Although I'm pleased with how well our trial portfolio performed in 2000, the core stocks we picked were clearly not the only ones to make substantial gains that year-despite the downturn in the markets.

Remember, the NASDAQ and the S&P 500 indexes are only weighted averages. While many stocks (and investors) do worse than the index, there are just as many stocks each year that do better. And some beat the index by a wide margin.

The great thing about our new system is that it works regardless of which way the market heads. The only difference is that in a falling market the system names fewer stocks as 'buy' recommendations.

Best of all, the system also pinpoints those stocks that are likely to fall in price-in other words, the stocks not to buy.

Avoid The Biggest Mistake Most Investors Make

During the past year we've seen many investors lose money in the stock market. We've seen brokers push unsound or downright fraudulent companies that cost individual investors the bulk of their nest egg. And we've seen market corrections wipe out billions of dollars in assets almost overnight. We've seen investors pour their life savings into technology and 'dot com' stocks-believing they would cash in on a landslide of profits-only to see many of those stocks lose over 90% of their value in only a few months.

I believe the biggest mistake investors make is buying into hype-letting themselves be talked into risky investments on the basis of a good story and promises of future wealth.

Truth is, you don't need to take big risks in the market to earn high returns.

Contrary to popular opinion, the top

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year. Reinganum identified nine traits these winning stocks had in common-traits investors could use to pick future winners.

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