

RANK '00 '99	COMPANY (consecutive years on list) business	PROFITABILITY				GROWTH				SALES latest 12 mos (\$mil)	NET INCOME latest 12 mos (\$mil)	RECENT PRICE (\$)	P/E 2001 estimated	MARKET VALUE ² (\$mil)
		Return on equity		Oper- ating margin	Debt/ enter- prise value ¹	Sales		EPS						
		5-year average	latest 12 mos			5-year average	latest 12 mos	5-year average	latest 12 mos					
1 —	Trex makes non-wood decking products	43%	26%	35%	3%	89%	77%	95%	57%	106	18.2	29.75	16	420
2 —	Albany Molecular Research² research for drug & biotech companies	33	17	53	0	80	55	155	67	42	18.1	50.13	60	1,489
3 —	Inet Technologies provides network software & services to telecom companies	33	22	35	0	52	42	74	59	131	34.2	29.75	28	1,376
4 41	QLogic (2) designs semiconductor & board level input/output devices	19	22	39	0	34	68	123	96	228	68.5	89.00	63	8,030
5 23	Micrel (4) manufactures analog integrated circuits	24	25	38	0	40	60	49	69	254	53.7	63.81	59	5,372
6 —	Serena Software makes products for software management	32	13	36	0	61	46	111	67	90	23.7	42.50	45	1,672
7 —	Carrier Access makes broadband access equipment	14	24	32	0	164	84	200+	97	145	28.9	20.25	11	495

The stock price for the number one best small company, Trex, has tripled in 18 months.

8 —	PLX Technology makes semiconductor devices & software development kits	30	16	27	0	50	58	55	92	53	11.5	24.75	29	576
9 25	Xeta Technologies (4) telephone call accounting systems for the lodging industry	27	29	23	0	43	159	33	48	85	5.9	11.50	14	98
10 81	Semtech (2) markets analog & mixed-signal semiconductors	24	23	27	0	31	69	34	120	221	44.7	48.19	42	3,205
11 57	Zomax (2) manufactures CDs, DVDs, diskettes & cassettes	21	31	19	2	82	81	21	200+	246	33.1	6.63	7	212
12 13	Pre-Paid Legal Services (5) members, paying a preset fee, get legal services	28	34	34	0	47	27	49	37	223	44.4	30.88	11	695
13 1	Cognizant Technology Solutions (2) software development & maintenance services	23	25	22	0	94	36	122	33	106	13.4	37.75	35	701

Stock prices as of Sept. 27. —: Not on last year's list. ¹Enterprise value: Market value of common plus liquidation of preferred plus debt minus cash and equivalents. ²Includes all share classes. NA: Not available or not applicable. NM: Not meaningful. Sources: William O'Neil & Co.; Interactive Data Corp., Market Guide and IBES International via FactSet Research Systems.