

Michael Markowski's stock picking contestant performances

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

The table below contains the stock picks that Michael Markowski provided to Fortune and Equities Magazines between 2004 and 2008. Four of the five picks that Mr. Markowski gave to the magazines between 2004 and 2008 were acquired for cash. The share price of the lone remaining public company, Net Scout had increased by 269% as of November 26, 2021.

Performance of stock picks provided to Equities and Fortune Magazine by Michael Markowski for annual stock picking contests as of 11/26/21					
Magazine	Year	Pick	Pick Price	Price @ 11/26/21	% Change
Fortune Magazine	2004	Webex	\$19.00	\$57.00*	200%
Equities Magazine	2005	United Online (UNTD)	\$11.32	\$11.00*	-3.0%
Equities Magazine	2006	Info Crossing	\$8.20	\$18.70*	128%
Equities Magazine	2007	Net Scout (NTCT)	\$8.15	\$30.01	269%
Equities Magazine	2008	Transcend Services	\$15.50	\$29.50*	90%

*Acquired for cash

The table below includes pick performances and rankings among total contestants for Michael Markowski, Mario Gabelli and Larry Rader. The four were contestants in the Equities Magazine annual stock picking contests between 2005 and 2008. CNBC's Jim Cramer was contestant for only the 2007 Equities Magazine contest.

**Performance of Picks & Contestant Rankings for
Markowski, Rader, Gabelli and Cramer
Equities Magazine stock picking contests 2005-2007**

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

Mr. Gabelli, Mr. Rader and Mr. Cramer; were the three most famous of the nine to 11 contestants which Mr. Markowski competed against in Equities Magazine's stock picking contests. The contests were held annually from 2005 to 2007:

- Jim Cramer, host of CNBC's Mad Money.
- Mario Gabelli was named [Mutual Fund Manager of the year in 1997](#) and was [Wall Street's highest paid CEO for 2013](#).
- Larry Rader from 1978 to 1993 was Merrill Lynch's [Director of its Emerging Growth Stock Group](#). *He was the mentor of Mr. Markowski, who began his career with Merrill Lynch.*