

# EVALUATION™ (EVAL™) – 25-YEAR BENCHMARK STUDY

12/31/1998 TO 9/30/2024

	S&P 500	50 Best-Rated Stocks	50 Worst-Rated Stocks
<b>Average 1-Year Return</b>	9.0%	14.6%	4.2%
<b># of Periods</b>	298	298	298
<b># of Gains</b>	229	225	169
<b># of Losses</b>	69	73	129
<b>Probability of 1-Yr Gain</b>	77%	76%	57%
<b>Average 1-Year Gain</b>	16.4%	24.0%	22.2%
<b>Average 1-Year Loss</b>	-15.3%	-14.2%	-19.4%
<b># Times S&amp;P 500 Fell</b>	69	69	69
<b>Average Return When S&amp;P Fell</b>	-15.3%	-3.5%	-27.8%
<b># Times S&amp;P 500 Rose</b>	229	229	229
<b>Average Return When S&amp;P Rose</b>	16.4%	20.1%	13.8%

# ERS'S PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS -VS- S&P 500 INDEX

- ❖ **Objective:** Employ a longitudinal study consisting of 298 one-year periods over 25 years to determine the performance results of using **ERS's Predictive Analytics** technology compared to the performance of the S&P 500 index in the same periods.
- ❖ **Study Period:** 298 one-year periods: 12/1998 through 9/2023, monthly  
**Sample:** 1,500 largest companies by market cap in each period
  - Minimum market cap of \$250 million
  - Minimum stock price \$1.00
- ❖ **Study Method:**
  - ERS assigned each company a **Valuation** rating at the beginning of each period.
  - Grouped companies into portfolios based on their **Valuation** ratings in each period
  - Selected the best 50 or best 30 companies in each period by their **Valuation** ratings
    - Each period has its own set of 50 or 30 stocks – it's not always the same 50 stocks across all periods
  - Calculated each portfolio's average return based on each company's 1-year rate of return

## **Conclusions:**

**ERS's proprietary predictive analytics technology produced greater profitability than the S&P 500 Index, reduced volatility and reduced losses in flat, rising *and* falling markets.**