

TOP 75 PUBLIC COMPANIES

Lowe's

Though the Mooresville-based company slipped a notch on this year's ranking, annual revenue increased more than 10% as strong demand for remodeling helped home-improvement stores overcome the general malaise in brick-and-mortar retailing. In May, Lowe's added more than 500 stores in Canada through its \$2.4 billion acquisition of Quebec-based Rona.

Quintiles

The world's largest contract-research organization is merging with IMS Health Holdings, a Danbury, Conn.-based health consultancy, in a deal valued at about \$9 billion, creating a new company with a market cap of about \$176 billion. The merger will blend IMS' data and analytics with Quintiles' clinical services, creating a pool of information for drugmakers. IMS Health's Ari Bousbib will be chairman and CEO, while Quintiles CEO Tom Pike will become vice chairman. The new company will maintain dual headquarters.

Highwoods

The Raleigh-based REIT's stock hit an all-time high in early July, topping \$53 a share as property values increase and interest costs decline. Highwoods develops and leases office buildings primarily in Greensboro, Raleigh, and in metro areas in Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

'16	'15	RANKED BY 6/30/16 MARKET VALUE	INDUSTRY	MARKET VALUE		PRICE AND EARNINGS				REVENUE		NET INCOME		DIVIDENDS		
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1	1	BANK OF AMERICA BAC Charlotte	Financial services	\$136,308.31	(23.7)%	\$13.27	\$1.38	11.81	25.7%	(21.0)%	\$93,056.0	10.5%	\$15,888.0	228.7%	1.5%	12/2015
2	3	REYNOLDS AMERICAN RAI Winston-Salem	Cigarettes	76,976.13	30.5	53.93	2.57	10.92	266.0	49.3	10,675.0	26.0	3,253.0	121.3	2.7	12/2015
3	2	LOWE'S LOW Mooresville	Hardware stores	70,152.72	11.0	79.17	2.73	27.12	271.1	20.1	59,074.0	5.1	2,546.0	(5.6)	1.4	01/2016
4	4	DUKE ENERGY DUK Charlotte	Utilities	59,091.51	17.4	85.79	4.05	22.14	90.2	27.0	23,459.0	(1.9)	2,816.0	49.5	3.8	12/2015
5	6	BB&T BBT Winston-Salem	Financial services	28,917.26	(1.9)	35.61	2.59	14.26	52.8	(8.9)	10,346.0	11.2	2,084.0	(2.2)	2.9	12/2015
6	5	VF VFC Greensboro	Apparel	25,642.68	(13.5)	61.49	2.9	22.94	149.7	(9.9)	12,376.7	0.8	1,231.6	17.6	2.2	12/2015
7	7	NUCOR NUC Charlotte	Steel	15,708.50	11.7	49.41	1.11	47.75	41.7	16.1	16,439.3	(22.1)	357.7	(49.9)	3.0	12/2015
8	10	LABORATORY CORP. OF AMERICA LH Burlington	Medical testing	13,339.00	9.6	130.27	4.42	23.80	34.6	7.5	8,680.1	44.4	436.9	(14.5)	0.0	12/2015
9	8	RED HAT RHT Raleigh	Software	13,147.00	(5.6)	72.6	1.09	63.90	58.2	(4.4)	2,052.2	14.7	199.4	10.6	0.0	02/2016
10	13	MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS MLM Raleigh	Building materials	12,197.00	27.7	192	4.31	40.67	158.9	37.0	3,539.6	19.7	288.8	85.6	0.8	12/2015
11	9	HANESBRANDS HBI Winston-Salem	Apparel	9,487.16	(29.1)	25.13	1.07	23.87	268.0	(23.4)	5,731.5	7.6	428.9	6.0	1.6	12/2015
12	12	SEALED AIR SEE Charlotte	Containers and packaging	9,062.48	(16.1)	45.97	1.63	30.31	113.1	(9.5)	7,031.5	(9.3)	335.4	29.9	1.1	12/2015
13	na	ALBEMARLE ALB Charlotte	Chemicals	8,907.24	46.0	79.31	3.00	18.76	215.0	46.3	3,651.3	49.3	334.9	151.2	1.4	12/2015
14	14	QUINTILES TRANSNATIONAL Q Durham	Pharmaceutical services	7,816.72	(14.0)	65.32	3.15	22.23	na	(10.0)	5,737.6	5.1	387.2	8.6	0.0	12/2015
15	11	QORVO QRVO Greensboro	Semiconductors	7,062.06	(41.3)	55.26	(0.2)	nm	na	(31.2)	2,610.7	52.6	(28.8)	(114.7)	0.0	03/2016
16	16	CARLISLE COMPANIES CSL Charlotte	Plastics, cables and industrial coatings	6,783.92	4.1	105.68	4.89	20.37	128.9	6.9	3,543.2	10.6	319.7	27.2	1.1	12/2015
17	18	COMMSCOPE COMM Hickory	Telecommunications equipment	5,954.45	3.0	31.03	(0.37)	nm	na	1.7	3,807.8	(0.6)	(70.9)	(129.9)	0.0	12/2015
18	21	HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES HIW Raleigh	Real estate	5,143.40	36.9	52.8	1	10.17	100.0	37.5	604.7	(0.6)	97.1	(12.5)	3.2	12/2015
19	17	OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE ODFL Thomasville	Trucking	5,032.78	(14.5)	60.31	3.57	18.29	142.5	(12.1)	2,972.4	6.6	304.7	13.9	0.0	12/2015
20	28	PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS¹ PNY Charlotte	Utilities	4,881.48	75.0	60.12	1.74	35.19	135.9	74.7	1,371.7	(6.7)	137.0	(4.7)	2.2	10/2015
21	19	PREMIER PINC Charlotte	Health care services	4,633.60	(16.4)	32.7	(24.25)	nm	na	(15.0)	1,007.0	10.6	38.7	36.9	0.0	06/2015
22	25	TANGER FACTORY OUTLET CENTERS SKT Greensboro	Shopping centers	3,862.26	27.1	40.18	2.2	19.44	74.2	32.1	439.4	5.0	211.2	185.4	2.8	12/2015
23	23	CURTISS-WRIGHT CW Charlotte	Aerospace and industrial equipment	3,750.30	8.9	84.25	3.12	24.83	171.8	17.1	2,205.7	(1.7)	145.5	28.4	0.6	12/2015
24	31	SNYDER'S-LANCE LNCE Charlotte	Snacks	3,247.99	42.6	33.89	0.72	146.54	76.3	7.1	1,656.4	2.2	50.7	(73.7)	1.9	12/2015
25	24	FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES FCNCA Raleigh	Financial services	3,088.70	(1.8)	258.91	17.52	16.16	42.2	(1.1)	1,436.3	76.0	210.4	51.8	0.5	12/2015

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1 Piedmont Natural Gas is being acquired by Duke Energy

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Coke Consolidated

Sales spiked nearly 32% to more than \$2.3 billion in 2015 as the nation's largest independent Coke bottler, which is based in Charlotte, expands its territory while Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Inc. sells off manufacturing and distribution operations. Last month, Coke Consolidated opened a \$13.5 million distribution center in Anderson, SC., to serve upstate South Carolina and northern Georgia.

SPX

SPX in September spun off its flow products division, which provides equipment for the food and beverage, power and energy, and industrial markets. SPX Flow (35) has about 8,000 employees in more than 35 countries. SPX provides cooling and heating products and employs about 6,000 people in 20 countries.

SciQuest

The e-commerce business started in 1995 is being acquired by Accel-KKR, a Menlo Park, Calif.-based private-equity firm that invests in middle-market technology firms. Accel-KKR will pay about \$509 million, or \$17.75 per share, a 34% premium over SciQuest's closing price the day before the deal was announced in May. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter.

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26	20	EXTENDED STAY AMERICA STAY Charlotte	Hotels	\$3,022.95	(21.3)%	\$14.95	\$0.55	29.84	na	(15.7)%	\$1,284.8	5.9%	\$113.0	185.5%	3.5%	12/2015
27	32	PRA HEALTH SCIENCES PRAH Raleigh	Pharmaceutical services	2,528.44	16.3	41.76	1.36	59.53	na	14.9	1,613.9	10.6	81.8	nm	0.0	12/2015
28	27	CREE CREE Durham	Semiconductors & LED lighting	2,454.84	(13.6)	24.44	(0.57)	nm	-27.2	(6.1)	1,632.5	(0.9)	(64.1)	(151.6)	0.0	06/2015
29	30	INC RESEARCH INCR Raleigh	Pharmaceutical services	2,067.80	(15.9)	38.13	2.02	22.94	na	(5.0)	1,399.2	18.7	117.0	nm	0.0	12/2015
30	34	HATTERAS FINANCIAL ² HTS Winston-Salem	Real estate	1,550.40	(1.7)	16.4	0.31	nm	4.5	13.6	189.9	(13.5)	51.6	(8.5)	11.3	12/2015
31	37	COCA-COLA BOTTLING CONSOLIDATED COKE Charlotte	Soft drinks	1,373.03	(2.2)	147.47	6.35	30.34	132.3	(1.8)	2,306.5	32.1	59.0	87.9	0.7	12/2015
32	50	YADKIN FINANCIAL YDKN Raleigh	Financial services	1,292.05	88.8	25.09	1.39	20.44	316.4	24.7	219.1	54.3	44.6	132.4	0.4	12/2015
33	39	KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS ³ KKD Winston-Salem	Restaurants	1,278.28	3.7	20.96	0.50	44.63	120.4	8.8	518.7	5.8	32.4	7.6	0.0	01/2016
34	na	CAPITAL BANK FINANCIAL CBF Charlotte	Financial services	1,244.00	na	28.8	1.21	25.68	na	4.1	313.9	(0.2)	54.721	7.5	0.7	12/2015
35	na	SPX FLOW FLOW Charlotte	Industrial equipment	1,086.54	nm	26.07	na	nm	nm	nm	2,388.5	na	87.5	na	na	12/2015
36	45	LENDINGTREE TREE Charlotte	Financial services	1,049.84	16.6	88.33	4.17	26.47	1720.9	12.4	254.2	51.9	48.0	411.1	0.0	12/2015
37	41	CATO CATO Charlotte	Clothing stores	1,043.44	(4.1)	37.72	2.39	14.22	62.5	0.6	1,011.1	2.5	66.8	10.5	3.2	01/2016
38	48	PLY GEM PGEM Cary	Building materials	992.17	23.9	14.57	0.47	20.33	na	23.6	1,839.7	17.4	32.3	nm	0.0	12/2015
39	38	ENPRO INDUSTRIES NPO Charlotte	Industrial equipment	964.63	(26.1)	44.39	(0.93)	na	(5.6)	(21.2)	1,204.4	(1.2)	(20.9)	(195.0)	0.9	12/2015
40	51	BNC BANCORP BNCN High Point	Financial services	928.11	47.4	22.71	1.25	17.55	236.7	18.5	230.9	41.7	44.5	51.2	0.9	12/2015
41	36	CEMPRA CEMP Chapel Hill	Pharmaceuticals	794.50	(47.0)	16.49	(2.09)	nm	119.9	(52.0)	27.3	79.7	(91.1)	nm	0.0	12/2015
42	40	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE SAH Charlotte	Car dealerships	783.67	(35.4)	17.11	1.71	10.80	20.2	(27.6)	9,624.3	4.6	86.3	(11.2)	0.8	12/2015
43	43	INGLES MARKETS IMKTA Asheville	Grocery stores	755.80	(21.9)	37.3	2.93	14.18	168.9	(20.7)	3,778.6	(1.5)	59.4	15.5	1.8	09/2015
44	22	BABCOCK & WILCOX ⁴ BW Charlotte	Power-generation systems	744.19	nm	14.69	na	51.27	nm	(21.3)	1,757.3	(39.9)	19.1	(34.9)	na	12/2015
45	44	SPEEDWAY MOTORSPORTS TRK Charlotte	Racetracks	731.25	(21.9)	17.75	(0.83)	nm	47.0	(19.)	496.5	2.5	(34.4)	(210.5)	3.4	12/2015
46	49	TRIANGLE CAPITAL TCAP Raleigh	Financial services	650.68	(16.5)	19.38	1.44	13.01	70.0	(7.6)	121.3	16.1	47.9	68.5	11.9	12/2015
47	26	SPX SPXC Charlotte	Industrial equipment	617.15	nm	14.85	na	nm	nm	nm	1,719.3	(63.6)	(82.7)	(120.8)	2.5	12/2015
48	46	BOJANGLES ⁵ BOJA Charlotte	Restaurants	612.70	(28.6)	16.95	1.15	21.22	na	(29.0)	488.2	13.4	26.5	1.6	0.0	12/2015
49	59	INSTEEL INDUSTRIES IIN Mount Airy	Steel wire	537.74	56.0	28.59	1.18	20.06	152.7	60.9	447.5	9.4	21.7	30.8	.39	09/2015
50	56	SCIQUEST ⁵ SQI Morrisville	Software	490.60	20.1	17.66	0.07	161.00	3.3	19.2	105.4	3.4	1.9	nm	0.0	12/2015

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 2 Hatteras Financial was acquired by Annaly Capital Management 7/12/16; 3 Krispy Kreme Doughnuts is being acquired by JAB Holdings; 4 Babcock & Wilcox split from its parent, Lynchburg, Va.-based Babcock & Wilcox Technologies, on June 30, 2015. It started trading separately on July 1, 2015; 5 SciQuest is being acquired by Accel-KKR

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Park Sterling

Community banks represent 11 of the state's 75 largest public companies, led by Yadkin Financial (32). Park Sterling, which hasn't grown as rapidly as peers Yadkin and BNC Bancorp in recent years, this summer added a commercial-banking team that worked for CommunityOne Bancorp (59), which is being acquired by Charlotte-based Capital Bank Financial (34).

Primo Water

The provider of purified water and multigallon water dispensers had the biggest increase in market value compared with a year ago as consumer preferences tilt toward bottled water and away from sugary soft drinks. In June, Primo was added to the Russell Global and Russell 3000 index of the largest U.S. stocks.

Chimerix

The drug developer fell 33 spots on this year's list as its market value plummeted to \$181.6 million from \$2.1 billion last year. The company has struggled to find a successful application for its leading antiviral drug, brincidofovir, which has shown promise as a treatment for smallpox. After a failed clinical trial in December, shares fell 81% in one day. Chimerix is developing an intravenous version of the drug, but it will take at least three years for a trial to be completed.

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51	52	UNIFI UFI Greensboro	Textiles	\$485.68	(20.4)%	\$27.23	\$2.32	13.64	97.3%	(18.7)%	\$687.1	(0.1)%	\$42.2	46.4%	0.0%	06/2015
52	na	LIVE OAK BANCSHARES LOB Wilmington	Financial services	482.03	na	14.11	0.66	27.92	na	na	118.8	na	20.6	na	0.3	12/2015
53	54	FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS FRP Charlotte	Telecommunication services	397.32	(18.9)	14.68	3.39	2.81	59.4	(19.4)	859.5	(4.7)	90.4	nm	0.0	12/2015
54	64	PARK STERLING PSTB Charlotte	Financial services	378.56	16.8	7.09	0.38	21.46	49.4	0.1	107.6	16.9	16.6	28.7	1.7	12/2015
55	66	CHANNELADVISOR ECOM Morrisville	E-commerce software	369.99	23.9	14.49	(0.84)	nm	na	21.3	100.6	18.5	(21.0)	nm	0.0	12/2015
56	63	FIRST BANCORP FBNC Southern Pines	Financial services	349.60	6.2	17.58	1.34	14.33	91.9	7.3	145.4	(0.4)	27.0	8.1	1.8	12/2015
57	57	CULP CFI High Point	Textiles	338.07	(10.8)	27.63	1.38	21.59	230.7	(9.3)	312.9	0.9	16.9	12.2	1.0	04/2016
58	60	HOMETRUST BANCSHARES HTBI Asheville	Financial services	334.00	(1.5)	18.5	0.42	31.45	49.0	10.4	97.7	52.6	8.0	(22.1)	0.0	06/2015
59	68	COMMUNITYONE BANCORP ⁶ COB Charlotte	Financial services	307.12	17.9	12.64	0.29	39.94	(70.6)	17.4	96.7	16.5	6.9	(95.4)	0.0	12/2015
60	73	PRIMO WATER PRMW Winston-Salem	Beverages	305.18	114.3	11.81	0.07	95.42	(17.9)	106.5	127.0	19.4	1.9	nm	0.0	12/2015
61	69	CAPITAL FINANCE CPTA Charlotte	Financial services	221.00	(14.0)	14.00	0.91	nm	na	6.0	64.0	29.2	13.9	nm	15.6	12/2015
62	42	BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS BCRX Durham	Pharmaceuticals	209.16	(80.7)	2.84	(0.59)	nm	(25.7)	(81.0)	48.3	254.8	(43.0)	nm	0.0	12/2015
63	na	VTV THERAPEUTICS VTVT High Point	Pharmaceuticals	190.00	na	5.80	na	na	na	na	0.5	na	(27.5)	na	na	12/2015
64	na	PARAGON COMMERCIAL PBNC Raleigh	Financial services	186.00	na	35.0	na	na	na	na	10.8	na	na	na	na	12/2015
65	74	INVESTORS TITLE ITIC Chapel Hill	Insurance	183.50	28.9	95.25	6.32	15.38	145.4	35.2	127.2	3.3	12.5	30.6	0.5	12/2015
66	33	CHIMERIX CMRX Durham	Pharmaceuticals	181.62	(91.3)	3.93	(2.67)	nm	na	(91.5)	10.8	169.1	(117.4)	nm	0.0	12/2015
67	na	SOUTHERN BANCSHARES SBNC Mount Olive	Financial services	174.00	na	1600	na	na	81.9	(7.2)	81.2	(15.3)	7.9	25.1	na	12/2013
68	75	ARGOS THERAPEUTICS ARGS Durham	Pharmaceuticals	158.67	12.0	6.13	(3.66)	nm	(39.9)	(10.5)	0.5	(74.1)	(74.8)	nm	0.0	12/2015
69	na	HIGH POINT BANK ⁷ HPTB High Point	Financial services	143.00	na	285	na	na	226.4	na	38.2	(3.8)	4.7	(6.0)	na	na
70	70	TRANSENERIX TRXC Morrisville	Surgical products	140.00	(42.5)	1.22	(0.59)	nm	(73.5)	(59.3)	na	(100.0)	(46.9)	nm	0.0	12/2015
71	71	ALLIANCE ONE INTERNATIONAL AOI Morrisville	Tobacco distribution	136.20	(35.7)	15.4	(1.70)	na	(52.3)	(35.6)	2,065.9	0.0	(15.4)	0.0	0.0	03/2015
72	na	NORTH STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NORSA High Point	Communications	127.50	na	55.5	na	na	1.8	na	75.0	21.0	9.8	(2.0)	na	12/2009
73	55	BIODELIVERY SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL BDSI Raleigh	Pharmaceuticals	126.44	(69.7)	2.36	(0.72)	nm	(26.9)	(70.4)	48.2	24.0	(37.7)	nm	0.0	12/2015
74	na	ENTEGR FINANCIAL ENFC Franklin	Financial services	113.75	na	17.49	na	5.04	na	(0.3)	38.4	7.9	23.8	303.4	na	12/2010
75	na	PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA PEBK Newton	Financial services	108.18	na	19.61	1.73	11.14	230.2	8.8	52.0	3.3	9.6	2.5	1.5	12/2015

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