

THE FSB 1000

TO COMPILE OUR SIXTH ANNUAL list we once again asked financial research firm Zacks to rank public companies with revenues less than \$200 million and a stock price of more than \$1, based on their percentage growth in earnings, revenue, and stock performance over the past three years. (Banks and real estate firms were excluded.)

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2006 RANK COMPANY NAME TICKER CITY (2005 RANKING)	EARNINGS/SHARE GROWTH % Three-year annual rate		REVENUE GROWTH % Three-year annual rate		TOTAL RETURN TO INVESTORS Three-year annual rate		NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	
	RANK	NET INCOME Four quarters to 12/31/05 (\$ millions)	RANK	REVENUE Four quarters to 12/31/05 (\$ millions)	RANK	STOCK PRICE \$ as of 6/1/06		
44 MOLDFLOW MFLO FRAMINGHAM, MASS.	138.1 9	3.3	27.3 44	66.4	23.0 97	13.05	347	Moldflow's simulation software and consulting services help clients in the molded-plastic industry optimize their designs before production, reducing costly mistakes.
45 STRATASYS SSYS EDEN PRAIRIE, MINN. (17)	34.2 62	10.6	28.6 40	82.8	57.8 48	30.85	312	Stratasys makes and sells prototyping systems that can rapidly create 3-D plastic replicas of new products for aerospace, automotive, tech, and other industries.
46 ROCKY MT. CHOCOLATE RMCF DURANGO, COLO. (100)	77.9 30	3.8	11.5 94	26.8	68.7 27	13.24	240	How sweet it is. Rocky Mountain has about 300 franchises that craft gooey edibles ranging from chocolate truffles to caramel apples. Some 40 locations opened in 2005.
47 AMERICAN VANGUARD AVD NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF. (40)	36.1 57	19.0	21.0 68	189.8	68.7 26	19.00	275	This maker of agricultural chemicals grows by acquiring products from large corporations and rebranding them. Recently it licensed cutting-edge technology for a new herbicide.
48 WEBSense WBSN SAN DIEGO (31)	32.8 64	38.8	35.6 24	148.6	45.4 63	23.00	606	Online threats such as spyware, phishing, and viruses are less menacing thanks to Websense's security software. Its products can also monitor employee Internet use.
49 SANDS REGENT SNDS RENO (9)	60.4 37	4.2	25.5 50	86.0	45.0 68	14.53	1,100	Dayton, Nev., residents are wild about the Depot Casino that Sands acquired here in 2005. Locals account for 70% of revenues from the company's four casinos.
50 BRIGHAM EXPLORATION BEXP AUSTIN	53.6 45	27.4	35.0 25	97.1	34.1 87	8.18	62	Founded in 1990, Brigham uses 3-D seismic imaging technology to explore for oil and gas in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. In the past 16 years it has drilled nearly 700 wells.


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by Peg and Jeff Thomas,
grew its teen-tour business
by emphasizing safety.

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