Benchmark Monitor - September 2016



Microcap Lows: STRATTEC Security Corporation (NASDAQ:STRT), Research Frontiers Inc. (NASDAQ:REFR), First NBC Bank Holding Company (NASDAQ:FNBC), Noodles & Company (NASDAQ:NDLS)

STRATTEC Security Corporation (NASDAQ:STRT) traded 10034 shares on last trading day with closing price of \$35.88. Company gross margin stands at 16.10% whereas its return on investment (ROI) is 9.90%. Stock value has moved between \$35.88 – 71.76 in last one year. Analyst's mean target price for STRATTEC Security Corporation (NASDAQ:STRT) is \$52.00 while analysts mean recommendation is 3.00. STRT EPS growth this year and EPS growth next year is -55.60%, 10.58% respectively.

STRATTEC Security Corporation (NASDAQ:STRT) announced that the Company's Board of Directors, at its meeting held August 24, 2016, declared a cash dividend for the Company's fiscal first quarter of \$0.14 per common share. This represents an 8 % increase from the previous regular quarterly dividend of \$0.13 per common share. The dividend is payable on September 30, 2016 to shareholders of record as of September 16, 2016.

Research Frontiers Inc. (NASDAQ:REFR) shares moved to \$2.58 after starting the day at \$2.58 on Wednesday. REFR market capitalization is 62.03M with 12 employees. Analyst's mean target price for Research Frontiers Inc. (NASDAQ:REFR) is \$3.00 while analysts mean recommendation is 3.00. Its weekly performance is -7.86% while year to date (YTD) performance is -50.48%.

Research Frontiers Inc. (NASDAQ:REFR) licensee Vision Systems has just on September 22, announced that to meet growing demand, it has established a special new division dedicated to the design, production and marketing of SPD-Smart windows and other products using Research Frontiers patented light-control technology. SPD-Smart Electronically Dimmable Windows (EDWs) are a core product of Vision Systems which are enjoying a rapidly growing revenue base in aerospace, rail, marine and automotive applications.

On last trading day First NBC Bank Holding Company (NASDAQ:FNBC) traded 694584 shares and was closed at 9.48. Analyst's mean target price for FNBC is \$19.30 while analysts mean recommendation is 2.20. Company is -78.22% away from its 52 week high and is moving 2.93% ahead of its 52 week low. FNBC return on assets is -0.60%. First NBC Bank Holding Company (NASDAQ:FNBC) quarterly performance is -41.19% while its price to sale ratio is 1.10 and price to book ratio is 0.53.

On Sept. 23, First NBC Bank Holding Company (NASDAQ:FNBC) that the filing of its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016 is being delayed in an abundance of caution as it works diligently with its independent public accountants to complete and finalize the review of the company's financial statements as of and for the periods ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016. As a result of its failure to comply with the terms of its compliance plan, First NBC expects to receive a written notification from Nasdaq that its common stock would be subject to delisting. Under Nasdaq rules and procedures, First NBC would be entitled to request a hearing prior to the commencement of any delisting process and, if timely made, such a request would automatically stay any delisting (and suspension of trading) for an additional 15 calendar days from the deadline to request a hearing.

Noodles & Company (NASDAQ:NDLS) traded 286246 shares on last trading day with closing price of \$4.81. Company gross margin stands at 73.40% whereas its return on investment (ROI) is -7.60%. Stock value has moved between \$4.91 – 15.03 in last one year. Analyst's mean target price for Noodles & Company (NASDAQ:NDLS) is \$8.04 while analysts mean recommendation is 3.00. NDLS EPS growth this year and EPS growth next year is -229.00%, 70.00% respectively.

Zacks Investment Research upgraded shares of Noodles & Co. (NASDAQ:NDLS) from a sell rating to a hold rating in a research report report published on Tuesday morning.