Virus hunters stopping the next outbreak

Brandon Contreras represents the worst fears of the lucrative business travel industry. An associate account manager at an American technology company, Contreras used to travel frequently for his company. But nine months after the pandemic began, he and thousands of others work from home and consist of videoconferencing instead of boarding planes. Contreras manages its North American accounts from Sacramento, California, and does not expect to travel to work until the middle of next year. Even then, he is not sure how much he will need. Maybe it's just the acceptance of the new normal. I have all the resources to answer calls, all communication devices to make sure I can do my job, he said. There's a face-to-face element that's needed, but I'd be OK without it. This trend could cause major problems for hotels, airlines, convention centers and other industries that rely so much on business travellers like Contreras.Work travel accounted for 21% of the $8.9 trillion spent on global travel and tourism in 2019, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council.Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian recently suggested business travel could settle into a new normal which is 10% to 20% lower than it was. I think business travel will come back faster than people suspect. I don't know if it will go back to the full volume, Bastian told The Associated Press. Currently, Delta's business travel revenues are down 85%. Dubai-based MBC Group, which operates 18 television stations, says it is unlikely that employees will travel as often after the pandemic is over because they have proven they do not need it. We have been able to carry out projects and negotiate agreements with great success, but remotely, said Mazen Hayek, MBC spokesperson. MBC has reduced travel by more than 85%, Hayek said. Amazon, which told him to stop traveling in March, says it has saved nearly $1 billion in travel expenses so far this year. The online shopping giant, with more than 1.1 million employees, is the second-largest employer in the U.S.At Southwest Airlines, Chief Executive Gary Kelly said while overall passenger revenues are down 70%, business travel - normally more than a third of Southwest traffic - is down 90%. I think it's going to go on for a long time. I'm very confident that he'll recover and pass the 2019 levels, I don't know when, Kelly told the AP.U.S. hotels were counting on business travel for about half of sales in 2019 or closer to 60% in major cities like Washington, according to Cindy Estis Green, CEO of hospitality data company Kalibri Labs.Peter Belobaba, who teaches airline management at MIT, said business travel is down partly because some people are afraid to fly and partly because companies fear liability if contract employees COVID-19 while traveling for work.Companies also have in travel because times are meager, he said. ExxonMobil reduced its business travel in February — even before the full impact of the pandemic was felt in the United States — due to declining global oil demand. Those who want to travel may also be limited by travel restrictions, Belobaba added. Last month, Polestar CEO Thomas Ingenlath observed a mandatory 14-day quarantine in China after flying from Sweden for the Beijing Auto Show.Polestar, an electric car brand jointly owned by Sweden's Volvo and China's Geely, has always tried to limit travel for environmental reasons. But the 14-day quarantine further limited travel, said Kiki Liu, Polestar's communications manager. Reducing travel has been a boon for teleconferencing services. Zoom said it had 370,200 corporate customers with at least 10 employees by the end of July, more than triple the number it had at the end of April.But for some workers, the teleconference can't replace being there in person. Rebecca Lindland, an automotive consultant and founder of Rebecca Drives, travelled 38 weeks a year for road tests and auto shows. This year, it did not fly from March to September. Road tests have been reduced to regional events, so participants do not have to travel that far. Lindland misses the downtime she has given her the air travel, and she is confident that she can safely return to the sky. She wears a mask, and even before the pandemic, she still wore Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer. I've been wiping my tray tables since 1985, she laughs. Sam Clarke, an assistant professor at the California State University Business College in San Marcos, agrees that some face-to-face events — such as trade shows — will always be important in the future. But he thinks new types of business travel could also emerge. The lockdowns taught employees how to adapt to different work environments, he says, so hotels, airlines and even cruise ships should strengthen their connectivity and cater to business travelers. Late last month, Marriott introduced flexible options for business travellers, including one-day stays with an evening departure. Clarke also expects some companies to return their trips. Instead of letting a few executives travel a lot, he said, companies could let most employees work from home and bring them all back to their head office times a year. Some companies are already changing the way their work is done. Cynthia Kay and Co., a media production company based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, used to send its seven employees across the country to make videos for clients like Siemens.When travel came to a halt in March, the company invested in proprietary software and sent iPads and other equipment to customers so it could drag them through their own video shoots , President Cynthia Kay said. As a result, the company's sales are down only 15-20%, even though its plunged by 75%. Yet Kay and her staff were eager to get back on the road once they felt they could do it safely. Kay returned to travel last month. For some people, that's how they'll work in the future, Kay said. But you can't account for the spark that happens when you get people in the same room. ___AP business Joe McDonald in Beijing, Aya Batrawy in Dubai and Joseph Pisani in New York contributed.___This was first published on November 11, 2020. It was updated on November 12, 2020 to correct the name of one of the subjects of the story. His name is Brandon Contreras, not Brian Contreras.A well-known SPAC team is launching a $1.5 billion offer that could be highly anticipated by investors given their history in space. Spinning Eagle Acquisition Corp: A new SPAC called Spinning Eagle Acquisition Corp filed for registration on December 23.The SPAC is looking to sell 150 million units at $10 each to raise $1.5 billion. Each unit will include one-fifth of a warrant to purchase a common share at $11.50. The underwriters will have the opportunity to purchase an additional 22.5 million units. The common shares will trade under the name SPNG on the Nasdaq and will be available for approximately 52 days after the offer is tabled. The management team: Spinning Eagle Acquisition Corp is led by Harry Sloan, Eli Baker and Jeff Sagansky. Sloan, former CEO of the MGM film studio, is CEO and Chairman, baker acting as President and Chief Financial Officer. Sagansky is a founding investor. The duo of Sloan and Sagansky have been partners on many SPACs over the years, with Baker involved on most recent ones. Sagansky is also part of the Falcon Capital Acquisition Corp (NASDAQ: FCAC) team, a SPAC launched with alan G. Mnuchin, brother of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.Related Link: Sports Betting ETF Co-Founder Talks SPACs, Undervalued Foreign Exchange PlaysPast SPACs: The team behind Spinning Eagle Acquisition Corp has years of experience in the SPAC industry, including two recent successes with DraftKings Inc. (NASDAQ DKNG) and Skillz Inc. (NASDAQ: SKLZ). Flying Eagle Acquisition raised $690 million with units that included one-third of a mandate in January 2020. The company announced its merger with Skillz, valuing the mobile gaming company at $3.5 billion. Diamond Eagle Acquisition raised $400 million in April 2019 with shares that also included one-third of a mandate. The company merged with DraftKings to value the sports betting company at $2.7 billion. The also made deals that included Target Logistics, Williams Scotsman, Global Eagle Entertainment and Videocon, which is now part of Dish TV India.DraftKings was one of the best performing SPACs of the year with shares trading at $52.11, up more than 400% from their $10 offer price. The shares traded up to $63.78 this year. Skillz shares trade at $19.02, $19.02, 90% of their $10 offer price. The shares traded up to $22.73 this year. SPAC Target: The new SPAC targets a company that can benefit the management team. No area or geographic area is reported today, but the repository mentions the management team's experience in media and entertainment. The team targets a company that is in a high-growth industry and has revenue or profit growth and free cash flow generation. If the company does not find a target company, the plans could include the creation of a separate blank cheque company called SpinCo.Benzinga's Take: Given the team's experience with spaCs and the recent success with DraftKings and Skillz, this will be a highly anticipated spac offer. The units and common shares will be in high demand and could trade at a premium. Given the size of SPAC, it is one of the biggest bids in 2020 and could land a huge business. The company's focus on generating revenue and profit could lead to a well-known and growing business that could be well received by investors. Photo Credit: World Poker Tour, FlickrSSe plus Benzinga - Click here for Benzinga's options trades - Need a storage prankster? DraftKings now has sports betting gift cards in New Jersey setting a monthly record for sports betting: A look at the winners and why New York needs to legalize (C) 2020 Benzinga.com. Benzinga does not provide investment advice. All rights reserved. How much will you get — and when can you expect the money? Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. increased its share buyback program late Sunday from $6 billion to $10 billion, but shares sank again in Hong Kong trading amid an antitrust investigation by Chinese regulators. Earlier this year, Berkshire Hathaway threw its heavyweight name behind Barrick Gold with an investment that flew into the face of Warren Buffett's long-standing aversion to gold. The news was land-shaking in the gold market, one strategist said at the time. Payments of $600 are in progress. But the president is still hoping for $2,000 in cheques. With the end of 2020, there is a growing belief that 2021 will be a year of growth for stock markets. The U.S. election has sent back a divided government, which is unlikely to have the large majorities - or broad support - needed to enact broad right-wing or left-wing reform legislation, which bodes well for the economy in general. COVID vaccines are being distributed, and as new viruses are also being put in place, it seems that the end of the pandemic could be near. According to the analyst community, some names reflect serious growth games. These are stocks that have already made impressive gains since the beginning of the year, and are on the verge of sustaining growth even after the end of 2020. With that in mind, we used the TipRanks database to scan the street for falling tickers. this category. By locking itself in on three in particular, analysts believe that each name, which also happens to boast a Strong Buy consensus rating, can keep the rally alive in 2021. SunOpta (STKL)The first stock on this growth list is a healthy snack company, SunOpta. The company's product line includes herbal beverages, fruit-based snacks, broth and stock, teas, sunflower and grilled snacks. The company markets through private label distribution and co-manufacturing, as well as through food service institutions. SunOpta has a market capitalization of $962 million, after a year of astonishing share price growth. The stock is up 328% this year, far outperforming the general markets. The company's third quarter revenues were $314.9 million, down 6.4% year-over-year. EPS, with a net loss of 1 cent, was better than the 2-cent loss expected - and much better than the 11-cent loss reported in the previous year's quarter. The company's strong performance caught the attention of Craig-Hallum analyst Alex Fuhrman. The analyst rates STKL a Buy with a price target of $15. This figure implies a one-year increase of 40% over current levels. (To see Fuhrman's background, click here) Supporting his position, Fuhrman wrote: We believe the company's focus on high-value herbal foods and beverages should command a premium valuation with opportunities to rise to estimates that the economy is recovering from COVID. Largely Fuhrman's optimism rests on SunOpta's niche. The analyst noted: We expect plant-based food stocks to command a higher valuation from other food companies in the foreseeable future, given the faster growth trends and compelling environmental benefits. With only $4.5 billion in sales today, herbal products account for less than 1% of the $695 billion grocery market, but it's easy to see it as a double-digit share of grocery sales over time. Wall Street does not always meet unanimously, but in this case it is. SunOpta's Strong Buy analysts' consensus rating is unanimous, based on 3 purchase notices. The stock sells for $10.70, and with an average price target of $15, SunOpta has a potential 40% forward growth potential. (See STKL stock analysis on TipRanks) Green Brick Partners (GRBK)A bright spot in the economy over the past year has been residential construction. When people left the cities to avoid COVID, they moved to the suburbs and exurbs, which stimulated the demand for single-family homes. Green Brick is a land use and home acquisition company based in Texas. The company invests in real estate, mainly on land, and then provides plots and construction financing for development projects. The spread of the suburbs - not just in this year COVID, but as a general trend, was good for Green Brick. The company's third quarter revenue was $275.8 million, the best in the year, 20% and 31% year-over-year growth. EPS was also strong; the value of 68 cents in the third quarter was 54% higher than expected and more than double the value of the previous year. Green Brick's share price rose in line with the company's financial outlook. Over the year, GRBK gained 111%. In his inventory coverage, JMP analyst Aaron Hecht noted, We expect GRBK to capitalize on the trend of apartment tenants moving to single-family homes for security reasons and changing dynamics caused by more telecommuting workers. The most significant cohort change in the buying pool is millennials who have come to the sidelines to buy homes, a trend that we believe has several years to go. The millennial demand trend is amplified in the case of GRBK given its oversized exposure to markets, such as Texas and Atlanta, which are the net beneficiaries of migration out of high-priced coastal areas. To this end, Hecht values GRBK to outperform (i.e. buy), and its price target of $30 implies an increase of about 23% over the next 12 months. (To see Hecht's background, click here) Although not unanimous, the Strong Buy consensus rating on Green Brick is decisive, with a breakdown of 3 to 1 of purchases versus hold. The average price target of $27.5 has a potential increase of 12.5% over the current share price of $24.45. (See analysis of GRBK shares on TipRanks) Brightcove, Inc. (BCOV) Moving to the software industry, we arrive at Brightcove, a Boston-based software company. Brightcove offers a range of video platform products, including cloud-based hosting and social and interactive modules. The company is a leader in delivering and monetizing cloud-based online video solutions. The strength of such a business model, in these pandemic days with their massive displacement of white-collar workers to remote offices, telework and video conferencing, is evident. Brightcove's earnings reached 11 cents per share in the third quarter, nearly double the previous year's quarter. On the front line, revenues remained stable, holding between $46 million and $48 million per quarter in 2020, with no discernible impact on COVID. Brightcove's shares have increased in stages throughout the year, after a small blip last winter. The pace has accelerated since the end of July, after the release of second quarter results, and the stock is now up 103% for 2020. General macro headwinds are turning into niche video, as noted Michael Latimore, analyst at Northland Capital. We believe that a tailwind of the market, BCOV's main technology platform and strong sales performance are the source of strong bookings. We believe that the sales force is at full productivity. BCOV will add more channel managers this year. Management is focused on improving processes to standardize revenue retention rates, noted the 5-Star analyst. Latimore values the stock as outperformance (i.e. buy), and its price target of $24 indicates confidence in a for the coming year. (To see Latimore's background, click here) Over the past three months, two other analysts have thrown the hat in the head for the video technology company. The two additional purchase odds provide Brightcove with a Strong Buy consensus rating. With an average price target of $20.17, investors are expected to earn 14% if the target is met in the coming months. (See analysis of bcov shares on TipRanks) To find good ideas for growing stocks trading at attractive valuations, visit TipRanks' Best Stocks to Buy, a newly launched tool that unites all of TipRanks' equity ideas. Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this article are only those of the star analysts. The content is intended to be used only for informational purposes. It is very important to do your own analysis before making an investment. Analysts favor companies that supply EV manufacturers or develop technologies to support infrastructure and autonomous driving. Other articles presented examine China's crackdown on technology giants, the iPhone manufacturer's interest in automobiles, and how 2020 stocks picks have done. In addition, the prospects for a semiconductor giant, airline stocks, a pool stock and more. Lawrence C. Strauss's cover article Try These 6 Travel and Leisure Stocks to Play a Vaccine-Driven Rebound in Demand indicates that the deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine will boost some companies and sectors sooner than others. Cruise shares such as Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd (NYSE: RCL), hosting and casino stocks like MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) and others were in tears. Daren Fonda5 airline stocks that could cruise even higher shows that airline stocks have increased as vaccines raised hopes, and they are no longer bargains. Some stocks seem attractive, however. See if American Airlines Group Inc (NASDAQ: AAL) and Southwest Airlines Co (NYSE: LUV) are worth checking out now. In China's Crackdown on Alibaba Probably Won't Stop There, Al Root and Liz Moyer point out that Beijing is targeting e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (NYSE: BABA) and its co-founder. Regulators are likely to go after other companies as well. The widespread shutdown of indoor meals weighed heavily on Yelp Inc (NYSE: YELP) in 2020. This is what A Cry for Yelp: A Reopening Play says Cheap by Eric J. Savitz. However, the online referral site is expanding its home and local services business. See how this is set up for a rebound in the coming year. In Teresa Rivas and Al Root This Swimming-Pool Stock Got a Covid Boost. It's always a purchase, the case is that consumers who installed pools during the pandemic will have to pay to maintain them for years to come. This is good news for Pool Corporation (NASDAQ: POOL), which distributes pool supplies, equipment and related recreational products. What Apple Would Want From the Auto Market by Eric J. Savitz suggests that while speculation that Apple Inc. (NASDAQ: AAPL) could launch an autonomous car as early as 2024 had the market booming last week, the consumer electronics giant's interest is more likely to be in services for the Car Internet. See also: Christmas Week Benzinga Bulls and Bears: Airbnb, Apple, Netflix, Nike, Tesla and MoreConnected Fitness are all the rage, but stock prices for Apple, Peloton Interactive Inc (NASDAQ: PTON) and others are plump, according to Jack Hough's Fitness Stocks That Can Get Your Portfolio in Shape. Check out the alternatives featured in the article, and see if Planet Fitness Inc (NYSE: PLNT) made the cut. In Here's How Barron's Stock Picks Did in 2020, Ben Levisohn says this year has not been the easiest year for stock picking or market direction. A big mistake overshadowed the Barron's calls. Was it Mcdonald's Corp (NYSE: MCD)? Starbucks Corporation (NASDAQ: SBUX)? Target Corporation (NYSE: TGT)? Max A. Cherney Intel had a rough 2020. Next year is not looking much better wonders why, unlike many of its rivals, Intel Corporation (NASDAQ: INTC) shares has had a difficult year. This was one of the worst performing stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average, while gains for other chip stocks continue to be a theme during the pandemic. Also in this week's barron: 'How small caps have been too hot' Barron's annual forecasting challenge ' What the strength of the Chinese currency means for the U.S. ' Why the first public offerings will remain robust in 2021 - If the Federal Reserve is to blame for today's low rates - What the end of pandemic investment means to investors - If the stock rebound Value is a false head - What fuels the recovery for luxury spirits - The fate of the pandemic relief bill - How Wall Street responded to the hack historyAlth of this writing, the author had no position in the actions mentioned. Follow all the latest trading news and ideas by following Benzinga on Twitter.Photo from Pixabay. 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It emits lasers and measures distance by determining how quickly lasers return to their origin after hitting objects. According to Wired, Because lidar sees in a lot more detail than radar, it could do ... sufficiently capable cars to drive without this constant supervision. This probably explains why lidar is now considered an essential component of autonomous vehicles and lidar stocks attract attention. And with many automakers, including Ford (NYSE:F), GM (NYSE:GM), BMW (OTC:BMWYY) and Honda (NYSE:HMC), looking intensively to deploy autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles, lidar is becoming increasingly lucrative. In addition, noting that the leading automotive equipment manufacturers Bosch and Valeo (OTC:VLEEY) have begun to develop lidar, arsTechnica recently proclaimed, Lidar sensors are about to become a consumer car feature. The research firm Lucintel said lidar is used in blind spot detection, adaptive cruise control, parking assistance, and pedestrian detection systems. He predicted that the turnover of the automotive detection and range sensor market will have a compound annual growth rate of 17% between 2019 and 2025. In the sector, the popularity of lidar is growing faster than average, the company said. InvestorPlace - Stock market news, stock advisory and trading advice 7 undervalued stocks that could soar in 2021 These lidar shares are exceptionally well placed for this trend: Collective Growth Corp. (NASDAQ:CGRO). Valeo (OCTMKTS:VLEEY). Velodyne (NASDAQ:VLDR). Collective Growth Corp. (CGRO) Source: Shutterstock Collective Growth Corp. is a special purpose acquisition company that plans to merge with Israeli company Innoviz Technologies, which develops lidar sensors. The start-up's investors include two major automotive equipment companies, Magna (NYSE:MGA) and Aptiv (NYSE:APTV). Another investor is Softbank (OTC:SFTBY), a huge Japanese investment bank. Innoviz has agreed to sell its lidar to BMW for use in its 2021 SUV. Importantly, Innoviz recently announced that it has released a cheaper, more feasible lidar system for big market automobiles. Indeed, the company asserts that its technology is one of the more profitable for automakers in the market, according to Yahoo Finance. In 2025, Innoviz expects a gross margin of 52%, with an operating margin of 31%. The valuation of CGRO's shares is expected to be $1.4 billion after the merger. This will make Innoviz one of the cheapest lidar games. The combination of a first-rate customer, huge investors, affordable products and a relatively low valuation makes Collective Growth/Innoviz one the best lidar stocks to buy. Valeo (VLEEY) Source: French Car Equipment Company Valeo's French Shutterstock would be the only company in the automotive world that mass-produces lidar sensors. Valeo intends to produce 1 billion sensors for automobiles over the next five years. In addition, four of the world's leading car manufacturers have already signed commercial contracts for it and Valeo's order backlog currently stands at nearly half a billion euros. Like Innoviz, Valeo says it has developed relatively affordable lidar. At the same time, citing the increase in automotive demand, Moody's recently predicted that European parts manufacturers will report growth of 11% to 12% next year. Their EBITDA margin would be 6.2%, up from 6.9% in 2019. And the company has identified Valeo as a key beneficiary of the proliferation of electric vehicles on the continent. 7 Undervalued shares that could soar in 2021 Valeo is trading with an affordable price-to-earnings ratio of just over 20 and a minuscule price-to-sales ratio of 0.39. This is on the list of lidar stocks as it seems to be a good growth at a reasonable price (GARP) name. Velodyne Lidar (VLDR) Source: Shutterstock As I noted in a recent column, Velodyne recently announced that it would unveil a new lidar sensor called H800 that it will seek to sell for $500. As a result, I said that the H800 will certainly be cheap enough to add to all high-end cars and most mid-range cars. And Highways Today praised the H800 for its exceptional detection capabilities. In addition, Ford's European Commercial Vehicle Unit said it will use the H800. Velodyne expects a first line this year of $100 million. In addition, Velodyne has close and advanced partnerships with Ford, China Bay (NASDAQ:BIDU) and Hyundai Mobis. In addition, the VLDR stock is less risky than manufacturers of undigversified automotive lidar. Velodyne develops sensors for autonomous robots. In fact, Velabit, its 3D lidar sensor for robots, was recently named the winner of the 2020 Innovation Award by Silicon Valley Robotics. It has a range of 100 meters, costs only $100, and can be incorporated into drones and vehicles. The company is trading with a market capitalization of $3.4 billion. VLDR stock is relatively cheap for the company which is arguably the first mover in the fast-growing lidar space. At the time of publication, Larry Ramer held a long-time position at Velodyne. Larry has researched and written articles on U.S. equities for 13 years. It was used by The Fly Israel's largest business newspaper, Globes. Among his very successful vexing choices were solar stocks, Roku, and Snap. You can reach him on StockTwits at @larryramer. Larry began writing columns for InvestorPlace in 2015. More from InvestorPlace Why Everyone Is Investing in 5G All WRONG Top Stock Picker Reveals His Next 1,000% Winner Radical New New Could dismantle the oil markets The post 3 Lidar Stocks to buy for autonomous driving appeared first on InvestorPlace.It will certainly be something to celebrate, and that you have already figured out what your retirement income will be is a great start. Americans are eligible for survivor benefits in a few scenarios, including widows or widowers aged 60 or over; a spouse who divorced from a 10-year marriage and did not remarry until the age of 60; or a widower or widower of any age who cares for the child of the deceased under the age of 16. Marriage benefits can be very confusing, said Kate Gregory, Financial Planner and President of Gregory Advisors Inc. As a spouse, you are entitled to 50% of your husband's primary insurance benefit that he would receive at full retirement age (FRA, which in his case is 66), but he must have claimed his benefits before you can do so. I can easily live on a budget of $60,000 (taxes included), but often it is less than that. Health insurance is probably one of the most crucial, if not the most crucial, considerations you will have to take before you leave your job. Chris Harvey, head of equity strategy at Wells Fargo Securities, explained how Tesla's recent inclusion in the S.P. 500 is reminiscent of the final days of the dot-com bubble. The People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, convened Ant Group for regulatory negotiations on December 26, announcing a sweeping plan for the fintech company to rectify its regulatory violations. The meeting came less than two months after Chinese financial authorities abruptly ended what could have been a record initial public offering of Ant on the company's regulatory compliance issues. The company, which began as a payment processor for Alibaba's online markets and spun in 2011, lacked a sound governance structure, defied regulatory requirements, illegally engaged in arbitration, excluded competitors by using its market advantage and harming consumer rights, the central bank said. Over the past few years, I used to believe that tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA) stocks was certainly significantly overvalued. It was in the light of the stiff competition in the future. In addition, Elon Musk was relatively inexperienced in the automotive sector. In addition, consumers gave mixed reviews of the company's vehicles. It also seemed likely that electric vehicles would not enter the market even 10 years in the future. Source: Ivan Marc / Shutterstock.com But at over the past year, a lot has changed. I realized that the Tesla brand has become so strong that it will almost certainly retain the majority of its EV market share. Meanwhile, the U.S. automaker has made big inroads into the huge Chinese ev market. The support is so strong that within 10 or 15 years, the majority of vehicles sold will likely be OVs. And perhaps more importantly, I became aware of the viable notion that can make a lot of money by charging extra fees for subscription services it can offer to buyers of its vehicles. InvestorPlace - Stock market news, stock boards and trading advice Encore, I believe that for Tesla's stock to beat the entire technology sector in the next few years, the company must perform very well. How Tesla can become extremely profitable if Musk's company maintains most of its market share ev while the sector is growing very fast, Tesla will have, within a few years, an extremely large installed base of 50 million or more. Along the way, the company could, by selling software and services to the owners of its vehicles, become profitable enough to enable Tesla shares to outperform the technology sector as a whole. 7 undervalued stocks that could soar in 2021 As Morgan Stanley analyst Adam Jonas told Bloomberg last month: Tesla is ... taking into account the installed user base and the content software and services offered to these users. In the process, it takes you away from comparing Tesla to automakers and should instead be compared to software companies as a service. A few years ago, I made a similar point about Blackberry (NYSE:BB), and I still believe that Blackberry will eventually benefit by selling a large amount of software and services through its QNX operating system for vehicles. It didn't occur to me that Tesla could also make a lot of money using this method until I recently read Jonas' comments and other similar ideas. In addition, Tesla, like other automakers, could generate high profits by leasing autonomous cars to businesses and consumers. Tesla will still have to execute very well, I still believe that for Tesla shares to reach, say, $850 in one year, $1,200 in three years and $1,600 in five years, the company's performance will have to be very impressive. Specifically, it will need to retain at least 65% of its market share in the United States, Europe and China. It must fend off the significant challenges of many other well-established automakers with deep pockets. To achieve this goal, Tesla probably needs to make sure that its manufacturing process improves significantly. Autonomous driving offers are not significantly behind those of one of its competitors. The batteries are at least as cheap and have at least as much range as those of all its competitors. In addition, the Tesla brand will have to stay almost as far ahead of its rivals as it Today. If one or more of Tesla ev's competitors take a lot of market share, TSLA will have a hard time beating the industry. The bottom line on tesla stock I now see a path for Tesla action to outperform in the future. But it will not be easy at all for the company to do so. Conversely, given their much lower valuations, Ford (NYSE:F) and General Motors (NYSE:GM) are likely to outperform if their electric and autonomous vehicles are even modestly modestly And for more risk-tolerant investors, the shares of Electramechannica Vehicles (NASDAQ:SOLO) and Ayro (NASDAQ:AYRO) can turn into big winners if they are able to capture only a few percentage points from the EV market. As a result, I am more optimistic about F shares, GM shares, SOLO shares and AYRO shares than Tesla shares. But I won't be shocked if Elon Musk once again surprises his critics - myself included. At the time of publication, Larry Ramer held long positions in BlackBerry, Electramechannica Vehicles and Ayro. Larry Ramer has researched and written articles on U.S. equities for 13 years. It was employed by The Fly and Israel's largest business newspaper, Globes. Larry began writing columns for InvestorPlace in 2015. Among his very successful choices, contrarian were Roku, Solar Stocks, and Snap. You can reach him on StockTwits at @larryramer. More InvestorPlace Why Everyone Invests in 5G All the top bad stock picker reveals its next 1000% Radical New Battery winner could dismantle the oil markets The post Why Tesla's rivals are looking better than TSLA shares first appeared on InvestorPlace.InvestorPlace's Business DailyFutures increased as President Trump signed the stimulus deal. Elon Musk said Tesla is nearing a historic milestone. The Apple stock flashes a buying sign. New retirees are like recent college graduates — they are alone after years of the same routine, and they need to find a new way forward. This type of retiree ventures into the unknown, assailing a new job they have never done before. Here are 17 tips on how to make the right financial choices during a difficult recovery. The investment legend has even made his own cartoon to help the next generation learn. To learn.

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