

The Top 3 Stocks to Invest in for 2021

2020 was the most volatile year on record.

But that's what happens when we're hit with the coronavirus, U.S. elections, global shutdowns, wildfires, earthquakes, riots, economic disarray, a wild hurricane season, the list goes on.

Still, despite all of the chaos, markets managed to race to higher highs.

All on news of a vaccine from Pfizer and BioNTech, which is reportedly 95% effective. Even Moderna just said its vaccine is 94.5% effective against the virus. In addition, Baird's Chief Economist Don Rissmiller noted that winter lockdowns, stimulus, and an eventual cure for the virus could lead to "blockbuster" economic growth by mid to late 2021.

If that's the case, here are some of the top stocks you may want to consider for the New Year.

Top Stock No. 1 – BioNTech (BNTX)

Over the last few months, shares of BNTX exploded from \$55 to \$104. However, it could easily see even more upside on vaccine news.



All thanks to news that it and Pfizer have a vaccine that's 95% effective with no safety concerns. "Efficacy was consistent across age, race and ethnicity demographics. The observed efficacy in adults over 65 years of age was over 94%," Pfizer and BioNTech said, as quoted by CNN.

If successful, life could begin to resume some sort of normalcy. Businesses and schools can safely reopen, and perhaps the global economy will grow even stronger.

Top Stock No. 2 – Albemarle (ALB)

With a global push for more electric vehicles on the road, we'll need a good deal of lithium, which could be a big catalyst for Albemarle. Consider this.

The world may soon run into another severe lithium supply crunch. By 2024, demand for lithium is expected to more than double, as the production of electric vehicle batteries gears up for big growth, as reported by Creamer Media's Mining Weekly.



The lithium market could also benefit from a Joe Biden victory, noted Albemarle Corp. CEO Kent Masters, as quoted by Bloomberg. “There’s the incentives, and the emphasis that’s put on electrification and EVs around that. The market side of it would be more favorable with Biden.”

Top Stock No. 3 – Nio Inc. (NIO)

Even after running from \$4 to \$49, there’s still plenty of upside left for Nio.



Nothing, it seems can stop this stock from moving higher. Deliveries, earnings, and the number of bullish analysts continue to pop here. J.P. Morgan analyst Nick Lai for example just upgraded the NIO stock to a buy from a hold, taking his target to \$40 a share. Lai believes China’s EV penetration could quadruple by 2025, “meaning that about 20% of all new cars sold in China would be battery powered,” as noted by Barron’s.

Better, the company just posted adjusted loss came in at 12 cents, as compared to expectations for 18 cents. Revenue of \$666.6 million beat \$663.29 million. And, gross margins came in at 12.9% a compared to expectations for 11.25%. Better, with Q4 2020 guidance, the company expects to deliver between 16,500 and 17,000 vehicles.