

# Five for Friday- Going For Growth Part 2

If nothing caught your eye in last week?s screen of the Cathy Wood?s ARKK ETF, <u>Going for Growth</u>, perhaps something in this week?s screen will. Small-cap growth has been in contention for the best performing factor this year based on our analysis of factor performance. The table below compares relative performance to the S&P 500 over time for various exposures.

# trading days	5	20	20	20	60	60	60	
Dates:	01/30/23 - 02/06/23	01/02/23 - 01/30/23	12/05/22 - 01/02/23	11/07/22 - 12/05/22	08/15/22 - 11/07/22	05/23/22 - 08/15/22	02/28/22 - 05/23/22	YTD
Small Caps	1.54%	2.47%	-0.36%	-3.29%	0.67%	4.78%	-3.26%	4.18%
Mid Cap 400	1.05%	1.93%	0.88%	-1.64%	4.04%	0.57%	-0.24%	3.10%
S&P 500	0.01%	0.00%	0.02%	0.03%	-0.10%	0.11%	-0.05%	0.02%
Small Cap Value	0.88%	1.78%	0.62%	-2.48%	5.00%	-1.40%	1.67%	2.75%
Mid Cap Value	1.49%	3.93%	1.34%	-1.98%	5.73%	-1.67%	2.32%	5.64%
S&P 500 Value	-0.20%	0.70%	1.58%	-1.25%	6.89%	-4.84%	4.99%	0.51%
Low Beta [Low Vol.]	-1.86%	-5.92%	3.13%	0.14%	3.42%	-2.79%	8.55%	-7.90%
High Dividend Yield	-1.88%	-3.57%	1.76%	-1.93%	9.46%	-6.14%	7.04%	-5.55%
Buyback Achievers	-1.65%	0.45%	1.85%	-1.63%	8.34%	-1.49%	-0.21%	-1.27%
Small Cap Growth	1.39%	4.33%	-0.41%	-0.68%	-3.68%	6.35%	-6.24%	5.95%
Mid Cap Growth	0.69%	0.03%	0.33%	-1.20%	2.14%	3.08%	-3.07%	0.75%
S&P 500 Growth	0.21%	-0.66%	-1.59%	1.64%	-7.12%	5.60%	-5.10%	-0.46%
Mega Cap Growth	2.00%	4.19%	-2.80%	2.14%	-9.22%	6.51%	-6.78%	6.47%

While mid-cap growth hasn?t provided much outperformance YTD, one might expect it to begin closing the gap sooner rather than later. Thus, we screen for small and mid-cap growth stocks this week with an eye towards proven consistency of growth.

## **Screening Criteria**

We considered the following factors when screening:

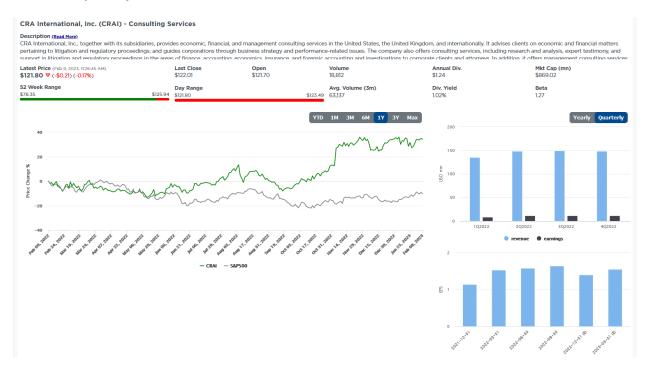
- Traded on the NYSE or NASDAQ
- Market Cap Between \$500M-\$10B
- Price/Book Value Ratio > 2.5
- 3-5y EPS Growth Mean Estimate (Annualized) > 12%
- Sales 5y Trendline Growth Rate > 8.5%
- Sales Growth 5y R-Squared > 0.9
- EPS 5y Trendline Growth Rate > 12.5%
- EPS Growth 5y R-Squared > 0.9

The Sales and EPS growth criteria help us find companies that have grown at higher-than-average rates, and the R-Squared criteria compliments it. Measuring the R-Squared of the growth helps us exclude companies with high annualized growth rates due to one-off situations rather than consistency. A high R-Squared indicates companies with more reliable earnings or revenue growth.

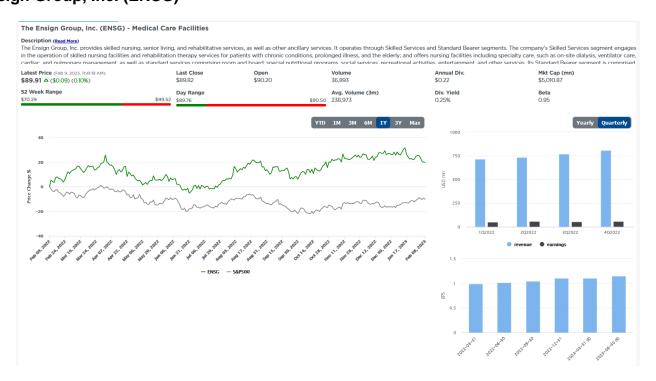
Ticker	Sector	Industry	Market Cap. (\$M)	Р/В	3-5y EPS Growth Rate Mean Est.	5y Sales Growth (Ann.)	5y Sales Growth R^2	5y EPS Growth (Ann.)	5y EPS Growth R^2
CRAI	Industrials	<b>Business Service</b>	\$875	4.4	14.3%	10.6%	0.98	25.2%	0.94
ENSG	Health Care	Medical Care	\$5,008	4.0	15.0%	9.2%	0.99	24.6%	0.98
FOXF	Consumer Discr.	Autos-Tires-Trucks	\$5,145	4.9	13.8%	27.9%	0.98	28.1%	0.95
PRFT	Info Technology	Computer Software-Services	\$2,754	7.2	17.0%	13.4%	0.93	31.4%	0.99
SAIA	Industrials	Transportation	\$7,834	5.0	13.4%	13.4%	0.90	39.0%	0.91

#### **Company Summaries**

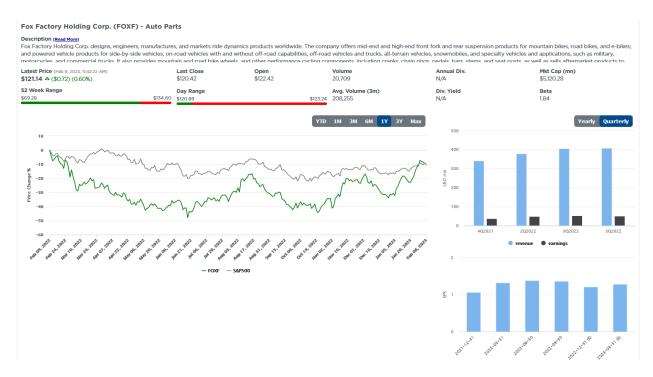
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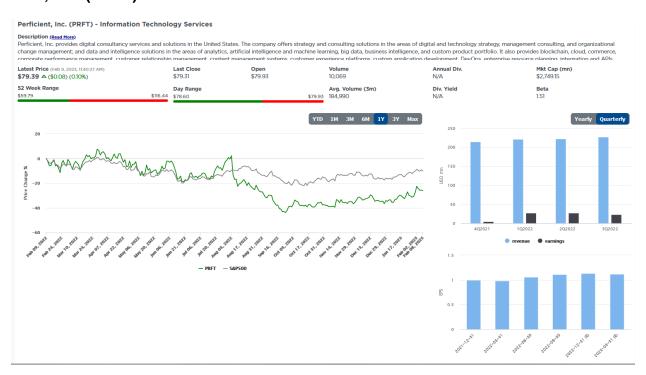
#### **Ensign Group, Inc. (ENSG)**



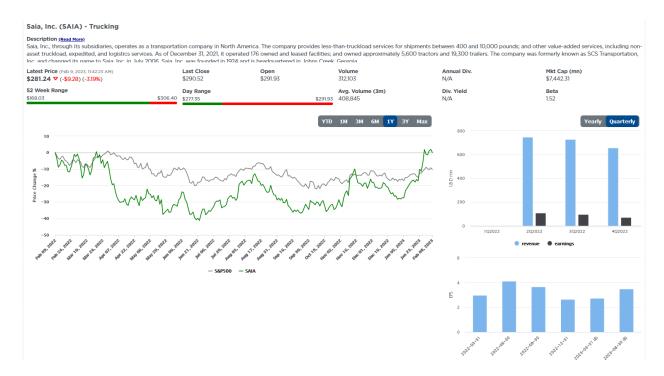
**Fox Factory Holding Corp. (FOXF)** 



## Perficient, Inc. (PRFT)



Saia, Inc. (SAIA)



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