

The Stock Market Game™



Week In Review

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Phil Mickelson won his third green jacket at the [Masters Tournament](#) and the country of Greece hit the ball in the woods this week, still unable to sell its bonds at reasonable interest rates. The [European Union](#) agreed on a [rescue plan](#) after being coy all week on how to save that nation's troubled finances. Stocks here at home welcomed the news with a Friday rally and were again playing footsie with 11,000 on the [Dow](#), closing just below the mark. A report citing the strongest [retail sales](#) in a decade probably didn't hurt either.

In news closer to The Stock Market Game teachers' hearts, this week we have culled student portfolios to find some of the top performing stocks for the Spring of 2010. We compile the Top Ten List list from team portfolios in the U.S. states with the largest number of students, so the list is not exhaustive, but as you'll see from the list, your young people are finding some real winners. Prices are tracked from January 11, 2010 – the first available Spring SMG game session – to the April 8 close. The tickers are clickable for today's quote and company information, but we'll also provide descriptions underneath the table for the top three. And here they are:

Top Ten SMG Stocks Spring 2010

Ticker	Closing Price 1/11/2010	Closing Price 4/8/2010	% Change	Company
1. ITMN	14.93	46.74	213	Intermune
2. CKEC	7.58	16.51	117	Carmike Cinemas
3. RDN	9.13	16.47	80	Radian Group
4. BIDU	400.57	619.85	55	Baidu
5. ANF	32.48	49.6	53	Abercrombie & Fitch
6. PUDA	7.42	11.15	50	Puda Coal
7. SQNM	4.57	6.18	35	Sequenom
8. CREE	59.41	76.14	28	Cree
9. DPS	28.68	35.22	23	Dr. Pepper and Snapple
10. BA	60.87	72.28	19	Boeing

1. Intermune, Inc. (ITMN) – This is a biopharmaceutical company that develops therapies for hepatology and pulmonology, including treatments for severe, malignant osteopetrosis and chronic granulomatous disease. We don't know what all that means, but they must be doing something right. The company recently received approval from the FDA for a drug treating lung disease.

2. Carmike Cinemas, Inc. (CKEC) – This company owns and operates movie theaters in multiple states. Its focus is on small to mid-sized communities with populations of fewer than 100,000 people. Guess those folks are taking a lot of films these days.

3. Radian Group Inc. (RDN) – This company provides financial guarantee insurance and who wouldn't want that these days?. Its products and services enable homebuyers to purchase homes more quickly and with smaller down payments, protect lenders against loan default, and lower the costs of mortgage origination and servicing. Radian also provides insurance and reinsurance to investors in corporate, municipal, and asset-backed securities.