue guidance to \$1.02 billion and EBITDA guidance to \$291.8 million, indicating confidence in continued growth and financial health. User growth remained a key strength in Q2 CY2025, with 128.3 million monthly active users, up 24.7 million year-over-year (23.8% growth). Average revenue per user rose modestly to \$1.97, reflecting steady monetization. Despite a slight decline in gross margin to 72.4%, efficiency gains boosted overall profitability. Free cash flow stayed strong at \$86.3 million (34.2% margin), while the balance sheet remained robust with \$1 billion in net cash. This rapid revenue growth, user expansion, and strong financial footing contribute to its competitive edge.

Thirdly, DUOL's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates DUOL a buy and has a price target of \$445.51 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates DUOL a buy and has a price target of \$415.12. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate DUOL as overweight and have a price target of \$445.51 for the stock. Bezninga rates DUOL a buy and has a price target of \$416.50 for the stock. Marketbeat rates DUOL a moderate buy and has a price target of \$420.63.

Lastly, Duolingo boasts a significant moat through its combination of a massive, engaged user base, powerful brand recognition, and a deeply gamified, AI-personalized learning environment. The app's proprietary AI system, Birdbrain, constantly adapts lesson paths to each learner's strengths and weaknesses, delivering a tailored experience at scale that competitors struggle to match. Duolingo has also expanded beyond languages to newer verticals such as math, music, and chess, leveraging its core design strengths to capture a share of the broader ed-tech sector—a strategy supported by rapid AI-enabled course development and global reach. The company's freemium model drives strong monetization from ads, subscriptions, and language certification, and its continued innovation (e.g., Duolingo Max's conversation bots and immersive lessons) is boosting user retention and conversion rates.

EXC

The stock pick of the week is Exelon, also known by its ticker EXC. Exelon Corporation is a major American energy company focused on providing affordable and reliable electricity and natural gas to over 10 million customers through its regulated transmission and distribution utilities. The company operates several well-known utilities, including ComEd, PECO, BGE, and Atlantic City Electric. Exelon is recognized for its operational excellence, customer satisfaction, and commitment to workforce development and community engagement.

Firstly, based on the chart of Exelon Corp (EXC), the stock appears to be in a consolidation phase with a constructive long-term outlook. In the short term, the 15-day EMA has begun to stabilize and curl slightly higher after a period of weakness, while price action has held above the 180-day SMA near \$42.5, suggesting firm support at that level. The key resistance to monitor is the 50-day SMA around \$44, as a decisive close above this level would likely trigger stronger upside momentum in the weeks ahead. Medium term, the 50-day SMA is flattening after trending downward, indicating that EXC may be transitioning from weakness into a basing pattern, with higher lows pointing to potential accumulation. Over the long term, the steadily rising 180-day SMA underscores that the structural trend remains intact and supportive; as long as the stock holds above \$42.5, the bias remains bullish. Overall, EXC is showing early signs of recovery, with a breakout above \$44 serving as the near-term catalyst for further gains, and the long-term trend still favors gradual upside. EXC ended the week at \$43.41, up 0.14% and up

0.7% for the day(9/19). The stock also gives us a pretty good dividend yield at 3.69% which is another bonus from holding EXC. With a low P/E ratio of 16.37.

Secondly, EXC has been very safe and stable, which is pretty rare nowadays in the current market. The business they are in is pretty safe because energy is an essential even during economic downturn and a recession. So I think that EXC won't be affected that badly by the slowing economy and the risk of a recession. They also have over 10 million customers, which provides a steady and reliable source of revenue. I saw that Margerie Taylor Greene, a member of the House of Representatives, who is on multiple committees, bought the stock for quite a substantial amount of money. Which could be a sign that something good is coming for EXC and that she knows something we don't.

Thirdly, are EXC's analyst ratings. TradingView rates EXC as a neutral but has a price target of \$47.08 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates EXC as a hold but has a price target of \$46.82. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate EXC as a hold but have a price target of \$47.08 for the stock. Marketbeat rates EXC as a hold but has a price target of \$47.33. Benzinga rates EXC as overweight but has a price target of \$44.47 for the stock.

Lastly, when you put everything together—its stable dividend yield, low valuation relative to peers, resilient business model in the essential utilities sector, and supportive technical setup—Exelon stands out as a reliable defensive play with moderate upside potential. While analysts remain cautious with a consensus "hold" rating, their price targets still point to gains from current levels, and the stock's steady cash flow generation makes it attractive for long-term investors seeking both income and stability. With early signs of technical recovery and a firm support base, EXC offers a balanced mix of safety and growth, making it a compelling pick in today's uncertain market environment.

UGL

The stock pick of the week is ProShares Ultra Gold, also known by its ticker UGL. UGL is an ETF that offers 2x daily leverage to gold prices, making UGL a powerful tool for expressing a bullish outlook on precious metals. It should be noted that the daily reset feature, combined with the explicit leverage in this ETF, makes UGL inappropriate for investors without the ability or willingness to monitor this position on a regular (daily) basis. But UGL shouldn't ever be found in a long-term, buy-and-hold portfolio; it's simply too risky, and the nuances of this fund make significant losses possible when held for an extended period of time in volatile markets.

Firstly, the chart indicates strong upward momentum for UGL, the ProShares Ultra Gold ETF, as evidenced by the price consistently trading above all three key moving averages: the 15-day EMA, the 50-day SMA, and the 180-day SMA. The sharply rising 15-day EMA and the alignment of the moving averages confirm that bullish sentiment is dominant in the short term, with frequent price pullbacks being bought aggressively. Volume and volatility are both

increasing, further supporting the likelihood of trend continuation. In the medium term, the 50-day SMA is also trending upwards, providing additional support and showing that the uptrend remains intact for several weeks ahead. For the long term, the 180-day SMA has turned positive, and all moving averages are properly stacked in bullish order, suggesting a sustained trend if market conditions persist, although leveraged ETFs like UGL tend to decay over very long horizons due to compounding effects. Based on this analysis, the short-term outlook favors continued upward movement, with potential breakouts above recent highs, while the medium- to long-term outlook remains bullish unless a significant reversal in gold prices disrupts the current trend. UGL ended the week at \$43.90, up 5.89% and up 0.97% for the day on Friday(9/26). The stock has an expense ratio of 0.95%.

Secondly, although the stock is pretty risky and volatile, one safety it has is that it is tied to the price of gold, which has been very safe and continues to increase in price, setting new all-time highs. Also, in a weakening economy, gold strengthens, which is the main factor for gold's price increases, because more people want to find safety in gold. Which also makes it pretty recession-proof. So with the gold price continuing to go up, you can capitalize on this opportunity and ride the wave for a bit and make a substantial amount of money. I think this trend will continue for at least another month.

Thirdly, the stock is great to diversify your portfolio with. But make sure to pay close attention to the stock's price movements because it can be very volatile. Also, I would only hold this stock for the short-term, just because it is a leveraged ETF, so the price movements will be volatile. So if you start to see a small reversal in gold's price and in the stock price, I would start to sell once you've made a good amount of money. I would also suggest keeping an eye on CPER, which is the United States Copper Index Fund. It is an ETF that tracks the price of copper. You must be thinking, What does copper have to do with all of this. When copper tends to go down, it is a sign of a slowing economy because it means that fewer tech things are being produced, which all use copper. So copper is kind of the inverse of gold. When the economy is booming, copper goes up and gold's value decreases, and when the economy is slow, copper goes down and gold's value increases.

Lastly, UGL presents a unique short-term opportunity for investors who want to take advantage of the continued momentum in gold while also benefiting from leveraged exposure. However, it's important to approach this ETF with discipline and caution, as its structure makes it unsuitable for long-term holding. For traders with a strong conviction that gold will maintain its upward trajectory in the near term, UGL offers a compelling way to amplify returns, but only if monitored closely. Given the current strength in gold prices and supportive technical indicators, I believe UGL is positioned to deliver solid gains in the weeks ahead—making it my stock pick of the week.

HIVE

The stock pick of the week is Hive Digital Technologies, also known by its ticker HIVE. HIVE Digital Technologies provides infrastructure for the digital economy by building and operating green energy-powered data centers for cryptocurrency mining and high-performance computing for AI workloads. The company mines Bitcoin, converts the proceeds into cash, and holds a significant portion of its Bitcoin holdings as a treasury asset. HIVE also leverages its GPU infrastructure for AI-centric workloads after the Ethereum transition to Proof-of-Stake, demonstrating a diversified strategy beyond Bitcoin mining.

Firstly, based on the chart of HIVE Digital Technologies (HIVE), the stock is demonstrating strong upward momentum with clear bullish price action characterized by higher highs and higher lows. The 15-day EMA (yellow) is sharply rising and positioned well above both the 50-day SMA (blue) and 180-day SMA (pink), indicating robust short-term buying pressure. Notably, the recent Golden Cross, where the 50-day SMA has moved above the 180-day SMA, signals a potential shift into a sustained long-term uptrend. Volume has increased alongside the price advance, confirming that the rally is supported by solid market participation rather than speculative movement. In the short term, HIVE is likely to continue its upward trajectory, with possible resistance around \$4.70 to \$5.00, though a brief pullback to the 15-day EMA near \$4.20–\$4.30 would be a healthy consolidation phase. Over the longer term, the technical setup suggests further upside potential toward \$5.50–\$6.00, provided the stock maintains support above the \$2.90–\$3.00 region. Overall, the indicators point to a strongly bullish trend both in the short and long term, with momentum firmly in favor of continued gains. HIVE currently trades at 7.6x EBITDA. HIVE ended the week(10/3) at \$4.45, up 25.18% for the week and 2.06% for the day.

Secondly, although HIVE is a fairly risky investment due to the fact that its business and stock price are closely correlated with Bitcoin and AI. But they still have a fairly good amount of stability because they aren't directly operating or using AI for their business. They build and operate data centers for crypto-mining and AI workloads, which I think demand will continue to grow, especially in the long run. HIVE operates over 100 MW of data centres throughout Canada, 43.5 MW of data centres in Sweden, and 300 MW strategic expansion in Paraguay. Making them very well diversified across three different countries that offer low-cost green energy.

Thirdly, are HIVE's analyst reports. Tradingview rates the stock a strong buy and has a price target of \$7.38 for HIVE. Stock Analysis rates HIVE a strong buy and has a price target of \$6.83 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate HIVE a buy and have a price target of \$7.38. Marketbeat rates HIVE a moderate buy and has a price target of \$6.93. Benzinga rates HIVE a buy and has a price target of \$6.61 for the stock.

Lastly, HIVE's recent financial performance further strengthens its bullish case. Revenue growth in the past three months was approximately 41.47%, highlighting a strong increase in top-line earnings as the company continues to scale its operations. Additionally, HIVE's net margin of 76.77% and return on equity (ROE) of 6.94% reflect its ability to maintain profitability and generate solid returns for shareholders, even in a highly competitive and volatile industry. These strong financial metrics, combined with HIVE's growing global footprint and expanding presence in both cryptocurrency and AI infrastructure, position the company for sustained growth and long-term success. Overall, HIVE Digital Technologies stands out as a promising stock pick that blends innovation, financial strength, and momentum-driven potential.

MMC

The stock pick of the week is Marsh & McLennan Companies, also known by its ticker MMC. Marsh & McLennan is a professional services firm that provides risk, strategy, and people solutions through its operating companies. Its main businesses are Marsh, which focuses on risk management and insurance broking; Guy Carpenter, a reinsurance specialist; Mercer, which offers HR and benefits consulting; and Oliver Wyman, a global management consulting firm. The company's purpose is to empower clients to build confidence through its expertise.

Firstly, based on the chart of Marsh & McLennan Companies (MMC), the stock is showing signs of strong short-term upward momentum. The 15-day EMA (yellow) has recently crossed above the 50-day SMA (blue), forming a bullish crossover that often signals a potential shift in trend direction. The price has been making consistently higher highs and higher lows since bottoming around \$195, suggesting that buying pressure is strengthening. Volume has also picked up slightly during recent rallies, confirming increased investor participation and confidence in the move. In the near term, MMC appears poised to continue climbing toward the \$215–\$220 range, where it is likely to encounter resistance near the 180-day SMA (pink) and a prior support level that may now act as a barrier. While a short-term pullback or consolidation could occur once the stock reaches that zone, the broader setup suggests bullish momentum remains intact. From a longer-term perspective, the 180-day SMA is still trending downward, indicating that the overall long-term trend remains slightly bearish. However, the recent strength and moving average crossover point to an early stage of a potential trend reversal. If MMC can hold above the \$210–\$215 level and eventually close above its 180-day SMA, it would mark a more convincing transition to a sustained bullish trend. Overall, MMC is showing encouraging technical signs of recovery. MMC ended the week at \$207.02, up 3.9% for the week and 0.5% on the day(10/10).

Secondly, the stock is pretty safe. MMC has pretty low volatility and isn't affected that much by the broader market, as we saw on Friday(10/10), when the market dropped 2.7% but MMC stayed stable and finished up 0.5%. I also think MMC is the type of stock people invest in for safety, and when the market is unstable. The business they are in is also very safe; the insurance business is one of the safest businesses because insurance is a necessity. We also

saw Ro Khanna, a Congress member from California, buy MMC for \$15,000 - \$50,000. Reinforcing the idea that the stock is a good investment.

Thirdly, TradingView rates MMC as neutral but has a price target of \$227.89. StockAnalysis rates MMC as a hold but has a price target of \$234.79. Marketbeat rates MMC as a hold but has a price target of \$237.13 for the stock. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate MMC as a hold, but has a price target of \$227.89. Benzinga rates MMC as neutral but has a price target of \$222.91.

Lastly, excess return models, which compare returns on equity to the cost of capital, and analyst consensus both indicate that MMC's fair value could be 20–25% higher than its current market price. Some valuation models even suggest an intrinsic value north of \$230 per share, implying that MMC remains attractively undervalued despite trading near all-time highs. As a high-quality compounder with steady earnings growth, resilient cash flows, and a durable competitive moat, MMC offers investors a compelling balance of safety and long-term upside. While traditional value investors might prefer a lower entry point, those focused on quality and consistency may find MMC an excellent addition to a long-term portfolio—particularly if they believe in the company's ability to sustain its earnings power and compound steadily over time. Overall, Marsh & McLennan Companies stands out as a dependable, fundamentally strong stock with room for further appreciation, making it a worthy pick for both defensive and growth-oriented investors alike.

NDAQ

The stock pick of the week is Nasdaq, also known by its ticker NDAQ. Nasdaq, Inc. is a global financial technology company that owns and operates the Nasdaq Stock Market, along with multiple other exchanges and financial services worldwide. While commonly associated with the Nasdaq exchange and its tech-heavy listings, Nasdaq's business is far more diverse and is divided into three main segments: Capital Access Platforms, Market Services, and Financial Technology.

Firstly, Based on the current chart, NASDAQ Inc. (NDAQ) is showing early signs of stabilization. The price is trading around **\$88.59**, which places it **above both the 15-day EMA** (yellow line) and the **180-day SMA** (pink line), but still **below the 50-day SMA** (blue line). This setup suggests that short-term momentum is beginning to turn positive as buyers regain control, pushing the price above its near-term trend line. However, since the 50-day SMA remains downward-sloping and the price hasn't yet broken above it (around \$92), the **medium-term trend remains cautiously bearish**. The fact that the price is holding above the 180-day SMA indicates that **long-term support is still intact**, and the broader uptrend has not yet been broken. In the short term, the stock could continue to consolidate or attempt a move toward the \$91–\$92 resistance zone. If it successfully breaks above the 50-day SMA with strong volume, that would confirm a potential **trend reversal** and renewed upward momentum. Overall, the

short-term outlook is **turning bullish**, the medium-term trend is **neutral to slightly bearish**, and the long-term trend remains **bullish but fragile**. NDAQ ended the week(10/17) at \$88.59 down 3.08% for the week, but up 0.74% on the day.

Secondly, is that the stock is pretty safe. NDAQ is safe for a number of reasons. One reason is that the company is very profitable and always has a steady set of revenue. It is also the second largest stock exchange in the world with a market capitalization of \$29.9 trillion dollars and 3,285 companies listed. The NYSE is only ahead by \$1.6 trillion dollars but Nasdaq has 1,159 more listed companies. Making it very dominant in its sector. The stock has been fairly stable and has low intraday volatility which is especially good if you are a more passive investor.

Thirdly, are NDAQ's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates NDAQ as a buy and has a price target of \$103.78 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates NDAQ a buy and has a price target of \$97.93. Marketbeat rates NDAQ a moderate buy and has a price target of \$97.50 for the stock. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate NDAQ as overweight and have a price target of \$103.78 for the stock. Benzinga rates NDAQ a buy and has a price target of \$95.81 for the stock. Pricetargets.com rate NDAQ a moderate buy and have a price target of \$97.50 for the stock.

Fourthly, Nasdaq's trailing twelve-month revenue is \$8.11 billion, with net income of \$1.51 billion, translating into earnings per share of \$2.60 and a trailing P/E ratio of 34.07. On a forward-looking basis, consensus metrics suggest a forward P/E of roughly 25, supported by 12–14% projected earnings growth in fiscal 2025. The Zacks model predicts an earnings beat for Q3 2025, with revenue expected to climb 12.5% year-over-year to \$1.29 billion and EPS reaching \$0.84. Strong derivatives and equity trading volumes, up 18.6% and 34.1% respectively, should further reinforce top-line growth.

Lastly, From a value investor's standpoint, Nasdaq, Inc. offers an appealing blend of defensiveness, technology-driven growth, and recurring-revenue visibility. Trading at a slight discount to fair value with improving operating leverage, high retention rates, and a stable dividend, NDAQ qualifies as a compounder at a fair price rather than a deep-value play. A prudent entry point lies below \$85, offering greater margin of safety relative to its 12-month consensus target of approximately \$98 per share. In a market dominated by cyclical uncertainty, Nasdaq's steady growth engine and pricing stability position it as a high-quality, reasonably valued financial technology platform suitable for long-term accumulation.

WMT

The stock pick of the week is Walmart, also known by its ticker WMT. I am very sure you have heard of this stock, and you have probably been to a Walmart sometime in your life. Walmart is a multinational retail corporation that sells a wide variety of products in its physical stores, warehouse clubs like Sam's Club, and through its e-commerce websites, operating under the

mission of helping people save money and live better. The company's business model focuses on providing "everyday low prices" through operational efficiency, technological innovation, and a vast retail network. Besides retail, Walmart engages in other activities such as supporting local communities, creating jobs, investing in technology, and focusing on sustainability.

Firstly, Based on the chart, my inference is that Walmart (WMT) is in a strong, established uptrend, displaying significant upward momentum. This is clearly indicated by the bullish alignment of all three moving averages: the short-term 15-day EMA (yellow) is above the mid-term 50-day SMA (blue), which is itself above the long-term 180-day SMA (pink). This "stacked" formation, with all three lines sloping upwards, confirms consistent buying pressure across all timeframes. In the immediate short term, the stock has pulled back from its recent high of \$109.58 and is in a consolidation phase, currently testing the 15-day EMA as a dynamic support level—a pattern that has previously held during this rally. A hold above this line could signal a continuation, while a break below it would suggest a likely, and healthy, pullback toward the next support at the 50-day SMA. From a long-term perspective, the outlook remains robustly bullish. The steadily rising 180-day SMA acts as the primary trend support, and both it and the 50-day SMA have historically served as "buy the dip" zones, reinforcing investor confidence. In summary, while the chart shows a minor short-term pause, the dominant intermediate and long-term trends remain unequivocally bullish.

Secondly, is that Walmart is a persistent compounder with world-class defensive characteristics. Its moat in grocery retail, scale-driven efficiency, and omnichannel transformation have positioned the business to steadily grow revenue and operating income, irrespective of macro headwinds. Last fiscal year, Walmart generated \$681 billion in revenue and continued to expand its e-commerce footprint—eCommerce grew 16%, and U.S. comp sales rose 4.6%. Guidance for FY26 forecasts net sales growth of 3%–4% and operating income growth of 3.5%–5.5%. Walmart's strategic moves, including technology deployments and automation, are projected to help margins expand by up to 50 bps by FY27.

Thirdly, is WMT's analyst ratings. TradingView analysts rate WMT a strong buy and have a price target of \$115.03 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate WMT as a buy and have a price target of \$115.03 for the stock. Marketbeat rates WMT a moderate buy and has a price target of \$113.07 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates WMT as a strong buy and has a price target of \$112.40 for the stock.

Lastly, Walmart offers classic value investor attributes—moat, scale, and recession resistance—but recent performance has erased much of the margin of safety. For those seeking durability and moderate compounding at the expense of immediate upside, WMT is a hold; patient investors should target entry points near the \$90–\$95 level or await sentiment-driven dislocations. The long-term thesis remains intact: Walmart's digital transformation, operational excellence, and dominant market position continue to compound intrinsic value, but new purchases at these levels require a tolerance for slower, steadier returns.

UNP

The stock pick of the week is Union Pacific, also known by its ticker UNP. UNP (Union Pacific Corporation) is a railroad and freight transportation company that operates one of the largest rail networks in North America. Its primary business is the transportation of a wide variety of goods across 23 states in the western two-thirds of the United States. Union Pacific serves as a critical link in the global supply chain, connecting major U.S. West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways, and facilitating trade with Canada and Mexico via key gateways. The company generates revenue by providing safe, reliable, and efficient supply chain solutions for a diverse customer base ranging from farmers and energy companies to automotive manufacturers and retailers.

Firstly, Union Pacific Corp (UNP) is currently showing signs of short-term stabilization, though the overall trend remains bearish. The 15-day EMA is beginning to flatten and slightly curve upward, suggesting that selling pressure may be easing and a potential short-term rebound could be forming. However, since the stock remains below both the 50-day SMA at around \$224.45 and the 180-day SMA near \$227.05, the medium- and long-term outlooks are still neutral to bearish. The 50-day SMA continues to slope downward, indicating ongoing weakness, and the 180-day SMA acts as a strong ceiling for price recovery. Currently trading around \$220.37, UNP may experience a short-term bounce toward the \$224 resistance zone, but to confirm a meaningful reversal, the stock must close and hold above the \$228–\$230 range with strong volume. Overall, while short-term momentum appears to be improving modestly, the longer-term trend remains in decline until key resistance levels are broken. UNP also has a 2.5% dividend yield, and pe of 18.57 which is low. Indicating that the stock is undervalued. UNP ended the week down 0.06% but was up 0.7% on the day at \$220.37(10/31).

Secondly, is that the stock is very safe. One reason the stock is very safe is because it has very low intraday volatility and even provides a steady dividend for its investors. UNP also has a very steady source of revenue because it relies on government contracts to build and operate railways. UNP also has a extremely large moat, Union Pacific (UNP) has a market share of approximately 37.05% of the North American railroad market, based on the 12 months ending in Q3 2025, making it the largest public railroad in North America. We've also seen an increase in congress trading on this stock. For example we saw Scott Franklin who is on the house of representatives make three purchases of the stock on Oct 14th. Two were approximately \$1,000 - \$15,000, and one was approximately \$50,000 - \$100,000. He is on the Science committee. UNP spent \$2.85 million dollars on corporate lobbying last quarter.

Thirdly, TradingView rates UNP a buy and has a price target of \$265.50. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate UNP as overweight and have a price target of \$265.50. StockAnalysis rates UNP as a buy and has a price target of \$259.74. Marketbeat rates UNP as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$261.63. Benzinga rates UNP as a buy and has a price target of \$259.74.

Lastly, Recent Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) valuations for Union Pacific Corporation (UNP) estimate its intrinsic value in the range of \$178.95 to \$278 per share, depending on model assumptions and the source used. Most models project steady Free Cash Flow growth, with current FCF around \$6.1–\$6.24 billion and forecasts reaching roughly \$9.5–\$10.2 billion by 2029–2035. Using typical discount rates of 7.9%, long-term growth rates around 3–3.5%, and a two-stage FCFE approach, the resulting fair value is close to \$238–\$258 per share—about 1.8%–19.6% above recent market prices near \$216–\$237. Some conservative models (AlphaSpread) see UNP as overvalued by approximately 25%, with estimates near \$178.95 per share, while others indicate the stock is roughly fairly valued at present levels. Overall, current DCF analysis suggests Union Pacific's shares are at or just below their modeled intrinsic value, reflecting optimistic cash flow projections but also a level of market confidence in future growth and merger-related momentum.

SNY

The stock pick of the week is Sanofi, also known by its ticker SNY. Sanofi is a French multinational pharmaceutical and healthcare company headquartered in Paris, known for its leadership in innovative medicines and vaccines. Established in 1973, Sanofi has grown through major mergers, including Synthélabo and Aventis, and currently operates in over 90 countries with more than 83,000 employees. The company is R&D-driven and uses artificial intelligence to accelerate research, focusing on areas such as immunology, diabetes, oncology, rare diseases, neurology, and vaccines.

Firstly, based on the chart, SNY is showing clear signs of strengthening momentum, with the price trading firmly above the 15-day EMA and the 50-day SMA, indicating strong short-term bullish pressure and active buyer control. The 50-day SMA is beginning to curl upward, signaling that the intermediate trend is transitioning from neutral to bullish, while the stock's breakout above the long-term 180-day SMA marks an important shift suggesting that the previous long-term downtrend may be ending. Although the 180-day SMA is still relatively flat, holding above it for several weeks would confirm a long-term trend reversal. Momentum indicators such as the RSI in the mid-50s and a positive McClellan Oscillator support the idea that the rally has room to continue without being overstretched. Overall, the short-term outlook is bullish, the medium-term trend is strengthening, and the long-term picture is beginning to turn positive, with sustained price action above the 180-day SMA acting as the key signal for a full trend reversal. SNY ended the week at \$52.14(11/14), SNY finished the day down 0.38% but was overall up 5.38% for the week. SNY has a low PE of 13.07 and offers a 3% dividend yield.

Secondly, Sanofi is considered a relatively safe investment due to its strong financial position, high credit ratings from agencies like Moody's and S&P, and a robust strategy focused on innovation and long-term growth through significant investments in R&D and manufacturing. The company's diversified portfolio in innovative therapeutics and vaccines helps reduce exposure to market-specific risks, while ongoing cost efficiency initiatives free up capital for further growth. While Sanofi is exposed to sector risks (regulatory, production, finance, innovation, and macro-political factors), its overall risk level is below the S&P 500 average, with notable strengths in financial discipline, reputation, and adaptability. Sanofi's stable risk profile is enhanced by its disciplined financial policies, major investments in supply chain resilience, and a forward-looking ESG strategy, all of which contribute to its reputation as a reliable, resilient player in the global healthcare sector.

Thirdly, is SNY's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates SNY as a buy and has a price target of \$61 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates SNY as a buy and has a price target of \$61.50 for the stock. Marketbeat rates SNY as a buy and has a price target of \$62.67 for the stock. WSJ, Marketwatch, and Barrons rate SNY as overweight and have a price target of \$61 for the stock. Benzinga rates SNY as neutral but has a price target of \$61 for the stock.

Lastly, Sanofi stands out this week because it combines strengthening technical momentum with a fundamentally stable business model and broad analyst conviction, creating a compelling setup for both short-term traders and long-term investors. The stock is showing a clean shift toward a bullish trend, supported by improving price action and rising institutional confidence, while its low valuation and reliable dividend add an extra layer of downside protection. With Wall Street price targets clustering around the low-\$60 range, Sanofi has meaningful upside potential if momentum continues and fundamental catalysts—such as pipeline advancements, regulatory approvals, or improved earnings guidance—play out over the coming months. Overall, SNY offers an attractive blend of safety, growth potential, and technical strength, making it a solid and well-balanced pick for the upcoming week.

ICE

The stock pick of the week is Intercontinental Exchange, also known by its ticker ICE. Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) is a global company that operates a network of exchanges and clearinghouses for financial and commodity markets. It provides platforms for trading and clearing futures, options, and equities, and also offers data and analytics services, including operating the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). ICE generates revenue from listing and trading fees, subscription fees for its data platforms, and by facilitating risk management and capital raising across various asset classes.

Firstly, Based on the current setup, ICE is showing improving short-term momentum, supported by the rising 15-day EMA and strengthening breadth, which suggests the stock may continue higher toward the \$158–160 resistance zone in the near term. However, the longer-term trend remains decisively bearish, as both the 50-day and 180-day moving averages continue to trend downward, and price remains below these key levels. Until ICE can reclaim and hold above the 50-day SMA and eventually the 180-day SMA, any rally is best viewed as a counter-trend bounce rather than a sustained reversal. Short-term traders may find opportunity on the upside, while long-term investors should remain cautious as the stock remains vulnerable to another leg down if it fails to break through overhead resistance. ICE ended the week at \$154.43 up 0.5% and up 1.83% on the day(11/21).

Secondly, ICE owns the biggest exchange in the world the NYSE. Which has the biggest Market Capitalization in the world exceeding \$25 trillion. Although its closest competitor Nasdaq has more companies listed under it, 70% of the companies in the S&P500(the top 500 stocks in the U.S) are listed under the NYSE. Proving ICE prioritizes quality over quantity. ICE also has operations in commodity markets, diversifying their company and making it more resilient to negative stock market activity than other exchange companies who solely rely on the stock market. Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) has made a significant investment of up to \$2 billion in Polymarket, a prediction market platform, which is valued at approximately \$8 billion. This partnership aims to integrate Polymarket's event-driven data into ICE's offerings and explore future tokenization initiatives. Opening up a whole new set of opportunities for the company.

Thirdly, are ICE's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates ICE a strong buy and has an average price target of \$193.73 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates ICE a buy and has a price target of \$191.82 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate ICE as a buy and have a price target of \$193.73 for the stock. Marketbeat rates ICE as a buy and has a price target of \$194.70 for the stock. Benzinga rates ICE as a buy and has a price target of \$178.67 for the stock. Barchart rates ICE a strong buy and has a price target of \$193.59 for the stock.

Lastly, ICE continues to show why it deserves attention as a long-term compounder. Its diversified revenue streams, dominant position in global exchanges, and growing data and analytics segment give the company a level of stability and pricing power that many competitors simply cannot match. With consistent cash flow generation, steady dividend growth, and a history of strategic acquisitions that expand both scale and capabilities, ICE remains well-positioned to benefit from increased trading activity, rising demand for high-quality financial data, and the continued shift toward electronic markets. Although the technicals signal caution in the near term, the strong institutional confidence reflected in analyst targets suggests meaningful upside once market conditions stabilize. Overall, ICE stands out as a high-quality operator with long-term potential, making it a compelling pick for investors willing to navigate short-term volatility in exchange for durable growth.

NEM

The stock pick of the week is Newmont Corporation, also known by its ticker NEM. Newmont Corporation is a global leader in gold mining that also extracts other metals like copper and silver. The company's business includes exploring for mineral deposits, mining them through both open-pit and underground methods, and processing and refining the extracted materials. Newmont emphasizes sustainable and responsible mining, which involves community engagement, environmental stewardship, and safety protocols throughout the mine lifecycle.

Firstly, The stock is in a clear primary uptrend, with price trading above the 15-day EMA, 50-day SMA, and 180-day SMA and all three lines sloping upward, which points to strong bullish momentum and sustained buying interest in the name. In the short term, the price riding above the rising 15-day EMA and repeatedly bouncing near the 50-day SMA suggests that dips are likely to be bought and that further upside is more probable than an immediate breakdown, though quick pullbacks toward the 15-day EMA or even the 50-day SMA would be normal rather than trend-breaking. In the longer term, the steadily rising and well-below-price 180-day SMA indicates a healthy, established uptrend in which larger corrections are still likely to find support as long as price respects or stays near that long-term average, while only a sustained move below the 180-day SMA combined with a pattern of lower highs and lower lows would signal a potential transition from a bullish phase into a broader topping or distribution phase. NEM ended the week at \$90.73 up 10.63% on the week and up 0.23% for the day(11/28).

Secondly, is that the stock is pretty safe compared to many other stocks in the market. NEM has low volatility and is in a very stable and consistent sector. Being in the precious metals and mining industry is very safe because the value of the metals continues to go up and the demand continues to increase as well. Which is also projected in the companies earnings estimates for next quarter. While other companies are projecting lower earnings NEM is setting higher and higher estimates. One risk to this stock is that the price is closely correlated with the price of gold. But the good thing for us is that the price of gold is continuing to go up and more people are investing in gold and gold based companies because gold is a safe haven during economic uncertainty.

Thirdly, is NEM's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates NEM as a buy and has a price target of \$105.97 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates NEM as a buy and has a price target of \$97.17 for the stock. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate NEM as overweight and have a price target of \$105.97 for the stock. Marketbeat rates NEM as a buy but has a price target of \$91.20 for the stock. Benzinga rates NEM as buy but has a price target of \$72.21 for the stock. Chartmill rates NEM as a buy and has a price target of \$104.84 for the stock.

Lastly, NEM stands out because it brings together strong technical momentum, sector stability, and broad analyst conviction at a time when many stocks are struggling with uncertainty. With

gold prices trending upward and Newmont consistently improving its earnings outlook, the stock is positioned to benefit from both macro tailwinds and company-specific execution. The combination of rising moving averages, supportive long-term trends, low volatility, and bullish ratings across nearly every major research platform creates a strong risk-reward setup heading into the coming weeks. Overall, NEM offers investors a blend of growth potential and defensive strength—making it a compelling pick for this week and a stock worth watching closely as it continues to build on its momentum.

ZTS

The stock pick of the week is Zoetis, also known by its ticker ZTS. Zoetis is the world's leading animal health company, focused on discovering, developing, manufacturing, and marketing veterinary medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and genetic tests for both livestock (cattle, swine, poultry) and companion animals (pets like dogs, cats, horses) to improve animal well-being and support farmers and owners, driven by science to help animals live longer, healthier lives. They offer a broad portfolio including anti-infectives, parasiticides, dermatology products, and digital tools, serving a global market through innovation and R&D.

Firstly, although the chart for ZTS shows a primary downtrend that is starting to stabilize, with only modest early signs of a potential bottom rather than strong upward momentum. In the short term, after putting in a low near 115, price has made a higher low and is now trading around the low-120s, suggesting that downside momentum has eased and a mean-reversion bounce toward the 50-day SMA in the high-120s is plausible, though pullbacks are likely and failure to hold above the rising 15-day EMA would argue for a retest of the lows. Over the longer term, price remains below a negatively sloped 180-day SMA in the high-140s, so the prevailing trend is still down and the base case is a drawn-out bottoming or trading range phase rather than an immediate new bull market, with upside capped until price can reclaim and hold above that long-term average while it flattens. ZTS ended the week at \$122.24, up 2.56% for the week but down 0.42% on the day(12/19).

Secondly, I would consider ZTS as a growth stock, which explains its volatility from time to time. ZTS is in the animal pharmaceutical sector, this sector is very new and has extremely large potential. ZTS doesn't have much correlation with other stocks in the market but if there were to be a recession or a market crash ZTS would be affected pretty badly. This is because it isn't in the commodities business which is extremely safe or a big company like google and apple. So ZTS is on the riskier side but there is tremendous potential for high growth for it. So for me it is a trade off worth taking. ZTS is also a great stock to diversify your portfolio with.

Thirdly, ZTS's analyst ratings. TradingView rates ZTS as a buy and has a price target of \$159.27. WSJ, Marketwatch, and Barrons rate ZTS as overweight and have a price target of

\$159.27 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates ZTS as a buy and has a price target of \$174.60 for the stock. Marketbeat rates ZTS as a hold, but has a price target of \$160.18. Benzinga rates ZTS as overweight and has a price target of \$187.87 for the stock. Stockstelegraph rates ZTS as a buy and has a price target of \$182.78 for the stock. Tipranks rates ZTS as a buy and has a price target of \$154 for the stock.

Lastly, when you put all of this together, Zoetis stands out as a compelling high-quality growth opportunity that is currently in a rebuilding phase rather than a full recovery. From a technical standpoint, the stock appears to be in the early stages of forming a base, where patience is required but risk-to-reward is gradually improving as downside momentum slows. Fundamentally, ZTS benefits from strong secular tailwinds in animal health, consistent demand driven by pet humanization and global protein consumption, and a deep R&D pipeline that supports long-term earnings growth. While short-term volatility should be expected—especially given broader market conditions and its growth-oriented profile—the combination of improving price structure, diversification benefits, and broadly bullish analyst sentiment makes ZTS an attractive candidate for investors willing to tolerate near-term fluctuations for longer-term upside. For these reasons, Zoetis earns its place as this week's stock pick, best suited for investors who can stay disciplined, manage risk, and allow the story to play out over time.

RLGT

The stock pick of the week is Radiant Global Logistics, also known by its ticker RLGT. Radiant Global Logistics is a third-party logistics (3PL) company that provides technology-enabled supply chain solutions, including domestic and international freight forwarding (air, ocean, truck, rail), customs brokerage, warehousing, distribution, order fulfillment, and specialized services like white-glove delivery for complex shipments across diverse industries like tech, healthcare, and manufacturing. They act as an extension of a company's shipping department, managing complex global trade needs through their extensive network and technology.

Firstly, The RLGT chart shows that the stock recently rallied off a base in the mid-5s to low-6s, but the short-term 15-day EMA has rolled over and is crossing down toward the 50-day SMA, indicating fading near-term momentum rather than a fresh impulse higher. Price is now clustered around the 15-day, 50-day, and 180-day moving averages, with the 50-day roughly flat to slightly rising and the 180-day acting as a reference for the longer trend, which suggests the stock is in a “decision zone” where consolidation or a pullback is more likely than a sharp continuation up. In the short term (days to weeks), this setup favors either sideways action or a retrace toward support in the low-6s to high-5s, while in the longer term (months), the picture becomes more constructive only if price can hold above the 180-day SMA and the 50-day turns decisively upward and stays above it, confirming a durable uptrend; a break back below the 180-day with both shorter averages sloping down would instead argue for a return toward the prior base. RLGT ended the week at \$6.32 down -2.47% for the week and down -0.16% for the day(1/2).

Secondly, I would consider RLGT a great value stock especially for the upcoming year and for the long-term. Another plus with this stock is that it has low volatility which is great for holding in the long-term as well as if you're not an active trader. There are many advantages that 3rd party logistic providers have. 3PL's can be great businesses when managed properly due to significant operating leverage on a fixed cost base, asset light nature of operations, where cash flow converts at a high percentage, and with scale, the ability to spread fixed costs over a larger revenue base. Once the moat is in place, scale begets scale where a larger broker has more access to logistics partners, which attracts more customers for better rates. Especially in the freight market getting stronger and stronger this stock will tend to start to pick up and start doing well.

Thirdly, is RLGT's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates RLGT a strong buy and has a price target of \$8.33 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates RLGT a strong buy and has a price target of \$8 for the stock. WSJ, Marketwatch, and Barrons have a price target of \$8.33. Barchart analysts also rate RLGT a strong buy and have a price target of \$8.33 for the stock. Marketbeat rates RLGT a buy and have a price target of \$8.00 for the stock.

Lastly, Radiant Global Logistics stands out as a compelling patience play rather than a momentum trade. The technicals suggest the stock is currently digesting its recent move and working through a decision zone, which can be frustrating in the short term but often constructive for long-term investors building positions at reasonable levels. Fundamentally, RLGT's asset-light 3PL model, operating leverage, and strong cash-flow characteristics position it well to benefit as freight markets normalize and global supply chains continue to grow in complexity. When combined with broad analyst support and upside to consensus price targets, the risk-reward skews favorably for investors willing to look beyond near-term consolidation. As long as RLGT holds its longer-term trend support and execution remains solid, this stock fits well as a long-term value holding with meaningful upside potential over the coming year and beyond.

RDW

The stock pick of the week is Red Wire Corp, also known by its ticker RDW. Redwire Corp builds critical space infrastructure and technology, providing components and services for next-generation space missions, including solar power systems, spacecraft structures, avionics, sensors, in-space manufacturing (like 3D printing), microgravity research platforms, and digital engineering solutions for government (NASA, defense) and commercial clients (Space X). They are essentially a key supplier for enabling exploration, habitation, and operations in space, from building the building blocks for commercial space stations to supporting national security programs.

Firstly, RDW is showing strong short-term upside momentum, with price trading well above the rising 15-day EMA and the 50-day SMA now turning up, which signals active dip-buying and a developing intermediate uptrend off the 4.87 low seen in the past year. However, the stock is

only recently reclaiming the longer 180-day SMA after a prolonged downtrend from a 12-month high of 26.66, so this area is likely to act as significant resistance and could trigger a consolidation or pullback as recent buyers take profits and longer-term holders sell into strength. Over the next few weeks that likely means choppy trading with corrections toward the rising 15-day and 50-day averages rather than a straight-line move, but as long as RDW holds above the 50-day and continues to make higher lows, the path of least resistance over the next few months is for the trend to grind higher and potentially retrace more of the prior decline. For the longer term (6–18 months), a more durable bull trend would require price to stabilize above the 180-day SMA and eventually force that longer average to flatten and turn up; until that happens, the current rally should be viewed as an early-stage recovery within a still-repairing chart, with elevated volatility and the risk that a break back below the 50-day could morph the move into another bear-market rally that retests lower levels. The stock ended the week at 11.68 up 20.78% for the week and 7% on the day(1/9).

Secondly, is that although the stock is volatile and carries a fair bit of risk to it, I see this as a great growth stock whos momentum is great to capitalize on in the short term. Leading to big gains. One main catalyst for this stocks momentum and potential to keep going up is the Space X IPO that is rumoured to coming soon this year. Once we get closer and closer to Space X's IPO space stocks like RDW will jump. So why choose RDW, many other space stocks like RCLB and ASTS are very developed companies that have less room to grow, and they are already overvalued so the probability of a sell off happening is much more likely for those stocks. RDW is also a pretty stable company because they have multiple defense contracts from the U.S government who is planning to increase its military budget to \$1.5 trillion, which will allow more space for more contracts for RDW. RDW also has contracts with NASA being its biggest customer, aswell as working with Space X and Blue Origin.

Thirdly, is RDW's analyst ratings. Tradinmview rates RDW as a buy and has a price target of \$12.56. Stock Analysis rates RDW as a buy and has a price target of \$12.67. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barrons rate RDW as overweight and have a price target of \$12.56 for the stock. Bezninga rates RDW as a buy but has a price target of \$10.93 for the stock. MarketWatch rates RDW as a hold but has a price target of \$13.13 for the stock.

Lastly, when you put the technical setup, fundamental backdrop, and Street sentiment together, RDW stands out as a compelling tactical growth opportunity rather than a low-risk, long-term compounder at least at this stage of its cycle. The stock's recent surge reflects a clear shift in momentum, improving investor perception, and growing excitement around the broader space ecosystem, while analyst targets clustered in the low-to-mid \$12 range suggest modest upside remains in the near term with room for upside revisions if execution continues to improve. That said, RDW is still in a chart-repair phase, and volatility should be expected as the market digests gains and tests key moving averages. For investors who understand and can tolerate that volatility, RDW offers an attractive risk-reward profile driven by short-term momentum, multiple potential catalysts, and long-term exposure to critical space infrastructure supported by government and commercial demand. In short, RDW is best viewed as a momentum-driven

growth play with asymmetric upside if the trend holds one that requires discipline, clear risk management, and close monitoring as the broader space trade evolves.

IREN

The stock pick of the week is Iren limited, also known by its ticker IREN. IREN Limited (formerly Iris Energy) is a vertically integrated technology firm that builds and operates high-performance data centers powered by 100% renewable energy. While the company remains a major player in Bitcoin mining (targeting 50 EH/s), it has aggressively pivoted into AI cloud services, recently securing a landmark \$9.7 billion contract with Microsoft. By leveraging a massive 3-gigawatt power pipeline and proprietary liquid-cooled infrastructure, IREN is scaling its fleet to 140,000 GPUs—including NVIDIA's Blackwell series—to support AI model training and inference. Their business model focuses on owning the land and electrical substations directly, aiming to reach \$3.4 billion in annualized revenue by the end of 2026 as a critical infrastructure provider for the AI revolution.

Firstly, IREN's setup shows an emerging uptrend with improving momentum, but not yet a powerful runaway phase. Price is trading above the rising 15-day EMA and 50-day SMA, signaling positive short- and intermediate-term trend strength, while the 180-day SMA is flattening and starting to curl up, suggesting the longer-term trend is transitioning from down to sideways/up rather than remaining clearly bearish. In the short term (days to weeks), as long as price holds above the 50-day and uses the 15-day as dynamic support, the path of least resistance is sideways-to-higher, with pullbacks toward those averages likely to be buyable; a decisive close below the 50-day with the 15-day rolling over would instead argue for a deeper correction toward the 180-day. In the medium to long term (months), the key will be whether the stock can hold above the 180-day on future pullbacks and ultimately break and consolidate above the prior major high; doing so would confirm a more durable uptrend, while repeated failures below that old high followed by a breakdown under the 180-day would suggest this is just a bear-market rally rather than the start of a new secular advance. IREN ended the week at \$56.68(1/23) up 8.16%, and up 8.46% on friday. IREN has a moderate PE of 26.65. Indicating that its fairly valued.

Secondly, although IREN can tend to be volatile I see it as a opportunity to make money on a stock that is picking up momentum and breaking out from a downtrend to an uptrend. Not only is this stock a great short-term pick but I also believe that the stock will only continue to grow and do better as time goes on. This is because as the demand for Ai increases so does the demand for data centers and electrical grids which will heavily benefit IREN. IREN is also in the bitcoin mining business, providing some diversification in their business model. We also see some signs of notable stability from the stock especially because of the \$9.7 billion contract that Microsoft signed with them.

Thirdly, is IREN's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates IREN a buy and has a price target of \$84.85 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates IREN as a buy and has a price target of \$71.60 for the stock.

Marketbeat rates IREN as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$69.36 for the stock. Yahoo Finance analysts rate IREN a buy and have a price target of \$84.85 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate IREN as overweight but have a price target of \$84.85 for the stock. Most short-term, mid-term, and long-term indicators are saying that IREN is a buy.

Lastly, tying everything together, IREN stands out as a compelling stock pick of the week because it sits at the intersection of two of the most powerful secular trends in the market today: AI infrastructure and energy-efficient computing. Technically, the stock is transitioning from a prolonged downtrend into an early-stage uptrend, with improving momentum and clear levels that traders can manage risk around. Fundamentally, the company is no longer just a Bitcoin miner—it is rapidly evolving into a critical AI data-center infrastructure provider, backed by long-duration contracted revenue, renewable power ownership, and a massive GPU expansion roadmap. While volatility should be expected, the combination of improving price action, strong analyst sentiment, and long-term growth drivers makes IREN an attractive risk-reward setup. If the stock can continue to hold key moving averages and build above prior highs, IREN has the potential to move meaningfully higher and establish itself as a core AI-infrastructure winner rather than just a cyclical trade.

VST

The stock pick of the week is Vistra corp, also known by its ticker VST. It was one of my stock picks in November 2024. But since then the stock has been around the same price. Vistra Corp. is a leading Fortune 500 integrated energy company that operates as one of the largest competitive power generators and retail electricity providers in the United States.

Headquartered in Irving, Texas, the company manages a massive and diverse energy portfolio of approximately 41,000 to 50,000 megawatts (MW) of capacity—including the nation's second-largest competitive nuclear fleet, high-efficiency natural gas plants, and massive battery storage facilities like Moss Landing. Its business is split into two strategic pillars: Vistra Vision, which focuses on zero-carbon growth through nuclear, solar, and storage, and Vistra Tradition, which maintains the reliability of the grid through its natural gas and remaining coal assets. Beyond generation, Vistra serves approximately 5 million retail customers through popular brands like TXU Energy, Dynegy, and Ambit Energy. In recent years, the company has pivoted to become a critical infrastructure provider for the AI revolution, leveraging its 24/7 "baseload" nuclear and gas power to fuel the rapidly growing demand from hyperscale data centers while working toward a long-term goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Firstly, The VST chart shows weakening momentum within an established downtrend, not strong upward momentum. Price is trading below the 15-day EMA, 50-day SMA, and 180-day SMA, and all three are sloping down, which signals a prevailing bearish trend where rallies are being sold rather than accumulated. The 15-day EMA has repeatedly failed near the 50-day SMA and rolled over, while the 50-day remains below the 180-day SMA, a medium-term bearish

configuration that typically caps upside. In the short term (days to a few weeks), the path of least resistance is sideways to lower, with bounces likely stalling near the 15- or 50-day averages unless price can quickly reclaim them on strong volume. Over the medium to long term (months), the trend should be treated as corrective/declining until you see a higher low plus a sequence where the 15-day EMA turns up and crosses above the 50-day, and then the 50-day flattens and starts turning up toward the 180-day; without that structural improvement, both tactical traders and longer-term investors would generally avoid aggressive new long exposure and instead either fade bounces or stay patient for a base to form. The stock ended the week at \$158.35, down 1.03% for the week, and down 2.60% on the day(1/30).

Secondly, although VST can be subject to high intraday volatility its overall trends are much more steady and predictable. Similar to the majority of the market its volatility is a result of geopolitical tensions, as well as AI. I think in the short-term there is some risk that comes with the stock, but there is also a massive potential for growth in the short-term and especially in the long-term as energy becomes more and more in demand. It will only start to benefit the stock more and more.

Thirdly, is VST's analyst ratings. TradingView rates VST as a buy and has a price target of \$239.88 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates VST as a buy and has a price target of \$235 for the stock. Marketbeat rates VST as a buy and has a price target of \$239.20 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate VST as overweight and have price targets of \$239.88 for the stock. Benzinga rates VST as a buy and has a price target of \$214.33 for the stock. Chartmill rates VST as a buy and has a price target of \$233.96 for the stock.

Lastly, despite the recent lack of price appreciation and the current technical weakness, Vistra remains a **high-quality, long-duration energy infrastructure play** that appears to be digesting prior gains rather than experiencing fundamental deterioration. The stock's consolidation since November 2024 can be viewed as a necessary reset after a strong multi-year run, allowing excess speculation to clear while the company continues to strengthen its strategic positioning. With unmatched baseload nuclear capacity, expanding battery storage, and increasing relevance to AI-driven data center demand, VST is uniquely positioned at the intersection of energy reliability and technological growth. While short-term traders may want to remain patient until technical conditions improve, long-term investors should view current levels as an opportunity to **monitor accumulation and wait for confirmation**, rather than chase momentum. As electricity demand accelerates and power scarcity becomes a defining theme of the next decade, Vistra's scale, asset quality, and disciplined transition strategy make it a compelling stock to keep on the watchlist—and one that could meaningfully re-rate once the trend turns back in its favor.

CMG

The stock pick of the week is Chipotle Mexican Grill, also known by its ticker CMG. Chipotle Mexican Grill operates as a dominant force in the fast-casual sector, leveraging a high-margin business model built on its "Food with Integrity" brand moat and superior operational efficiency. Financially, the company remains resilient, maintaining restaurant-level margins around 25% by balancing premium pricing with a streamlined, 53-ingredient supply chain that appeals to health-conscious, higher-income demographics. Their current growth strategy is defined by aggressive unit expansion—targeting 7,000 North American locations—and a heavy lean into digital transformation through "Chipotlanes" and AI-driven personalization in their rewards program. While the company historically insisted on corporate ownership, it has recently pivoted to partner-operated models to accelerate international entry into markets like the Middle East and Asia. By combining technological automation to boost throughput with a "people-first" labor strategy that prioritizes internal promotions, Chipotle differentiates itself from traditional quick-service competitors, positioning itself as a premium yet scalable powerhouse in the global food industry.

Firstly, Price is in an early-stage recovery with improving but not yet strong upward momentum, with the 15-day EMA turned up and riding above recent candles, showing short-term buyers in control after the October low near 30. The 50-day SMA has flattened and begun to slope upward, indicating a transition from a downtrend into a basing phase over the last month or two, while the 180-day SMA still slopes downward above price and confirms that the longer-term trend remains damaged rather than decisively bullish. In the short term (days to a few weeks), odds favor a continuation of the current upswing, but with choppy action and pullbacks toward the 50-day, where a decisive close back below that level without quick recovery would raise the risk of retesting the low-30s area. Over the medium to long term (months), the more likely path is further base-building and sideways-to-mildly-higher trading as the 180-day SMA slowly flattens, rather than an immediate straight move back to prior highs, and I would treat it as a tactical long on dips now but wait for price to reclaim and hold above the rising 180-day before sizing it as a core long-term position. CMG ended the week at \$39.39, up 1.23% for the week and up 2.44% for the day(2/6).

Secondly, although the stock can experience high volatility sometimes the overall trends of the stock is fairly predictable. The stock is also safe from geopolitical tensions because it is a food chain whose main business is within the U.S. But the stock isn't safe from economic tensions and economic uncertainty. This is because they are extremely dependent on the everyday consumer so if everyday consumers are losing their jobs and money they might stop eating at Chipotle and choose cheaper options. But I do think that Chipotle is undervalued and has a lot of potential to grow.

Thirdly, is CMG's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates CMG as a buy and has a price target of \$44.50 for the stock. Stockanalysis rates CMG as a buy and has a price target of \$47.19 for the stock. Marketbeat rates CMG as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$47.24. Barrons, Marketwatch, and WSJ rate CMG as overweight and have a price target of \$44.50 for the stock. Benzinga rates CMG as a buy and has a price target of \$48.37 for the stock. Tipranks rates CMS as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$44.83 for the stock.

Lastly, when combining CMG's strong brand moat, consistent margin profile, and disciplined yet innovative growth strategy with its current technical recovery and broadly favorable analyst sentiment, the overall risk-to-reward profile appears attractive for investors who are comfortable with short-term volatility. The company continues to demonstrate operational excellence through efficient cost management, digital expansion, and strategic unit growth, all of which support long-term scalability and earnings potential. While macroeconomic pressures and shifts in consumer spending remain legitimate risks that could impact near-term performance, Chipotle's loyal customer base, premium positioning, and continued focus on technology and throughput improvements provide meaningful competitive advantages within the fast-casual industry. As a result, CMG stands out as a tactical opportunity for investors seeking exposure to a high-quality consumer brand with steady growth prospects, and it remains a stock worth monitoring closely for continued base formation and confirmation of a sustained long-term uptrend.

SNOW

The stock pick of the week is Snowflake, also known by its ticker SNOW. Snowflake is a premier Cloud Data Platform that differentiates itself through a unique architecture decoupling storage from compute, underpinned by a high-upside consumption model that scales revenue automatically as customers migrate massive AI and data workloads to the cloud. This "growth-at-scale" story is backed by best-in-class Net Revenue Retention exceeding 130% and healthy Free Cash Flow margins above 25%, proving that its elite customer base—including over half of the Fortune 500 like AT&T and Mastercard—rapidly expands usage once onboarded. While Snowflake maintains a complex "frenemy" relationship with the Big Three cloud providers, its role in driving underlying infrastructure consumption and its innovative "Data Clean Rooms" make it an essential, cloud-neutral partner for secure enterprise collaboration. By aggressively pivoting into Generative AI with tools like Cortex to transform raw data into "chat-ready" intelligence, Snowflake is positioning itself as the indispensable operating system for the modern data economy. Currently, Snowflake commands approximately 20.2% of the cloud data warehousing market, solidifying its position as the dominant leader in this specialized high-growth sector.

Firstly, is that SNOW is showing some genuinely encouraging signs after a significant washout period. Having found a strong floor at \$152.85 and bouncing nearly 13% off that low, the stock appears to be building a meaningful base, and the 15-day EMA is beginning to curl upward — an early signal that short-term momentum may be shifting in the bulls' favor. While the stock is

currently working through overhead supply near the \$178–\$195 zone where the moving averages converge, this consolidation phase is perfectly normal and healthy after a move of this magnitude, and should be viewed as the market digesting sellers before the next leg higher. The 180-day SMA around \$193 will be a key reclaim level, and once price pushes back above it with conviction — which the improving price action suggests is increasingly plausible — it would open the door to a run back toward the \$218–\$220 range relatively quickly. Volume on the recent bounce has been constructive, and the worst of the downside pressure appears to be behind the stock. SNOW is a fundamentally strong cloud data platform operating in a secularly growing industry, and at these levels the stock is attracting interest from value-oriented institutional buyers who recognize the discount to its 2024 highs. For patient investors, the current price around \$172.50 could look like an exceptional entry point in hindsight once the trend fully reverses — and the technical groundwork for that reversal is beginning to take shape right now. SNOW ended the week at \$172.50, down 2.55% for the week and down -3.74% on the day(2/20).

Secondly, although SNOW has been on a downward trend and has seen a substantial drop since its highs in november last year. It has seen a recent upward bounce from its 180-day lows, SNOW is also at a very eye catching price, and is trading at a pretty big discount. Although SNOW isn't completely connected to AI like GOOGL and NVDA, it has a very important role to play for everybody who uses and wants to develop and AI model. They help process and store data which is arguably the most important thing when it comes to AI and if you want to be successful in AI. Not many investors understand this which could be one reason the stock is trading at such a big discount. One drawback to the stock is that it isn't very recession proof in the short-term but no matter what SNOW will be needed more and more as time goes on.

Thirdly, is SNOW's analyst ratings. Tradingview analysts rate SNOW as a strong buy and have a price target of \$277.43 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates SNOW as a strong buy and has price target of \$265.63 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate SNOW as a buy and have price targets of \$277.43 for the stock. Benzinga rates SNOW as a buy and has a price target of \$271.92 for the stock. Marketbeat rates SNOW as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$269.84. Barchart rates SNOW as a strong buy and has a price target of \$269.33.

Lastly, At \$172.50, SNOW represents a high-quality, secular growth franchise trading meaningfully below prior highs, with analyst targets clustering in the \$265–\$277 range — implying substantial upside if execution continues and sentiment normalizes. For investors with patience and a multi-year time horizon, Snowflake offers a compelling asymmetric setup: limited long-term structural risk relative to its expanding role in AI and enterprise data infrastructure. If the technical base confirms and fundamentals continue compounding, this period may ultimately be remembered not as a warning sign — but as an opportunity.

ROST

The stock pick of the week is Ross stores, also known by its ticker ROST. Ross Stores, Inc. is one of the largest off-price retail chains in the United States, operating nearly 2,000+ stores under two brands: Ross Dress for Less and dd's DISCOUNTS. Their core business model revolves around purchasing excess, overstock, and out-of-season merchandise from major brands and department stores at deeply discounted prices, then passing those savings on to customers typically 20 to 60% below regular retail prices. They sell a wide range of products including clothing, shoes, accessories, home décor, bedding, toys, and beauty products. A major part of their appeal is the so-called "treasure hunt" experience, where inventory constantly rotates and varies by location, keeping shoppers coming back frequently to see what new deals have arrived. Ross competes primarily with other off-price retailers like TJX Companies (T.J. Maxx and Marshalls) and Burlington.

Firstly, Ross Stores (ROST) presents a compelling bullish case from both a technical and fundamental standpoint. On the fundamentals, the company recently reported a blowout Q4 with \$6.6 billion in sales (+12% YoY), a 9% comparable store sales surge, and EPS of \$2.00 — all well above expectations — capping a record full fiscal year of \$22.8 billion in total sales. Management guided for continued growth into 2026, backed by an aggressive \$2.55 billion buyback program and a 10% dividend hike, signaling strong confidence in the business. The macro environment further supports the thesis, as persistent inflation and consumer belt-tightening drive middle-income shoppers toward off-price retail. On the technical side, the chart displays a textbook bullish moving average stack — price above the 15 EMA (~\$210), 50 SMA (~\$209), and 180 SMA (~\$199), all sloping upward — reflecting a clean, institutional-driven uptrend from a low of \$126.32 to a recent all-time high of \$217.10. The stock is currently pulling back to the \$209–\$210 confluence support zone, which represents an attractive entry point. As long as ROST holds above that level, the path of least resistance is higher, with a near-term target of \$220–\$221 and longer-term upside toward \$230+. The primary risk to monitor is tariff exposure, given that over half of its merchandise originates from China, but at current levels, the bull case remains firmly intact. ROST ended the week at \$211.19, up 0.25% on the day(3/20) and up 0.76% for the week.

Secondly, the stock has shown to not be very volatile, which is now hard to come across in this market. Now don't get me wrong just because the stock isn't volatile doesn't mean the stock hasn't been going up. ROST is up 6.83% the past month and up 16.94% so far this year. They are doing amazing compared to the broader market(S&P 500) who is down 5.18% the past month and down 5.42% so far this year. They aren't just outperforming the broader market but also their competitors like AMZN(-11.23% YTD) and TJX companies(1.13% YTD). ROST's business model revolves around purchasing excess, overstock, and out-of-season merchandise from major brands and department stores at deeply discounted prices, then passing those savings on to customers typically 20 to 60% below regular retail prices. This favors them in

times of a recession or economic downturn because consumers will be shifting from spending money on higher end brands like Nike to shopping at cheaper options like Ross. Making ROST look as a very attractive and safe investment in this market.

Thirdly, is ROST's analyst ratings. TradingView rates ROST as a buy and has a price target of \$235.27 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates ROST as a buy but has a price target of \$204.25 for the stock. WSJ, MarketWatch, and Barron's rate ROST as overweight and have a price target of \$235.27 for the stock. MarketBeat rates ROST as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$208.29 for the stock. Benzinga rates ROST as a buy but has a price target of \$200.22 for the stock. Citigroup rates ROST as a buy and has a price target of \$240 for the stock. Yahoo Finance analysts rate the stock a buy and have an average price target of \$229.81 for the stock.

Lastly, when you put it all together, Ross Stores stands out as one of the most attractive stock picks in today's uncertain market environment. You have a company with rock-solid fundamentals, a business model that actually benefits from economic headwinds, a clean and steadily rising chart, and a broad consensus from analysts across the board pointing to meaningful upside from current levels. With price targets ranging from \$200 to \$240 and an average Wall Street target sitting around \$229–\$235, there is a strong case that ROST has plenty of room to run from its current price of \$211.19. In a market where volatility is rampant and most major indices are deep in the red year-to-date, ROST's quiet, steady climb of nearly 17% YTD is a breath of fresh air. Whether you are a long-term investor looking for a reliable compounder or a short-term trader eyeing the \$220–\$221 breakout level, ROST offers something for everyone. The combination of defensive business characteristics, strong earnings momentum, aggressive shareholder returns, and a technically sound chart makes this week's pick one of the more convincing setups we have seen in a while. Keep an eye on the \$209–\$210 support zone — as long as ROST holds above it, the bull case remains fully intact and the stock looks poised to push toward new all-time highs in the weeks ahead.

MCO

The stock pick of the week is Moody's Corporation, also known by its ticker MCO. Moody's Corporation (NYSE: MCO) is a global financial services company operating through two core divisions: Moody's Investors Service (MIS), its flagship credit rating agency, and Moody's Analytics (MA), which provides data, risk modeling software, and financial intelligence tools to institutions worldwide. Through MIS, Moody's assesses the creditworthiness of governments, corporations, and debt instruments assigning letter ratings that directly influence borrowing costs across global markets. MA, meanwhile, generates steady subscription-based revenue by selling research and analytical tools to banks, insurers, and asset managers. Together, the two divisions make Moody's essentially a tollbooth on the global debt markets. Financially, the company is firing on all cylinders: full-year 2024 revenue reached \$7.1 billion, up 20% year-over-year, with MIS revenue surging 33% to \$3.8 billion and MA revenue growing 8% to \$3.3 billion. Full-year diluted EPS came in at \$11.26, up 29%, while adjusted diluted EPS hit \$12.47, up 26%. Looking ahead, management guided for high single-digit revenue growth in

2025, with adjusted operating margin expanding roughly 200 basis points to approximately 50%, and adjusted diluted EPS in the range of \$14.00 to \$14.50. Stock Titan Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway remains one of its largest shareholders, proving a strong endorsement of the durability and pricing power of its near-duopoly position in global credit markets.

Firstly, MCO is currently trading at \$424.84 and is showing early signs of potentially building a significant base after a healthy 28% pullback from its peak of \$546.88 the kind of reset that often sets up the best long-term buying opportunities in high-quality names. The \$390 level has held firmly as a strong structural floor, and the fact that price bounced sharply off that level demonstrates real buyer conviction at the lows. The stock is now consolidating just below the 15 EMA (\$430.89), which is actually a constructive sign price is tightening up and compressing near a key moving average, a pattern that often precedes a breakout move higher. The 50 SMA at \$444.45 is the next major target, and a reclaim of that level would be a powerful technical catalyst that could quickly bring \$470–\$480 back into play. Zooming out, the 180 SMA at \$491.58, while currently declining, represents a massive magnet for price once MCO stabilizes and begins trending higher, that moving average becomes a logical price target and would imply roughly 15% upside from current levels. Fundamentally, this is one of the highest-quality financial businesses in the world, with a near-duopoly in credit ratings, 20% revenue growth in 2024, and management guiding for continued margin expansion in 2025 the kind of business that doesn't stay beaten down for long. For patient investors with a medium-to-long term horizon, the current price level near \$424 could very well look like an exceptional entry point in hindsight.

Secondly, what makes Moody's an even more compelling opportunity at current levels is that a significant portion of its recent selloff has been driven not by fundamental deterioration, but by irrational fear, specifically the market's concern that artificial intelligence could eventually displace Moody's ratings business. This worry, while understandable on the surface, falls apart entirely upon closer examination. Moody's moat was not built on analytical prowess. In fact, the 2008 financial crisis proved that definitively, when Moody's infamously rated subprime CDOs AAA and yet issuers kept paying for ratings, buyers kept demanding them, and revenue recovered swiftly to reach record levels. The real moat is a deeply entrenched economic equilibrium built over more than 100 years. Research has shown that unrated bonds trade at roughly 47 to 49 basis points higher yield than otherwise identical rated bonds, while the cost of obtaining a rating is only around 8 basis points, meaning issuers receive a return of multiple times their investment simply by getting rated. This creates a self-reinforcing system where no individual issuer has any incentive to go unrated, no buyer has any incentive to accept unrated debt, and Moody's ratings remain embedded in thousands of investment mandates, bond indentures, collateral agreements, and regulatory frameworks worldwide. If anything, AI is a tailwind for Moody's, not a threat, as the company will simply incorporate AI into its production process to drive costs out of the business, further expanding its already impressive margins.

Thirdly, is MCO's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates MCO as a buy and has a price target of \$548.95 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate MCO as overweight and has a price target of \$548.95 for the stock. Benzinga rates MCO as a buy and has a price target of \$542.37

for the stock. Marketbeat rates MCO as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$550.25 for the stock. Yahoo finance analysts rate MCO as a buy and have price targets of \$546.70 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates MCO as a buy and has a price target of \$550.63 for the stock.

Lastly, when you step back and look at the full picture, the case for Moody's Corporation becomes difficult to ignore. You have a business with a 100-year-old economic moat that no competitor, technological disruption, or market cycle has ever managed to break. You have pristine financials, with 20% revenue growth in 2024, expanding margins, and management guiding for even stronger profitability in 2025. You have a technical setup that suggests the worst of the selloff may already be behind us, with strong buyer support at \$390 and a base forming that could fuel a meaningful recovery back toward the \$490 to \$550 range. You have Wall Street firmly in agreement, with analysts across TradingView, Barron's, MarketWatch, Benzinga, MarketBeat, Yahoo Finance, and StockAnalysis all rating MCO as a buy or overweight, with price targets converging in the \$542 to \$551 range, implying upside of roughly 25 to 30% from current levels. And perhaps most importantly, you have Warren Buffett, one of the greatest investors of all time, sitting comfortably as one of the largest shareholders, a vote of confidence that speaks louder than any price target ever could.

BG

Bunge Global SA (NYSE: BG) is a premier global agribusiness company that connects farmers to consumers by buying, processing, trading, and selling agricultural commodities — including soybeans, corn, wheat, and canola — across more than 40 countries. The company crushes oilseeds into vegetable oils and protein meals, mills grains into flour for food manufacturers, and operates one of the world's most expansive agricultural trading networks, cementing its place among the "ABCD" titans of global food trade. A major milestone in 2025 was the completion of its transformative merger with Viterro, significantly expanding Bunge's global footprint and capabilities. Financially, full-year 2025 net sales came in at \$70.3 billion, with net income attributable to shareholders of \$816 million, down from \$1.14 billion in 2024. Full-year GAAP diluted EPS landed at \$4.93, compared to \$7.99 in the prior year, while adjusted EPS came in at \$7.57 versus \$9.19 in 2024. On a brighter note, Q4 adjusted total EBIT was \$756 million, up from \$546 million in the prior year period, with all operating segments showing higher results — a sign that the Viterro integration is gaining traction. Integration synergies are being realized ahead of schedule, with \$190 million expected in 2026 and a \$220 million annualized run rate targeted by year-end. Looking ahead, management has guided for 2026 adjusted EPS in the range of \$7.50 to \$8.00, reflecting cautious optimism amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and evolving U.S. biofuel policy.

Firstly, BG is currently trading at \$129.42 and is displaying strong bullish momentum after an extraordinary 84% rally from its lows of \$71.60, a move driven by powerful fundamental catalysts including the transformative Viterro merger and a significant earnings re-rating. The \$71–\$80 zone held firmly as a rock-solid structural floor, and the explosive breakout from that

base demonstrated unmistakable institutional conviction from the ground up. The stock is now trading just above the 15 EMA (\$128.21), which is a constructive sign — price is holding tight near its short-term moving average after a massive run, the kind of controlled consolidation that often precedes another leg higher rather than a full reversal. The recent swing high of \$131.50 is the immediate resistance level to watch, and a clean breakout and hold above that level would be a powerful technical catalyst that could quickly bring the \$135–\$140 range into play. Zooming out, the 50 SMA at \$125.76 and the 180 SMA at \$122.44 are both rising sharply and properly stacked beneath price, forming a layered support structure that gives bulls multiple lines of defense on any short-term dip — a pullback to either of those levels should be viewed as an opportunity, not a warning sign. Fundamentally, the story here is compelling: Bunge posted \$70.3 billion in net sales for full-year 2025, is realizing Viterra integration synergies ahead of schedule, and management has guided for \$7.50–\$8.00 in adjusted EPS for 2026 — the kind of business that the market tends to continue re-rating higher as execution is proven out. Bunge ended the week at \$129.42 up 0.86% on the day(4/2) and up 3.48% on the week.

Secondly, unlike the rest of the market BG has been on a impressive uptrend and has been pretty stable during times of unrest in the market. BG started its rally at the start of the year, because of the reduced Chinese competition on soy beans as well as news on the Vierra integration which would \$190 million and a \$220 million annualized run rate targeted by year-end. BG's reported Q4 in February where they showed their total EBIT of \$756 million, up from \$546 million in the prior year, with all operating segments delivering higher results. Giving the market much more confidence in the stock. BG's business isn't effected by the war in Iran, unlike the rest of the market and agriculture is a necessity for the world and the American people even during recessions making the stock very safe.

Thirdly, is BG's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates BG as a buy and has a price target of \$132.25 for the stock. Stock Analysis rates BG a strong buy and has a price target of \$132.29 for the stock. Barrons, MarketWatch, and WSJ rate BG as overweight and have price targets of \$134.33 for the stock. Barchart rates BG as a strong buy and has a price target of \$131.36 for the stock. Marketbeat rates BG as a moderate buy and has a price target \$126.60 for the stock.

Lastly, Lastly, the big picture on BG is hard to ignore. This is not a speculative bet on a high-flying tech name or a turnaround story riddled with uncertainty — this is one of the most essential businesses on the planet, feeding the world's population through one of the largest and most well-diversified agricultural networks ever assembled. The Viterra merger has transformed Bunge into a genuinely premier global agribusiness solutions company, and the market is only beginning to fully price in what that combination means for long-term earnings power. With synergies coming in ahead of schedule, a fully bullish moving average structure on the chart, a consensus analyst price target north of \$130, and a business model that is virtually recession-proof by nature — food doesn't become optional when the economy gets rough — BG checks nearly every box a serious investor should be looking for. The stock has proven its resilience by trending higher while the broader market wrestled with geopolitical anxiety and tariff uncertainty, a telling sign of underlying strength. Whether you are a growth-oriented

investor looking for momentum or a more conservative investor seeking stability in a choppy market, BG offers a rare combination of both.

KEX

The stock pick of the week is Kirby Corp, also known by its ticker KEX. Kirby Corporation (NYSE: KEX) is the largest tank barge operator in the United States, transporting bulk liquid products including petrochemicals, black oil, refined petroleum products, and agricultural chemicals throughout the Mississippi River System, on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and along all three U.S. coasts, operating the largest inland and offshore tank barge fleets in the country. Beyond marine transportation, through its Distribution and Services segment, Kirby serves as a leading nationwide distributor and after-market service provider for diesel engines, transmissions, reduction gears, and related industrial equipment, catering to oilfield services, marine, power generation, on-highway, and other industrial markets. Financially, Kirby reported record 2025 earnings per share of \$6.33 on \$3.4 billion in revenue, generated \$670 million in cash flow from operations, and spent \$264 million on capital expenditures. The company also bought back 3.7 million shares at an average price of \$96.27 for \$354 million, and ended 2025 with total long-term debt of approximately \$920 million and a debt-to-capitalization ratio of 21.4%.

Firstly, KEX is displaying a textbook bullish moving average alignment on the 4-hour chart, with the 15-day EMA sitting above the 50-day SMA, which in turn sits above the 180-day SMA, a three-MA stack that confirms momentum across near-, medium-, and long-term timeframes simultaneously. After bottoming at \$79.52 and staging an impressive ~81% recovery to a high of \$144.42, the stock is currently in a healthy consolidation around \$140.38, with the 15 EMA providing near-term support just below at \$139.88. The 180-day SMA, still rising steadily around the \$110 to \$112 range, serves as the macro trend floor and rules out any blow-off top scenario for now, indicating that this uptrend has real structural integrity behind it. On the near-term, the key levels to watch on any pullback are \$134.66 as secondary support, and the high-conviction buy zone of \$127 to \$128 where the 50 SMA converges, both representing attractive entry points if offered. To the upside, a reclaim and sustained hold above the \$144.42 resistance level opens the door to a measured move target range of \$152 to \$165 on a longer time horizon, making the risk/reward on any dip particularly asymmetric for bulls. The overall read is one of strong structural momentum with a short-term consolidation and not a reversal. KEX ended the week(4/10) at \$140.38 up 4.50% for the week, and down 0.85% on the day.

Secondly, KEX is the largest tank barge operator in the U.S, that transports a variety of products from oil to petrochemicals. They operate along U.S's coasts as well as in land throughout U.S's rivers. Proving that their operations are well diversified, making their business model very safe. Another benefit KEX has is that they have an extremely large moat and are very resistant against its competitors, as its direct competitors are all private companies they don't directly affect KEX's stock price. Their broader competitors include INSW, but we can see that KEX has done much better than INSW and has the inland market advantage over INSW.

Thirdly, is KEX's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates KEX as a strong buy and has a price target of \$148.43 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates KEX as a strong buy but has a price target of \$131 for the stock. Yahoo Finance rates KEX a buy and has a price target of \$149.83 for the stock. Barons, WSJ, and Marketwatch rate KEX as a buy and have a price target of \$148.43 for the stock. Benzinga rates KEX as a buy and but has a price target of \$125.63 for the stock. Marketbeat rates KEX as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$135.20 for the stock.

Lastly, the big picture on KEX is one that is difficult to overlook. This is not a speculative play on an unproven business or a momentum trade chasing headlines, this is the undisputed king of U.S. inland tank barge transportation, a company so dominant in its niche that its closest direct competitors are all private, leaving KEX as the only institutional-grade, publicly traded pure-play in the space. The company moves the lifeblood of the American industrial economy, petrochemicals, refined petroleum products, agricultural chemicals, through the Mississippi River System, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and along all three U.S. coasts, making its operations as essential as they are irreplaceable. Record 2025 earnings of \$6.33 per share, \$670 million in operating cash flow, a disciplined \$354 million share buyback program, and a manageable debt-to-capitalization ratio of just 21.4% paint the picture of a company firing on all cylinders with financial discipline to match. The technical structure reinforces the fundamental story, a fully bullish moving average stack, an 81% recovery from its lows, and a clear path to \$152 to \$165 if the \$144.42 resistance level is reclaimed with conviction. With a consensus analyst price target well above current levels and a business model that is deeply entrenched in America's energy and agricultural infrastructure, KEX offers the rare combination of momentum, quality, and durability that serious investors should find compelling in any market environment.

FERG

The stock pick of the week is Ferguson enterprises, also known by its ticker FERG. Ferguson Enterprises is the largest wholesale distributor of plumbing, HVAC, and building products in North America. For the full calendar year 2025, the company posted \$31.3 billion in sales, up 5.0% year-over-year, with a gross margin of 31.0% and diluted EPS of \$10.16, up 24.2%, and generated \$2.2 billion in operating cash flow. Their customers are primarily professional contractors and facility managers in both residential and commercial construction, with residential and non-residential end markets each representing roughly half of U.S. revenue. Core revenue streams include plumbing supplies, HVAC equipment, waterworks infrastructure, and fire and fabrication products, with approximately 95% of revenue generated in the U.S. Beyond distribution, Ferguson owns a portfolio of proprietary brands spanning multiple product categories, including Miseno, Signature Hardware, PROFLO, PROSELECT, National Fire Products, Pollardwater, Durastar, Avallon, Edgestar, Koldfront, FNW, RAPTOR, and Westcraft, covering everything from bath and kitchen fixtures to fire protection and industrial fittings. In Canada, the company operates primarily under the Wolseley brand, supplying plumbing, HVAC, and refrigeration products across 212 branches.

Firstly, Looking at these Ferguson Enterprises (FERG) charts with a technical lens, the stock shows a concerning deterioration between the two timeframes. In the April chart, FERG displays moderately bullish short-term momentum with the 15-day EMA trading above the 50-day SMA, having recovered strongly from the \$207 low back to \$261, representing a ~26% bounce. However, several warning signs emerge: the stock is approaching prior highs around \$271-272 where significant selling pressure previously occurred, the sharp V-shaped recovery pattern lacks sustainability without fundamental catalysts, and the recovery volume appears weaker than the selloff volume, suggesting lower conviction. By the December timeframe, the technical picture has deteriorated significantly, with price down to \$225 from \$260+, a ~13-15% decline. The 15-day EMA has crossed below the 50-day SMA in a classic bearish "death cross" signal, the 50-day SMA is sloping downward indicating deteriorating intermediate-term momentum, and price is approaching or has broken below the long-term 180-day SMA, signaling a potential structural shift from uptrend to downtrend. From a Goldman Sachs perspective, this warrants a Neutral to Underweight rating. Key resistance levels sit at \$240-245 (prior support turned resistance) and \$260-265 (breakdown level), while support remains at \$220-225 and the critical \$207 prior low. The technical deterioration suggests the initial rally was merely a relief bounce within a larger distribution pattern. Strategic positioning favors waiting for confirmation of trend reversal, specifically the 15-day EMA recrossing above the 50-day SMA with volume support, before accumulating, as the current setup favors tactical traders over long-term holders. FERG ended the week(4/17) at \$260.49, up 1.63% on the week and 1.34% on the day.

Secondly, although FERG can be volatile from time to time and has had its ups and downs. This trend isn't unusual as the stock is closely correlated to the Ai sector because HVAC is extremely important for Data centers, which drove the stock up. Then as the war in Iran started the stock dropped along with the tech sector and majority of the market now it is back up to previous 180-day highs showing how positive sentiment has increased recently. Another benefit FERG has is that its business doesn't solely rely on tech and data centers, it also supplies HVAC systems to homes. As climate change worsens summers and winters become harsher increasing the need for HVAC, benefiting FERG. Another benefit FERG has is that in the long-run there are going to be more and more data centers being built to keep up with the increase of Ai usage.

Thirdly, is FERG's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates FERG as a buy and has a price target of \$278.79 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates FERG as a buy and has a price target of \$268.54 for the stock. Marketbeat rates FERG as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$267.27 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate FERG as overweight and have price targets of \$278.79 for the stock. Yahoo Finance analysts rate FERG as a buy and have price targets of \$276.05 for the stock. Benzinga rates FERG as a buy but has a price target of \$252 for the stock. Chartmill rates FERG as a buy and has a price target of \$279.83 for the stock. StockTelegraph rates FERG as a strong buy and has a price target of \$262.96.

Lastly, the investment case for FERG presents a quality distribution business with secular tailwinds meeting cyclical resistance. The fundamentals are solid: \$2.2 billion in operating cash

flow, 24.2% EPS growth, and exposure to two megatrends in AI-driven data center infrastructure and climate-driven residential HVAC demand. The diversified revenue split between residential and commercial, combined with proprietary brands, provides downside protection. Analyst consensus is overwhelmingly bullish, with an average price target around \$270, implying 3-4% upside from \$260.49. However, the technicals tell a different story. The December death cross and breakdown below the 180-day SMA signal institutional distribution, while the April recovery looks more like a relief bounce than a sustainable reversal. For long-term investors, accumulation on weakness toward \$240-245 makes sense, especially with volume confirmation of trend reversal. For traders, the \$260-265 resistance zone is a natural exit. Think of FERG as the pick-and-shovel play for the AI gold rush, except the shovels come with air conditioning. Rating: Hold with a bias to accumulate on dips below \$245.

AXP

The stock pick of the week is American Express, also known by its ticker AXP. American Express Company (NYSE: AXP) operates as a globally integrated payments company with three core business lines: card issuing, merchant acquiring, and card network services, distinguished by its direct relationships with both card members and merchants through an integrated platform rather than the traditional network model. The company follows a "spend-centric" business model that focuses on generating revenues primarily by driving spending on cards and secondarily through finance charges and fees, offering premium charge and credit cards, merchant payment processing, network licensing services, travel and lifestyle benefits (including Centurion Lounges and Resy dining access), and corporate expense management solutions. In Q1 2026, AmEx delivered strong results with total revenue of \$18.9 billion (up 11% YoY), net income of \$3.0 billion (up 15% YoY), and diluted EPS of \$4.28 (up 18% from \$3.64), beating analyst expectations of \$18.6 billion in revenue and \$4.02 per share, driven by billed business of \$428 billion (up 10% YoY) and particularly strong luxury retail spending which climbed 18%. The company maintains an exceptional return on average equity of 35.2% and returned \$2.32 billion to shareholders through buybacks and dividends while reaffirming full-year 2026 guidance of 9-10% revenue growth and EPS of \$17.30-\$17.90. AmEx serves four primary customer segments: affluent consumers and frequent travelers seeking premium experiences and travel benefits; small business owners and entrepreneurs requiring business management tools; mid-sized to large corporate clients needing sophisticated payment and expense management solutions; and merchants valuing reliable payment processing, with retention rates above 90% among premium cardholders and continued strong penetration among Millennial and Gen Z high-earners both domestically and in rapidly growing international markets.

Firstly, Based on the technical chart analysis of American Express (AXP) trading at \$314.08, the stock is showing early signs of stabilization after experiencing a significant -26% drawdown from the \$390 peak (reached around late December 2025/early January 2026) to a low near \$288-290 in March 2026, with the stock having since recovered approximately 9% from those lows suggesting potential bottoming formation. The 15-day EMA is currently positioned below

the 50-day SMA indicating near-term weakness, while the 180-day SMA is trending downward around \$320-325 acting as immediate overhead resistance, and critically the 50-day SMA has crossed below the 180-day SMA forming a bearish "death cross" that occurred during the February-March selloff, though the 15-day EMA appears to be flattening or potentially curling upward which could signal exhaustion of selling pressure. In the short-term (1-3 months), the outlook is moderately constructive with caveats as the stock is forming a potential higher low structure where a break above \$330-335 would confirm a short-term uptrend reversal with immediate resistance at \$325-330 (180-day SMA) then \$340-345, though failure to hold \$300 support would likely retest the March lows at \$288 and potentially trigger further breakdown toward \$270-275. For the long-term (6-12 months), the outlook is neutral to cautiously optimistic with the stock likely to trade in a \$290-\$350 range as it digests the prior run-up and rebuilds a base, requiring a reclaim above \$350 and eventual "golden cross" (50-day above 180-day SMA) to confirm a sustainable trend reversal, though the recent Q1 2026 earnings beat with 18% EPS growth and 35% ROE provides fundamental support even as technical damage suggests market skepticism about growth sustainability. The current setup favors a "buy the dip" opportunity for patient long-term investors with stops below \$300 targeting initial resistance at \$340-350.

Secondly, although AXP can tend to be volatile at times and has seen slight downturn recently despite beating expectations in Q1. The stock looks to be severely undervalued and underlooked by analysts. AXP reflects a more mature and stable business model, supported by its premium customer base, consistent spending trends and disciplined credit performance. AXP also has a strong customer base, but some risks they carry as well as many other credit card companies like Visa and Master Card are facing. The main risk is that the U.S has reached record credit card debt now at \$1.28 trillion dollars. AXP is also advancing its growth strategy through targeted investments in product innovation, partnerships and technology. The drawback to this is that expenses increase as a result.

Thirdly, is AXP's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates AXP as a buy and has a price target of \$362.29 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates AXP as a hold but has a price target of \$353.21 for the stock. Marketbeat rates AXP as a hold but has a price target of \$361.05 for the stock. WSJ, Marketwatch, and Barrons rate AXP as overweight and have price targets of \$362.29 for the stock. Benzinga rates AXP as neutral and has a price target of \$329.50 for the stock. Barchart rates AXP as a moderate buy and has a price target of \$357.65 for the stock. Yahoo Finance rates AXP as a hold and has a price target of \$359.98 for the stock.

Lastly, American Express presents a compelling risk/reward opportunity for patient investors willing to navigate near-term technical headwinds in exchange for substantial upside potential. With the stock trading at \$314.08 against a consensus analyst price target range of \$350-\$362, investors are looking at approximately 15% upside over the next 12 months, supported by exceptional fundamental performance including 18% EPS growth, 35% ROE, and consistent execution of its premium spend-centric model. While the death cross formation and overhead resistance at the 180-day SMA warrant caution for momentum traders, the combination of a -26% peak-to-trough correction, strong Q1 earnings beat, 90%+ retention rates among premium

cardholders, and disciplined capital allocation (\$2.32 billion returned to shareholders) suggests the market has overreacted to macro concerns about consumer credit quality. The key catalyst to watch is whether AXP can reclaim and hold the \$330-\$335 level with conviction, which would confirm technical trend reversal and align with the bullish fundamental narrative, though investors must remain cognizant of the \$1.28 trillion U.S. credit card debt backdrop and rising operational expenses from growth investments. For the contrarian value investor, AXP earns a 7.5/10 rating - it's not a slam-dunk momentum play given the technical damage, but the combination of beaten-down valuation, fortress balance sheet, premium customer economics, and multiple expansion potential makes it an attractive core holding for those willing to accumulate on weakness and hold through volatility, with a recommended entry strategy of building positions between \$300-\$320 and targeting exits at \$350-\$365 over the next 6-9 months.

SNDK

The stock pick of the week is Sandisk, also known by its ticker SNDK. I am sure you have heard a lot about this stock as it has recently shot up tremendously following its ipo back in 2025. More recently, it is up 476% since the start of the year. SanDisk develops, manufactures, and sells NAND flash memory based storage solutions globally, operating as a pure play memory semiconductor company following its February 2025 spinoff from Western Digital. In fiscal Q3 2026 (ended April 3, 2026), the company delivered explosive results with revenue of \$5.95 billion, up 97% sequentially and 251% year over year, generating GAAP net income of \$3.62 billion and non GAAP EPS of \$23.41 on a stunning 78.4% gross margin. SanDisk operates through three primary segments: Datacenter, which serves major hyperscalers like Amazon, Google, and Microsoft with high capacity enterprise SSDs for AI infrastructure; Edge (, providing NAND flash for smartphones, PCs, automotive applications, and industrial IoT devices; and Consumer, selling SD cards, USB drives, and removable storage to retail customers. The company's flagship "Stargate" enterprise SSD platform, featuring TLC (triple level cell) drives for AI inference workloads and upcoming QLC (quad level cell) drives reaching 128 to 256TB capacities, has secured \$42 billion in remaining performance obligations through multi year supply agreements with five major hyperscale customers, supported by \$11 billion in financial guarantees. Geographically, 72% of revenue comes from Asia, 20% from the Americas, and 8% from EMEA. SanDisk manufactures substantially all NAND flash chips through joint ventures with Kioxia in Japan, positioning itself as the primary supplier of "hot tier" storage for real time AI training and inference while competing against Samsung, SK Hynix, and Micron in what has become a severely supply constrained market with production sold out through 2026.

Firstly, is that SanDisk is trading at \$1,407.61 following an extraordinary rally from approximately \$100 in late 2025 to an all-time high of \$1,671 on May 8, 2026, demonstrating exceptional momentum driven by the structural AI-driven NAND shortage and successful positioning with hyperscale customers. The technical setup remains bullish, with the 15-day EMA at \$1,442 trading above the 50-day SMA at \$1,092, which sits above the 180-day SMA at \$600, creating a textbook bullish moving average alignment confirming the dominant uptrend remains intact. This

configuration, combined with strong institutional volume during the April acceleration and the stock's ability to hold above the \$1,000 level, suggests underlying buying pressure from institutions and hyperscalers continues to provide foundational support. The technical strength is supported by SanDisk's \$42 billion backlog providing exceptional revenue visibility, structural NAND shortage extending through 2027-2028, AI infrastructure tailwinds, and gross margins approaching 80%, justifying continued upward price action. If the stock reclaims and holds above \$1,500, it opens the door for another leg toward \$1,800 to \$2,000, particularly with upcoming earnings catalysts or expanded hyperscaler contracts. Key support levels remain at the 50-day SMA (\$1,092), the \$1,000 psychological level, and the rising 180-day SMA around \$600, providing a safety net for long-term holders. However, investors should recognize that 1,300% appreciation in 15 months creates extended conditions where NAND oversupply from competitors, slowdown in AI capex, or broader semiconductor weakness could trigger profit-taking toward \$1,000 to \$1,200. Primary risks include memory market cyclicality, customer concentration among a few hyperscalers, and premium valuations leaving limited room for execution missteps. The combination of strong technical momentum, bullish moving average structure, AI infrastructure drivers, and contracted revenue visibility suggests the path of least resistance remains higher over the next 6 to 12 months, with pullbacks toward \$1,000 to \$1,200 likely representing attractive entry points rather than structural breakdowns. SNDK ended the week(5/15) at \$1,40761, up 0.95% for the week and up 1.80% on the day.

Secondly, is that although there is risk for the stock to drop significantly as long as the AI hype continues and demand for NAND's continue to stay high SNDK will definitely reach \$2,000. The downside is that the stock could experience a correction as it is coming off insane all time highs. But on the other hand there are barely any signs of the stock slowing down anytime soon, and its biggest risk is that there is recession but the likeness of a recession has gone down from 40% to 30%, and it is very unlikely one will occur by the end of 2026. So although SNDK may have an extremely high valuation I think their impressive projected earnings and insane backlog match it and their stock will only go up from here. It is similarly to NVDA in 2024 where everyone thought the stock would slow down but it only kept going higher and higher and I don't want you to miss out on this great opportunity to double or maybe even triple your money.

Thirdly, is SNDK's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates SNDK a buy and has a price target of \$1,567.48 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate SNDK as overweight and have price targets of \$1,567.48 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates SNDK as a buy but has a price target of \$1,000.89 for the stock. YahooFinance rates SNDK as a buy and has a price target of \$1,421.77 for the stock. Barchart rates SNDK as a strong buy and has a price target of \$1,532.50 for the stock. Benzinga rates SNDK as a outperform but has a price target of \$917.23 for the stock. Chartmill rates SNDK as a buy and has a price target of \$1,248.91 for the stock. Marketbeat rates SNDK as a moderate buy but has a price target of \$1,064.81 for the stock.

Lastly, SanDisk represents a rare convergence of explosive technical momentum and rock-solid fundamental catalysts that doesn't come around often. The \$42 billion backlog, 78% gross margins, and multi-year hyperscaler contracts provide a safety net that most momentum plays lack, making SNDK more than just hype-driven speculation. While the 1,300% rally creates

understandable hesitation, the AI storage supercycle is still in the early innings, and waiting for a pullback could mean missing the next leg to \$2,000. The risk-reward remains compelling for investors willing to stomach volatility, and any dips toward \$1,200 to \$1,300 should be viewed as gift-wrapped buying opportunities. Don't let fear of heights keep you on the sidelines when the fundamentals are screaming buy.

KOPN

The stock pick of the week is Kopin Corp, also known by its ticker KOPN. Kopin Corporation develops and manufactures application-specific optical systems and high-performance microdisplays incorporating four distinct display technologies: Active-Matrix Liquid Crystal displays (AMLCD), Ferroelectric Liquid Crystal on Silicon (FLCoS), MicroLED, and OLED, making it the only company in the world capable of producing all four types domestically within the United States, with products spanning microdisplays, display modules, eyepiece assemblies, image projection modules, and complete head-mounted display systems for defense, enterprise, industrial, consumer, and medical markets. The company reported Q1 2026 revenue of \$10.6 million, essentially flat year-over-year, though product revenue declined to \$5.4 million from \$9.2 million offset by increased funded program and collaboration income, with management reiterating full-year 2026 guidance of \$52 million to \$60 million that includes the initial Fabric.AI development order, while maintaining cash and cash equivalents of \$34.1 million and total liquidity of \$59.5 million supporting operations through at least Q2 2027. Revenue bifurcates between defense applications serving US Department of Defense agencies, defense primes, and European military contractors, with core products including soldier thermal weapon rifle sights, avionic helmets for fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, armored vehicle targeting systems, and training and simulation headsets, alongside emerging AI infrastructure opportunities where recent defense wins include a \$21.5 million thermal-imaging follow-on contract backed by congressional budget demands through 2030 and IDIQ structures providing multi-year recurring revenue, while the strategic Fabric.AI collaboration positions Kopin as exclusive manufacturer of Neural I/O MicroLED-based optical interconnects for AI data centers with a \$15 million development order and 19.9% equity stake targeting government systems requiring domestic production.

Firstly, is KOPN's chart. KOPN's technical structure is decisively bullish, driven by a completed double bottom reversal, golden cross formation, and institutional accumulation that has established a sustainable uptrend despite recent consolidation. The stock formed symmetrical lows at \$1.79 in February and April, broke above the \$3.25 neckline in mid-April with explosive volume, and rallied parabolically 222% to \$6.45 before pulling back 20% to the current \$5.14, now testing the rising 15-day EMA at \$5.25 while the 50-day SMA sits at \$3.00 and 180-day SMA at \$2.44 in bullish alignment. Volume confirms institutional accumulation with 3-4x expansion during the rally and contraction during the pullback, indicating profit-taking rather than distribution, while primary support at \$4.75-\$5.00 marks heavy accumulation zones and critical invalidation at \$3.00-\$3.25 aligns with the neckline and 50-SMA convergence.

Resistance dominates at \$6.45 where a shooting star reversal trapped late buyers, though the consolidation is forming a potential bull flag pattern that if confirmed by breakout above \$6.45 on volume would project a target near \$10.90. The stock maintains 71% above the 50-SMA suggesting either parabolic exhaustion requiring mean reversion to \$4.00-\$4.75 or fundamental repricing from the Fabric.AI partnership and defense contracts, while candlestick patterns show reversal hammers at the double bottom, bullish marubozu sequences during the rally, and current spinning tops indicating equilibrium as momentum decelerates from vertical to sustainable levels. The technical structure confirms a bullish trend with 70% confidence based on the completed reversal pattern, golden cross formation, accumulation volume profile, and defense of key support levels, though short-term risk/reward favors waiting for either \$4.75 retest or \$6.45 breakout confirmation before new long entries.

Secondly, although the stock can tend to be volatile as its price isn't high and the company is in its very early stages. It has the potential to become a big player in the semiconductor and defense space in the upcoming years, and recently it has gone up a tremendous amount. So this high volatility is just a result of you getting astonishing gains. The stock is also a well positioned player in the AI game, as AI is the next big thing KOPN is a great way to capitalise on a cheap stock that has the potential to grow 50x. The stock also is well diversified as it is a semiconductor player for AI due to the [Fabric.AI](#) deal, but still keeping its original revenue flow as an OLED player for the US Department of Defense. One drawback the company does have is that currently it relies mostly on Defense spending budgets which can tend to be unpredictable, but for the short-term the stock a long with its revenue looks fine.

Thirdly, is KOPN's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates KOPN as a strong buy and has a price target of \$7.63 for the stock. Yahoofinance rates KOPN a buy and has a price target of \$7.62 for the stock. Benzinga rates KOPN as a buy but has a price target of \$5.56 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates KOPN a strong buy and has a price target of \$7.63 for the stock. WSJ, Barrons, and MarketWatch rate KOPN a buy and have price target of \$7.63 for the stock. Marketbeat rates KOPN as a buy and has a price target of \$7.15 for the stock. Barchart rates KOPN as a strong buy and has a price target of \$7.15 for the stock. Chartmill rates KOPN a buy and has a price target of \$5.71 for the stock.

Lastly, is that KOPN is a great stock especially if you have low capital and are looking for high short-term growth, or even if you want to increase your risk portfolio without investing a lot of money. KOPN represents a compelling risk/reward setup at current levels, combining a completed double bottom reversal with the transformative Fabric.AI partnership that repositions the company from defense-only optics into the secular AI infrastructure buildout. The technical structure is decisively bullish with golden cross formation, institutional accumulation patterns, and primary support at \$4.75-\$5.00 providing downside protection, while the \$10.90 bull flag measured move target and analyst consensus near \$7.63 offer substantial upside potential from the current \$5.14 entry. The defense business provides a stable revenue floor with \$21.5 million in recent contract wins backed by congressional funding through 2030, while the \$15 million Fabric.AI development order and 19.9% equity stake create embedded optionality in the AI data center market that doesn't yet reflect in the valuation. For investors seeking high-growth

exposure in the semiconductor and defense intersection with defined technical risk parameters, KOPN offers asymmetric upside at a micro-cap valuation that larger institutions have only recently begun accumulating. The stock is rated a Strong Buy with conviction, favoring either accumulation on weakness toward \$4.75 or breakout chase above \$6.45 depending on risk tolerance.

CLS

The stock pick of the week is Celestica, also known by its ticker CLS. Celestica Inc. (CLS) is a Toronto-based global leader in design, engineering, manufacturing, and hardware platform solutions, operating at the backbone of the modern technology supply chain. The company serves two primary segments: Connectivity and Cloud Solutions, which encompasses servers, storage, and high-speed networking infrastructure for hyperscale data centers, and Advanced Technology Solutions, which covers aerospace and defense, industrial, HealthTech, and capital equipment markets. Rather than selling finished consumer products, Celestica functions as a critical manufacturing and engineering partner for the world's most infrastructure-intensive organizations, including major hyperscalers and cloud service providers who collectively accounted for 39% of total 2024 revenues between just two customers. The company also holds a strategic collaboration with AMD for Helios, a rack-scale AI platform, underscoring its deepening ties to the AI infrastructure buildout. On the financial front, fiscal year 2025 revenue reached \$12.4 billion, up 28% year-over-year, while adjusted EPS grew 56% over the same period. The most recent quarter (Q1 2026) continued that trajectory with revenue surging 53% year-over-year to \$4.05 billion and adjusted EPS of \$2.16 beating consensus, prompting management to raise its full-year 2026 revenue outlook to \$19 billion with adjusted EPS guidance of \$10.15.

Firstly, is that Celestica (CLS) closed at \$393.29 on June 12, 2026, having spent the April through mid-May period in a steady and controlled uptrend that systematically built higher highs before stalling and entering a brief corrective phase. That short downtrend was quickly absorbed, and the stock then launched into a powerful impulsive rally at the start of June, spiking up to the \$450 area in what appears to be the strongest single leg of the entire multi-month advance. Price has since pulled back from that June peak toward \$393, which is a natural digestion of the aggressive move, and the key question now is whether this is healthy consolidation or early distribution. All three moving averages remain in a bullish sequence well below current price, confirming the broader structural trend is intact. The overnight session is already showing a recovery to \$409.99, suggesting buyers are defending the post-spike pullback. A reclaim and hold above \$410 on the daily would signal the June breakout is consolidating rather than reversing, with \$450 remaining the near-term target on continuation.

Secondly, is that CLS is one of the biggest players in the AI game, and they are in a great business. Servers and storage are in extremely high demand and as the use of AI continues to grow at an astonishing pace CLS will only grow bigger and bigger and they receive more and

more demand and more and more customers for their products. CLS is also well diversified as they make tech products for aerospace, defense, and healthcare. Aerospace and defense being extremely beneficial currently because the U.S and Europe have increased spending in both areas drastically. We have also seen that companies like DELL have seen astronomical gains this past year being up 253.12% in a year and 61.72% the past 6 months. CLS is in the same industry as DELL, so it is like a cheaper DELL that has even more potential to go up than DELL.

Thirdly, is CLS's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates CLS as a strong buy and has a price target of \$449.90 for the stock. MarketWatch, WSJ, and Barron's rate CLS as a buy and have price targets of \$454.37 for the stock. Benzinga rates CLS as a buy, but has a price target of \$328.65 for the stock. Barchart rates CLS as a strong buy and has a price target of \$448.50 for the stock. Nasdaq rates CLS as a buy and has a price target of \$455.07 for the stock. Tipranks rates CLS as a strong buy and has a price target of \$455.07 for the stock. Marketbeat rates CLS as a strong buy but has a price target of \$367.50 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates CLS as a strong buy and has a price target of \$441.33 for the stock. Zack's rates CLS as a buy and has a price target of \$448.50 for the stock.

Lastly, Celestica represents a rare convergence of fundamental strength, technical momentum, and structural tailwinds that make it one of the most compelling infrastructure plays in the market today. The company sits at the center of the AI buildout without carrying the valuation premium of a pure-play AI name, giving investors meaningful upside with a more grounded earnings base, evidenced by 53% revenue growth and a raised \$19 billion outlook for 2026. The technical setup supports the thesis as well, with price consolidating above key moving averages following the June spike to \$450, and the overnight session already showing buyers stepping back in aggressively. Analyst consensus across nearly every major platform aligns with price targets clustering in the \$441 to \$455 range, sitting comfortably above current price and implying double-digit upside from here. With AI infrastructure spending showing no signs of deceleration, aerospace and defense budgets expanding globally, and management consistently raising guidance, CLS has every ingredient of a stock with sustained long-term appreciation ahead of it. CLS is a strong buy.

TTMI

The stock pick of the week is TTM technologies, also known by its ticker TTMI. TTM Technologies is a Santa Ana, California-based global manufacturer of technologically advanced printed circuit boards, RF components, RF microwave and microelectronic assemblies, and fully integrated mission systems, with the company's name itself standing for "time-to-market" and reflecting its core promise of accelerating customers' product development cycles. The company serves roughly 1,300 customers spanning aerospace and defense prime contractors, hyperscale data center operators, automotive OEMs, medical device manufacturers, networking equipment providers, and industrial equipment suppliers across North America and Asia. TTM operates through three segments, with Aerospace and Defense comprising approximately 45%

of revenue, Data Center Computing at 21%, Medical, Industrial, and Instrumentation at 15%, Automotive at 11%, and Networking at 8%, underscoring the breadth of its end market diversification. In fiscal year 2025, TTM generated approximately \$2.9 billion in net sales, a 19% increase year-over-year, driven primarily by surging generative AI demand in the data center and networking segments alongside continued strength in aerospace and defense. The company closed the year with roughly 18,200 employees across 24 specialized global facilities, and management has since guided for an additional 15% to 20% revenue growth in fiscal year 2026, supported by new capacity expansions in Wisconsin, Malaysia, and upstate New York.

Firstly, is On the long-term timeframe, TTMI exhibits one of the cleanest sustained uptrends visible in the market, with the 180-day SMA (pink) having climbed from the low-\$70s in late 2024 to its current reading near \$187, confirming a structurally intact bull trend underpinned by persistent institutional accumulation over the past six-plus months. Price made a parabolic extension from roughly \$95 in February to an all-time high of \$224.50 in mid-June, a move driven by a clear series of higher highs and higher lows with the 15 EMA (yellow) and 50 SMA (blue/cyan) providing dynamic support throughout the advance. However, the most recent price action represents a meaningful break of short-term structure of TTMI's has now breached both the 15 EMA (~\$204) and the 50 SMA (~\$210) to the downside, with today's sharp -9.06% single-session decline flagging a change of character from impulsive trending behavior to corrective price action. The critical battleground is now the \$187-\$191 zone, where price is currently sitting just above the rising 180-day SMA is a test of this level will determine whether this is a healthy pullback within the broader uptrend or the beginning of a deeper retracement toward prior structure in the \$165-\$170 range. Volume on the selloff appears elevated, consistent with distribution, and bulls will need to see price reclaim the 15 EMA on a closing basis to signal trend resumption so until then, the path of least resistance near-term is sideways to lower. But this also gives us and acts as a great buying opportunity to enter this growth stock that has seen tremendous gains this past year. It also dropped along with the rest of the tech and ai chip sector so this sell off isn't targeted towards the company.

Secondly, is that although tech and ai stocks can tend to be volatile they also provide fast and rapid growth in this current market, whereas other stocks are left behind to go down or sideways because money is moving out of these sectors and into tech and chip stocks. TTMI also is well diversified in terms of the industries they sell to and the industries that bring them the most revenue. Especially as defense spending has continued to increase and especially spending on tech and ai has seen a huge jump in the U.S defense which TTMI will continue to benefit from. Defense spending is also not that volatile and brings a steady source of revenue for the company. Then of course TTMI benefits from the extremely high demand for data center memory and computing power. Those 2 are the main revenue sources but they are diversified with revenue streams from supplying chips to medical, automotive, and industrial customers.

Thirdly, is TTMI's analyst ratings. Tradingview rates TTMI a strong buy and has a price target of \$219.60 for the stock. Barrons, WSJ, and Marketwatch rate TTMI a buy and have a price target of \$219.60 for the stock. StockAnalysis rates TTMI as a strong buy and has a price target of \$212 for the stock. Marketbeat rates TTMI as a buy and has a price target of \$212 for the stock.

Benzinga rates TTMI as a buy but has a price target of \$174.40 for the stock. Chartmill rates TTMI as a buy and has a price target of \$216.44 for the stock. Marketscreener rates TTMI as a buy and has a price target of \$212 for the stock.

Lastly, TTM Technologies stands out as a rare combination of structural growth and operational resilience, anchored by exposure to two of the most durable secular tailwinds in the market today: AI-driven data center buildouts and rising U.S. defense spending. The recent pullback, which mirrored broader weakness across the AI and semiconductor complex rather than any company-specific deterioration, has pulled TTMI back toward the critical \$187–\$191 support zone, a level that aligns with the rising 180-day SMA and offers an attractive entry point relative to the stock's underlying fundamentals. With FY2025 revenue growth of 19% and management guiding for another 15% to 20% expansion in 2026, the growth trajectory remains firmly intact even as shares consolidate after their parabolic run to all-time highs. Wall Street consensus reinforces this view, with the majority of covering analysts rating TTMI a Buy or Strong Buy and price targets clustering between \$212 and \$220, implying meaningful upside from current levels. Add in the company's diversified revenue base across defense, data center, medical, automotive, and industrial end markets, and TTMI offers investors a rare blend of high-growth upside with the kind of downside ballast that purely speculative AI plays simply don't have. For these reasons, TTM Technologies earns a Strong Buy rating, and this pullback should be viewed as an opportunity rather than a warning sign.

SCHW

The stock pick of the week is Charles Schwab, also known by its ticker SCHW. The Charles Schwab Corporation is a Westlake, Texas-based savings and loan holding company that operates as one of the largest wealth management, brokerage, and banking platforms in the country, serving individual investors, independent advisors, and institutions through its Investor Services and Advisor Services segments. Schwab's business spans retail brokerage, investment advisory, banking and trust services, retirement plan administration, and custodial services for independent registered investment advisors, giving it exposure to nearly every layer of the wealth management stack rather than a single revenue stream. The company closed out Q1 2026 with record results, posting net revenues of \$6.5 billion, up 16% year-over-year, alongside record GAAP EPS of \$1.37 and adjusted EPS of \$1.43, both up 38% from the prior-year quarter. Client engagement has been the standout theme, with March core net new assets hitting \$79.7 billion, the second-highest monthly total in company history, and daily average trades reaching 10.3 million in April against a backdrop of \$12.61 trillion in total client assets. Schwab is also pushing into new territory heading into the back half of 2026, rolling out a phased spot crypto trading offering for bitcoin and ethereum and partnering with Cboe to launch prediction market contracts tied to the S&P 500, positioning the firm to capture engagement well beyond traditional brokerage. The next earnings report lands July 21, 2026, with the Street currently modeling adjusted EPS of roughly \$1.50, up over 30% year-over-year.

Firstly, is that SCHW closed the final trading session of last week (Thursday, July 2, since markets were closed Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday observance) at \$96.75, capping off a powerful multi-month recovery. The stock spent the back half of last year and early this year grinding lower from a 52-week high near \$107.50 down into the \$84 range by May, a slow, controlled downtrend that steadily eroded the moving average structure. That low near \$83.96 marked the turning point, and SCHW has since staged an aggressive V-shaped reversal, climbing back through every layer of resistance on the way to reclaiming \$96.75. The moving average alignment now fully confirms the shift in trend, with price sitting above the 15-day EMA at \$95.44, which itself sits above the 50-day SMA at \$92.38, which sits above the 180-day SMA at \$90.18. This is a textbook bullish stack, short-term momentum leading, medium-term trend confirming, and the long-term base finally turning up underneath it. The 50-day SMA crossing back above the 180-day SMA is an early golden cross signal, and as long as SCHW holds above the 15-day EMA near \$95.44, the path of least resistance stays higher with the prior high near \$107.50 becoming the next logical target on continuation.

Secondly, is that SCHW is executing at a level that justifies the technical strength. Schwab is benefiting from a retail trading boom, with its Trading Activity Index hitting a four-year high in June, and management is layering new monetization levers on top of that base rather than relying on trading volume alone. Bank loan balances grew 29% year-over-year to \$61 billion, margin loans climbed to roughly \$127 billion, and managed investing flows were up 46%, with Schwab Wealth Advisory net flows nearly doubling. The firm also just passed the Federal Reserve's 2026 stress test with a 26.3% CET1 ratio, confirming its capital position is more than strong enough to keep funding buybacks and dividend growth, having already repurchased \$2.4 billion of stock and raised its dividend 19% this year. The crypto and prediction market rollouts give Schwab a credible entry into two of the fastest-growing corners of retail finance without the balance sheet risk that comes with being a pure-play crypto exchange. Add in a still-low debt-to-equity ratio near 0.48 and a return on equity above 23%, and SCHW looks like a rare combination of defensive balance sheet quality and offensive growth optionality inside the financial sector.

Thirdly, is SCHW's analyst ratings. TipRanks rates SCHW as a Strong Buy and has an average price target of \$118.21 for the stock. MarketBeat rates SCHW as a Moderate Buy and has a consensus price target of \$116.00 for the stock. StockAnalysis.com rates SCHW as a Buy and has a price target of \$116.58 for the stock. Public.com rates SCHW as a Buy and has a price target of \$115.22 for the stock. Yahoo Finance shows a consensus Buy-leaning rating with an average price target of \$116.58, a high estimate of \$137.00, and a low estimate of \$84.00. Simply Wall St estimates fair value at \$115.00 following a recent trim from analysts adjusting for updated growth and margin assumptions. WSJ, Barrons, and Marketwatch rate SCHW as overweight and have price targets of \$116.63 for the stock. Benzinga rates SCHW as a buy and has a price target of \$112.13 for the stock. Tradingview rates SCHW a buy and has a price target of \$116.63 for the stock.

Lastly, Charles Schwab represents a compelling setup where a decisively bullish technical reversal is now backed by genuinely improving fundamentals rather than pure sentiment. The stock's climb off its May low has restored a clean bullish moving average structure, with price, the 15-day EMA, the 50-day SMA, and the 180-day SMA all stacked in the right order for the first time in months. On the fundamental side, record Q1 revenue and EPS growth, a four-year-high Trading Activity Index, accelerating bank and margin loan growth, and a fortress-level CET1 ratio all point to a business firing on every cylinder heading into its July 21 earnings report. Analyst price targets clustering between \$115 and \$118 sit meaningfully above the current \$96.75 close, implying roughly 19% to 22% upside from here, and that's before accounting for the option value in Schwab's crypto and prediction market rollouts. With momentum, balance sheet strength, and new growth levers all pointing the same direction, SCHW is a strong buy heading into earnings season.

Risks to Watch: Schwab's earnings report on July 21 is the key near-term catalyst and could swing the stock sharply in either direction if net interest income or NNA growth disappoints. A pullback below the 15-day EMA at \$95.44 would be the first sign the recent breakout is losing steam, and a break below the 50-day SMA at \$92.38 would call the broader recovery into question. Rate policy remains a swing factor for net interest margin given Schwab's balance sheet sensitivity to the yield curve.