

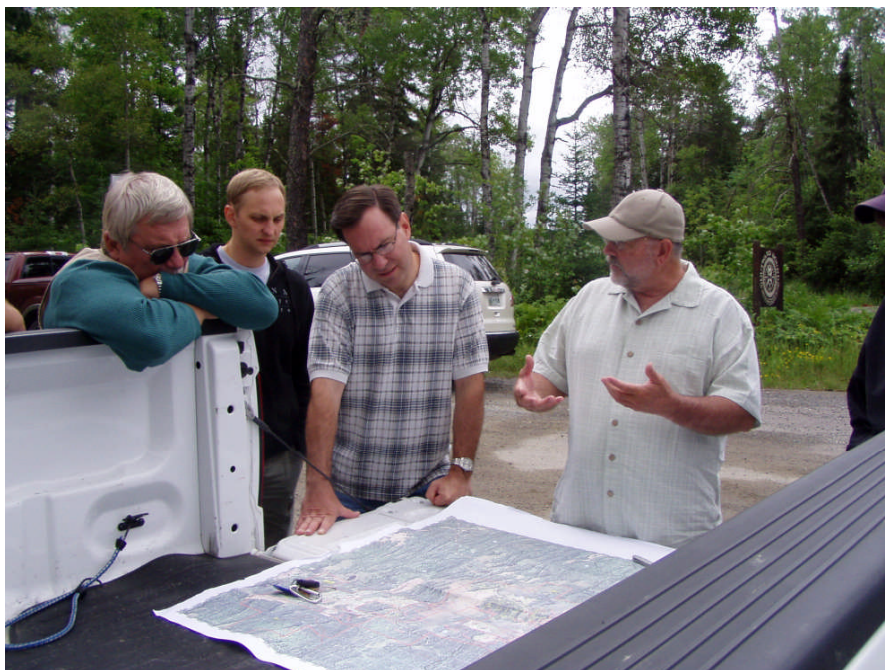
THE National Investor

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About the Companies on my "Featured Opportunities" Page...

Over the years, I have been an advocate of investors seeking to augment their overall portfolio returns by segmenting a small portion of their available investment funds, and devoting them to what can be variously called "story" stocks, speculative companies and the like. Resource exploration (most often, but not exclusively), biotechnology, I.T. and other areas are where often HUGE gains can be realized in promising COMPANIES before the rest of the world discovers them. The flip side, of course, is that many a good-looking company and story, in the end, DOESN'T MAKE IT.

But many do and sometimes spectacularly so; especially if sufficient research and care is taken in selecting opportunities. That, of course, is a part of MY job: to make these kinds of opportunities known to my Members.



Yours truly -- third from left -- on a past trip to Minnesota's Iron Range. PolyMet Mining there is one of the past "10-baggers" my Members have enjoyed!

By their nature, the companies I recommend in the "speculative" category in the pages of *The National Investor* entail greater than average risk. It is for that and other reasons that I always recommend that such companies NEVER constitute a large part of your portfolio. I discuss this in some detail in both my October, 2014 "Investment Playbook" Report and elsewhere; suffice it to say for now that conservative investors should *generally* have no more than a 5-7% total portfolio exposure to these kinds of opportunities *collectively*. More growth-oriented folks--who, among other things, will take the time/care to properly "manage" these types of stocks--might have 12-15% of their overall portfolio, in total, in such companies.

One of the challenges that such prospective companies have is to get their story out to the retail investing public. On that score, after discussions with the most promising of those companies on my overall recommended list, I have put together an "investor awareness" program of sorts that *some* of the "story stocks" on my list are now going to be the subject of.

As each of the expanded Special Reports on this page discloses, the companies involved have underwritten certain costs for the increased dissemination of their coverage. You will want to read these notifications, together with links, in some cases, to specific disclosures, qualifications concerning "forward-looking information" and more.

But here, I want to quickly explain the "rules," if you will, for these companies...and for *The National Investor*:

1. **NO Company can "buy" a recommendation from me.** In each case now or in the future, the companies recommended by me in *The National Investor* get there on their merits. I have never in the past, do not now, or ever will in the future recommend a company because I was being paid to do so...or because that company wanted to provide part of the costs for this marketing effort. (Indeed, even before starting this effort in October, 2014, I have turned down two companies so far who wanted to basically buy their way in to both a recommendation in the newsletter, and exposure on this page and otherwise.)

2. **Paid Members of *The National Investor* will always have "first dibs."** Companies will not be considered or accepted for participation in this effort unless they are already recommended by me in the newsletter, and then-current Members have already had the first opportunity to hear their stories and, if they so choose, to act.

3. **The fact that other of my recommended speculative/aggressive companies are NOT on this page does not mean that they are less worthy of consideration.** A lot of "ingredients" have to come together for it to make sense for a company to engage in this particular investor awareness program. Not only does there have to be the need for such added exposure as this is expected to bring, *but it must also be necessary and timely*. That might not always be the case. In the end, the individual opportunities on this page should be considered worthy components for your consideration as a part of your overall allocation to such types of companies.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to write me at chris@nationalinvestor.com.

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