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ABSTRACT

A short squeeze is a phenomenon in the stock market that occurs when the price of a security surges drastically higher over a short period of time. The main known cause of a short squeeze is due to short sellers aggressively covering their positions creating a short-term artificial increase in the demand for a given stock. The purpose of the present study is to determine whether the stock return volatility of a short squeeze can be forecasted using variables such as trade volume, price patterns, short interest, market capitalization, and a stock's outstanding shares. The study attempts to determine which of these variables has the strongest association to the largest price fluctuations in historical examples of short squeezes. Finally, this study seeks to analyze how these variables can be used to generate a short-term model to assist in forecasting the size of a potential short squeeze.

INTRODUCTION

Day trading and short-term investing have become very popular occupations over recent years, as trading costs have been almost, if not completely, eliminated at several brokerages and stock trading platforms as of 2021 (Davis, 2021). Social media has painted a deceiving picture of day trading as an easy career path that anyone can learn to do very simply in an attempt to make huge amounts of money in a short amount of time (Jordan & Diltz, 2003). In choosing what stocks to trade on a day-to-day basis, day traders tend to focus on volatile securities that make massive, short-term gains accessible but also pose higher levels of risk (Kuepper, 2021). One of these major niches is known as small cap stocks. On top of this, one of the tools day traders tend to depend on to help forecast volatile price movements is technical analysis (Kuepper, 2021). The goal of this study is to explore the past research on the profitability of day trading and technical analysis, as well as the association between trade volume, short interest, and float to intraday price movements. Considering the existing literature, this study intends to analyze the predictability and profitability of a very specific stock market phenomenon, known as a short squeeze.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Day Trading

A day trade occurs when an individual purchases or sells a security and then chooses to partially or completely close this position within the same trading day (Kuepper, 2021). Most of the scholarly research and analysis regarding day trading has been conducted during times where trading costs proved to be detrimental to the profitability of making intraday trades (Park & Irwin, 2004). In recent years, several brokerages, for example, Robinhood, TD Ameritrade, Fidelity, Interactive Brokers, E*Trade, and Charles Schwab have converted to a commission free trading platform (Davis, 2021).

Retail traders are individuals who purchase and sell securities for their own personal accounts (Zucchi, 2020). Typically, a retail trader has little to no knowledge or experience when it comes to trading securities which normally hinders their ability to be successful as a day

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trader (Zucchi, 2020). By looking at intraday trade data, research has determined historically that the majority of day traders are not profitable (Lee & Park, 2007). On the other hand, existing research indicates that a small portion of these traders have experienced more than marginal returns (Jordan & Diltz, 2003). Additionally, researchers have struggled to determine whether these marginally profitable traders were consistent from year to year (Lee & Park, 2007). The research also supports how trading costs have proven to restrict day trading profitability (Park & Irwin, 2004). As the present study seeks to investigate the profitability of making short term trades (holding a position for no longer than ten days), I will not be including transaction costs in my study because of the easy access to a commission free brokerage. In the next section, the study analyses research comparing the trading behavior and psychology behind professional and retail traders.

Trading Behavior

As previously discussed, the vast majority of day traders are retail traders. They do not professionally manage nor invest money for others or institutions (Zucchi 2020). Traders that do invest and trade money for a group or institution are known as institutional traders (Zucchi 2020). These traders are typically professionally trained and have significant experience with the market as well as with managing money over a long period of time (Zucchi 2020). Knowing that the majority of day traders, who happen to be mostly retail traders, are unsuccessful in generating marginal profits, this study explores the literature and research behind the differences in trading behavior between retail traders and stock trading professionals. As institutional traders typically perform better than retail traders, evidence shows that institutional traders value disciplined trading techniques and consistency in their trading decisions while most retail traders do not value these qualities (Locke & Mann, 2005). Being a disciplined trader entails creating a plan before executing a trade, knowing when you are going to enter or exit a trade, and not letting emotions control the decision-making process (Keim & Madhavan, 1995). Institutional traders typically use theoretical models to help them make investing decisions (Keim & Madhavan, 1995). On the other hand, retail traders show trends of trading emotionally and having a lack of discipline when it comes to realizing both

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gains and losses (Locke & Mann, 2005). Overall, unsuccessful traders usually exercise poor trading skills, plans, and rules which lessens their chance for success (Locke & Mann, 2005).

With the research and analysis of the present study, future studies can try to formulate a profitable trading strategy based on the predictability of a short squeeze. As previously discussed, having a disciplined trading technique with fixed rules and guidelines seems to increase the odds of success (Locke & Mann, 2005). When creating a strategy, fixed buy and sell indicators can be utilized to eliminate the negative impacts of emotional trading.

Technical Analysis

Another integral component utilized in the present study's analysis of the short squeeze is technical analysis. Technical analysis refers to the use of patterns in financial data to determine trends and make predictions on when to buy or sell securities in order to generate a profit (Seth, 2021). This form of analysis tends to be much more popular amongst the day trading community than that of fundamental analysis (Kuepper 2021). Fundamental analysis is the process of determining a security's intrinsic value based on its financials, competitors, markets, and the economy (Seth, 2021).

One of the most debated topics in financial markets is whether or not the market is efficient. The efficient market hypothesis states that all stocks are perfectly priced based on all known information to which the public has access (Downey, 2021). This theory opposes the idea that an individual can gain a consistent edge in the market using technical analysis. Research shows evidence both for and against the efficient market hypothesis. Analysts have conducted statistical studies on whether simple technical trading rules could yield positive returns in the stock market. For example, Bessembinder and Chan (1995) tested three different technical trading rules: variable-length-moving-average rules (VMA), fixed-length-moving-average rules (FMA), and trading-range-break rules (TRB). As defined by Bessembinder and Chan (1995), a VMA rule signals a buy indicator when a short-term price moving average crosses above a long-term price moving average and a sell indicator when a short term price moving average crosses below a long term price moving average. The FMA rules are very similar to that of the VMA, however both buy and sell signals are set for a fixed number of days rather

than closing the position when the moving averages cross again. In contrast, TRB rules have buy signals when the price passes above a historical maximum and sell signals when the price passes below a historical minimum. Bessembinder and Chan (1995) concluded that technical trading rules such as these can generate profits, although some rules, like the VMA in this study, may clearly outperform others, such as FMA and TRB. Factors related to trading costs as well as economic and market conditions affected the profitability of some of the rules (Bessembinder & Chan, 1995). Further research on more detailed and selective technical trading rules in specific market segments may yield different results than very simple trading rules on the market as a whole.

In terms of the present study, I plan on utilizing a statistical analysis approach of technical indicators to determine whether a short squeeze is predictable or not. This will incorporate data on trade volume and chart patterns alongside a few fundamental statistics about a company's float and short interest, which will be explored later in this study.

The Short Squeeze

Although most may agree that the ability for an investor to place a bet for or against a stock based on their own thoughts and predictions of the future is important to sustaining a liquid and efficient market, "some critics argue that short selling is unethical because it is a bet against economic improvement and company growth" (Beers, 2021). Short selling is the act of borrowing shares and selling them on the open market because you believe the price will fall in the future, allowing you to generate a profit by purchasing the shares back at a lower price and returning them to their original owner (Mitchell, 2021). With an obligation to purchase back shares at a future date, the very existence of short selling can encourage asset bubbles by increasing a stock's future demand and as emphasized in the case of a short squeeze, lead to ever increasing prices (Guimaraes & Pannella, 2021). Short interest is the number of shares sold short divided by the total number of shares a company has in its float (Mitchell, 2021). A high short interest indicates that a larger percentage of the total float shares are being sold short by investors. Looking at a company's short interest can give a hint about the market's overall sentiment of that company (Mitchell, 2021). Although this may be

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true, having an unusually high short interest could be an indication of a short squeeze in the near future (Mitchell, 2021).

A short squeeze is the result of a significant increase in the demand for a stock in a very short period of time (Mitchell, 2021). This causes the stock price to jump sharply higher, forcing traders who had bet that its price would fall (short sellers), to buy it in order to forestall even greater losses (Mitchell, 2021). Their panic to buy (the squeeze) only adds to the upward pressure on the stock's price alongside the traders who are waiting on the sidelines to buy the stock and get in on the action (Mitchell, 2021). This massive swing in stock return volatility can cause devastating losses for some but massive potential profits for others.

The recent noteworthy example of a short squeeze occurred with GameStop in January 2021. Prior to its massive increase in stock price, over 100% of GameStop's available shares in the market were being sold short mostly by hedge funds (Greifeld & Wang, 2021). At one point the short interest amounted to an astronomical high of 140% of the available shares in the market in mid-January (Greifeld & Wang, 2021). A short interest over 100% is made possible because traders purchasing shares in the market may be purchasing them from someone who is actively short selling them. In this instance, the shares that have actively been used in a short sale are now in the hands of a new owner who can take the shares they have just purchased and relend them to another short seller who is actively looking for available shares to short sell. As traders began to realize the upside potential that this stock presented based on the massive, short interest, they slowly began to push the stock price higher by purchasing GameStop shares (Greifeld & Wang, 2021). Eventually, the stock price reached a point where the hedge funds were forced to start covering their short positions because of the massive losses they were accruing (Greifeld & Wang, 2021). In total, short sellers of GameStop suffered a loss of \$80 billion in a matter of weeks (Greifeld & Wang, 2021). For a visual example of the GameStop short squeeze in January of 2021, see Appendix A for a chart depicting the price action.

Considering the potential stock return volatility of a short squeeze, the purpose of the present study is to specifically analyze the likelihood that such a situation will occur. To accomplish

this, the present study connects several variables, specifically volume, short interest, float, as well as technical trading patterns, to identify the early stages and potential return volatility of the price action during this phenomenon. The remainder of the study will analyze the existing literature to determine whether there is any evidence that supports these variables' ability to forecast price fluctuations in the stock market.

Small Cap Stocks and Float

To date, little research has been conducted on day trading and technical analysis of small cap stocks. On a long-term basis, historically small cap stocks outperform large caps at points after an economic trough while large caps outperform during points prior to an economic peak (Switzer, 2010). One of the major characteristics of small cap stocks is their high-risk high reward potential because of their higher levels of volatility (Zhang, 2011). The reason they experience higher levels of volatility versus large cap stocks is because they are typically illiquid, and they have smaller amounts of shares in their float (Greenwood, 2006). A stock's float is the total amount of shares available in the market that can be readily traded amongst investors (Mitchell, 2021). When the float is relatively low, this means the supply of shares in the market is low. When the demand for a low float stock increases compared to a high float stock, the low float stock experiences higher levels of volatility because of the limited supply of shares (Greenwood, 2006). Due to the typical illiquidity in small cap stocks, trying to purchase, or short sell a large number of shares can be difficult and can affect an investors profitability (Zhang, 2011).

As mentioned earlier, small cap stocks experience larger levels of volatility compared to large caps (Zhang, 2011). When looking at day to day price movements, the study hypothesizes that stocks with a low market cap and low float will have a better potential to experience a short squeeze. For this reason, the study focuses on stocks with smaller market caps for the proposed research.

Trade Volume

Finally, it is imperative to address the roles of indicators, signals, and other fundamental tools that will be integral to the present study. The first indicator, volume, refers to the direct

measurement of the number of shares that are traded at any given point in time (Twin, 2021). When demand increases for a given stock, traders aggressively try to purchase shares. An increase in demand typically comes an increase in trading volume as more and more traders are piling into a security pushing the price upward. Research supports this claim showing that there is typically a positive association between volume and stock price increases (Jones & Kaul, 2015). Further, research indicates that traders who use volume as a factor in technical analysis have had greater success in determining price increases (Blume & Easley, 1994).

As previously mentioned, a short squeeze occurs when short sellers are forced to cover their positions, increasing the demand and buying pressure drastically and ultimately increasing the price very quickly (Mitchell, 2021). The present study analyzes whether an increase in trading volume has a strong association with the stock return volatility of a short squeeze as well as forecasting power in predicting its early stages.

Short Interest

As previously stated, short interest is the total number of shares short sold divided by the total number of shares a company has in its current float (Mitchell, 2021). Increasing short interest tends to serve as an indicator of negative investor sentiment (Mitchell, 2021). However, since a short sell is an obligation, to at some point in the future repurchase shares, we can assume that it automatically increases the future demand for a specific stock (Guimaraes & Pannella, 2021). Based on the characteristics of small cap stocks, Mitchell (2021) argues that stocks with smaller floats and high short interest have the highest probability of a short squeeze as shortable shares reduce in number.

The present study analyzes whether a stock's short interest immediately preceding a short squeeze has any association with the volatility of the stock's returns. This is because it is hypothesized that all the traders shorting a stock with an unusually high short interest will begin to panic, covering their positions as quickly as possible if and when the price of that stock is making new highs.

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Price Patterns

Analyzing price patterns is one of the largest components of technical analysis (Seth, 2021). For example, Gao and Han (2018) analyze a consistent pattern that yields consistent marginal returns (Gao & Han, 2018). This pattern uses the first thirty minutes of the market open to predict the last thirty-minute returns. The authors' results demonstrate that patterns are most prominent near the open and close of the market where emotional trading and volatility appears to be the most prevalent factors impacting trading (Gao & Han, 2018). Thus, the authors provide evidence demonstrating that day traders seeking price patterns should focus on patterns that occur either just after the market opens and just before the market closes (Gao & Han, 2018).

As it pertains to the present study, a price pattern can have some forecasting power in terms of future price movements (Gao & Han, 2018). It attempts to identify, both visually as well as statistically, whether a short squeeze shows signs of repetitive price behavior and whether or not this behavior can be used to forecast the most optimal time to enter and exit a short squeeze. Additionally, the study will be coupling this analysis with a regression analysis focusing on the relationships between short interest, volume, shares float, and how volatile a short squeeze's price action may be.

RESEARCH QUESTION AND TOPIC ORIGINALITY

After analyzing the existing literature pertaining to intraday price movements, day trading, small cap stocks, short squeezes, and technical analysis, there appears to be a limited amount of research conducted that considers all of these specific variables at once. The existing literature indicates that it is exceptionally difficult for inexperienced day traders to generate consistent marginal profits (Lee & Park, 2007). Further, research regarding technical analysis leaves its viability still questionable, as the research claimed it does, but not necessarily in the context of a short squeeze (Bessembinder & Chan, 1995). Researchers such as Gao and Han (2018), Guimaraes and Pannella (2021), and Blume and Easley (1994), agree that price patterns, volume analysis, and short interest all have predictive power in short term price

movements. But how can all these factors be tied into the anatomy of one of the most infamous stock market phenomena, the short squeeze?

The purpose of the present study is to determine whether a short squeeze can be forecasted using the variables of trade volume, price patterns, short interest, and a stock's float. Considering this overarching research goal, the study identifies which of these variables has the strongest association with the largest price fluctuations in historical examples of short squeezes. Thus, the present study aims to answer the question of whether technical analysis, operationalized through price patterns, and statistical stock data - operationalized through intraday trading volume, short interest, shares float, and stock return volatility - can be used as valuable tools to predict a short squeeze and its magnitude.

Finally, if the results of these analyses indicate that these variables are strongly correlated to one another and can thus forecast a short squeeze, future studies will be conducted to generate a trading system and mathematical formula to assist in forecasting the size of a potential short squeeze and financially capture the opportunity. My hypothesis is that an increase in trading volume, the smaller the stock's float, and the higher the short interest will all have a strong positive association with an increase in the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. Overall, I believe conducting this study will bring valuable information and research to the field of finance as well as the stock trading community in general.

METHODOLOGY

Data Collection

Data for the present study will be gathered utilizing the Wharton Research Data Services which includes Compustat and Capital IQ as well as the Thinkorswim trading platform by TD Ameritrade. The information that will be collected includes intraday price data, the short interest for a given company at a specific time, intraday trade volume data, as well as a given company's shares outstanding at a specific time. Initially, the study called for the collection of a company's shares float. Through further research and efforts, it was noticed that share float data was inconsistent between several data services therefore this data entry was substituted

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for shares outstanding. Shares outstanding is a very similar metric to shares float except it "includes share blocks held by institutional investors and restricted shares owned by the company's officers and insiders" (Chen 2022). In short, shares outstanding is another metric for determining the total supply of shares available in the market for a given stock. Another variable that will be calculated is supply rotation. Supply rotation will be the total number of trade volume that occurred throughout the short squeeze divided by the number of shares a given stock has outstanding. This will provide a ratio that determines how many times the supply of available shares in the market was rotated through relative to how volatile the short squeeze was. This factor will take into account the supply of shares in the market as well as the number of shares that was traded throughout the time frame of the short squeeze. The higher the ratio, the greater the trading activity relative to the number of shares available in the market. To collect this data, I will screen the databases using several constraints based on the variables just mentioned.

A fixed set of criteria and guidelines were used in order to dictate whether a specific scenario should be considered a short squeeze for the study. Following is the set criteria:

- 1. A relatively new high price is reached on the daily stock chart. See Appendix B for an example.
- 2. During the time period where this new high price is forming (1), the short interest must have increased to at least 10% of the shares outstanding as an indication that short sellers have taken relatively large positions. See Appendix C for example.
- 3. After a large short position has been identified, the daily stock price needs to exceed the high price from stage (1) as a technical indicator, known as a breakout, that in theory could spark the initial stages of a short squeeze. See Appendix D for example.
- 4. Finally, if all the other criteria have been met, the stock price must exceed at least 20% of the high price indicated in stage (1) to be considered a short squeeze up until a new daily high price is formed. See Appendix E for example.
- 5. As soon as the stock price drops 10% from the new high in stage (4), the study considers that short squeeze completed. See Appendix F for example.

Once stages (1) through (5) have been completed, the data is collected from the date range at which this scenario occurred. The data was manually gathered one scenario at a time from the Wharton Research Data Services as well as Thinkorswim. On top of this, the data was

extracted from the date range between December of 2019 and December of 2021 in an attempt to best reflect the current structure and behavior of the market today.

Data Analysis

After manually sourcing the data from the databases, it will need to be further consolidated and organized. Utilizing Excel as a data analysis tool, each row on the spreadsheet represents a new data sample. Each column represented a different data value for each sample. From left to right the data columns were Sample #, Date of Short Squeeze, Ticker Symbol, # of Shares Short, Short Squeeze Trade Volume, # of Shares Outstanding, Market Capitalization, Short Interest, Supply Rotation, Short Squeeze Breakout Price, Short Squeeze High Price, and Short Squeeze Volatility %. See Appendix G for details.

To determine whether these variables can reliably be used to model the stock return volatility of a short squeeze as well as to determine which variables have the strongest association with volatility, a multiple variable regression analysis was conducted with a 0.05 alpha level. The independent variables included in the regression were # of Shares Outstanding, Market Capitalization, Short Interest, and Supply Rotation. The dependent variable in the study was the stock return volatility of the short squeeze measured as the percentage change in price from where the short squeeze begins to the highest intraday price that is reached as the short squeeze plays out.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

An Institutional Review Board (IRB) review was conducted prior to the start of the present study to ensure that IRB approval was not necessary. As no human subjects are being used in the present study and existing quantitative data is being used, no ethical issues arose. Although this may be true, the results of this study should be viewed as educational to the field and topic of finance and should not serve as financial advice.

RESULTS

The following graphic is an image of the results of the multiple regression analysis conducted on the four independent variables, # of Shares Outstanding, Market Capitalization, Short Interest, and Supply Rotation in relation to the dependent variable Short Squeeze Volatility %.

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R Square	0.2973	67695								
Adjusted R Square	Adjusted R Square 0.283315									
Standard Error	0.4891	29392								
Observations		205								
ANOVA	ANOVA									
			df	SS		MS	F		Significance F	
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Residual			-		0.000	5.002/11/5		/321		T-44/F-14
Residual			200		51245	0.23924756	_	7321		1.44/6-14
Residual Total				47.849			_	7321		1,4476-14
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In determining the strength of the four-factor model's ability to predict the stock return volatility of a short squeeze, the Adjusted R Squared value and F-statistic are most commonly used. Simply put, the Adjusted R Squared value from this regression of 0.2833 means that approximately 28.33% of the stock return volatility of a short squeeze can be explained by the four-factor model. The F-statistic had a statistically significant p-value of 0.00 which is less than the 0.05 alpha level. This is an indication that the independent variables used had a positive impact on the predictive power of the model as a whole. Since a regression attempts to show a correlation between the independent and dependent variables, an R-Squared value of 1 or 100% would represent that there is a perfect correlation between the model and its ability to predict the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. An R-Squared value of 0 or 0%

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would represent that there is absolutely no correlation between the model and its ability to predict the stock return volatility of a short squeeze.

Next, the regression model attempts to determine whether the independent variables individually are statistically relevant in predicting the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. To do this, the model calculates a p-value for each independent variable. The first variable, the Number of Shares Outstanding, has a p-value of 0.41. Since this is significantly greater than the 0.05 alpha level, the regression determined that using a stock's outstanding shares on its own is not a strong predictor of the stock return volatility of a short squeeze because it was not statistically significant. The second variable, Market Capitalization, also had a p-value significantly greater than the 0.05 alpha level with a p-value of 0.35. The regression determined that using the market capitalization of a company on its own is not a strong predictor of the stock return volatility of a short squeeze because it was not statistically significant. The third variable, Short Interest, has a p-value of 0.02. With a p-value lower than the alpha level of 0.05, the regression determined that a stock's short interest is a strong predictor of the stock return volatility of a short squeeze because it was statistically significant. Lastly, the fourth variable, Supply Rotation, has a p-value of 0.00. With a p-value significantly lower than the alpha level of 0.05, the ratio of volume traded divided by shares outstanding proved to be the strongest variable at predicting the stock return volatility of a short squeeze because it was the most statistically significant.

Lastly, the regression assigns coefficient values for each independent variable ultimately determining how a change in each would impact the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. As the two variables, the Number of Shares Outstanding and Market Capitalization, were not determined to be statistically significant, their coefficients are unimportant. On the other hand, the Short Interest and Supply Turnover variables were both statistically significant therefore it is important to analyze their impact on the stock return volatility of a short squeeze by interpreting their assigned coefficients. The estimated coefficient value of the Short Interest variable was 0.74. Based on the model, this means that for every 1% or 0.01 increase in short interest the stock return volatility of a short squeeze is predicted to increase by 0.74%. Because the coefficient is a positive number the short interest variable has a positive

relationship with the volatility of a short squeeze. This means that when short interest increases, volatility is expected to increase as well. The coefficient value assigned to the Supply Rotation variable was 0.05. Based on the model, this means for every additional supply turnover the stock return volatility of a short squeeze is expected to increase by 5%. Similarly, Supply Rotation has a positive relationship with the volatility of a short squeeze. This means that when supply rotation increases, volatility is expected to increase as well.

CONCLUSION

Takeaways

In an attempt to construct an honors thesis capstone in the field of contemporary finance, this detailed methodology and regression analysis proved to deliver several key insights about the stock return volatility of short squeezes. The first major takeaway from the study was the insignificant impact that a change in the number of a stock's shares outstanding had on volatility. After conducting a literature review, it was hypothesized that a decrease in a stock's available shares in the market would solely have a strong increase in the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. The model determined this hypothesis to be false as the p-value for the Number of Shares Outstanding variable was drastically higher than the 0.05 alpha level at 0.41.

The second major takeaway was very similar to that of the first. Based on the literature review, it was hypothesized that the smaller the market capitalization of a stock experiencing a squeeze, the greater its stock return volatility would be. Interestingly enough, market capitalization as a sole variable proved to not have a strong impact on the stock return volatility of short squeeze. The regression model determined that this initial hypothesis was false by producing a p-value of 0.35 for the Market Capitalization variable which is drastically greater than the 0.05 alpha level granting it not statistically significant.

The third major takeaway from the study was of no surprise as an unusually high level of this variable is a requirement for a short squeeze to occur. Short interest, the calculation that provides investors with information about what percentage of a stock's supply of shares in the

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market are being actively sold short, based on the literature review, was theoretically the most important variable to track. As it was hypothesized, the regression model did confirm that an increase in a stock's short interest would result in an increase in the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. The regression calculated a p-value of 0.02 for the Short Interest variable which was statistically significant on the 0.05 alpha level. This may appear obvious because the larger the number of short sellers or short positions that are trapped in a squeeze, the greater the short-term demand will be inflated for a stock. It can be concluded that this will significantly increase the stock return volatility of a short squeeze when the short sellers either begin to cut their losses short or are forced to cover their positions, especially when there is a larger and larger number of them. Based on the regression model, an increase in short interest of 0.01 or 1% would result in an increase in the stock return volatility of a short squeeze by 0.74%. This may not appear to be that much of a drastic change but in cases where the short interest alone is astronomically high, the effect on the short squeeze's stock return volatility is enormous. For example, in a short squeeze where the short interest is 50%, stock return volatility is expected to increase by 37%.

The fourth and most fascinating takeaway from the regression analysis comes from the fourth variable, Supply Rotation. As noted earlier, using shares outstanding on its own as a variable to predict return volatility proved to be insufficient. But, interestingly enough, linking the shares outstanding variable together with trade volume proved to be the best predictor of stock return volatility in the regression analysis. By creating a variable that accounts for both trade volume and the number of shares available in the market, the Supply Rotation variable represents the amount of turnover that occurs from active trading relative to how many shares a company has outstanding. In a sense, it would be much easier for a company with one million shares outstanding to turnover its supply ten times through trading activity than a company with 100 million shares outstanding. This is because for the company with less shares outstanding it would only require trading volume of ten million shares throughout the time period of the short squeeze while the company with 100 million shares outstanding would require one billion shares to be traded in order to have a supply rotation of 10. The analysis allows us to conclude that in scenarios where stock's experienced extraordinary

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levels of turnover or supply rotation there was a strong association with an increase in stock return volatility. This means although shares outstanding does not have a direct impact on the stock return volatility of a short squeeze, it does have an indirect impact through its relationship with trade volume on stock return volatility. From a mathematical perspective, when shares outstanding decreases, the denominator of the supply rotation calculation also decreases, therefore ultimately having a net positive impact on the supply rotation variable in this scenario. On the other hand, when shares outstanding increases it has the opposite impact on the supply rotation. In terms of trade volume in general, it appears to have a direct relationship with the stock return volatility of a short squeeze. Thinking about it conceptually, trade volume could be thought of as the demand for a given stock or the amount of attention that stock is receiving. In a given scenario where trade volume is extremely high, one may conclude that there is an extraordinary amount of demand associated with that stock especially if the price is pushing higher. When trade volume increases, the numerator of the supply rotation calculation also increases, therefore ultimately having a net positive impact on the supply rotation. The opposite is true when trade volume is decreasing potentially as an indication that demand is decreasing. With this being said, based on the regression model, supply rotation was the best predictor of a short squeeze's stock return volatility with a pvalue of 0.00 which is lower than the alpha level of 0.05, so this finding is statistically significant. Tracking trade volume as well as shares outstanding proved to be important through the Supply Rotation variable.

The final major takeaway from the regression analysis was the Adjusted R-Squared calculation of 28.33%. An Adjusted R-Squared value this low suggests that there was typically a large variance between the model's predictions of stock return volatility and the actual stock return volatility that was experienced. Although the model determined that two of the independent variables had strong predictive power when it came to the stock return volatility of short squeezes, this Adjusted R-Squared value suggests that there is certainly still room for improvement. In other words, this analysis implies that there are several other independent variables that are not accounted for in the regression that could help strengthen the model's overall fit to the actual stock return volatility of a short squeeze.

Complications

As the research was being conducted, it was noted that the possibility of human error could lead to major complications in the dataset. Errors could lead to inaccurate results through skewness and bias. This is because the data was manually extracted from online databases rather than through the use of a computer program that would make no errors in data extraction. The research process was very tedious and time consuming. It involved much back and forth between different databases to ensure the set of criteria was being met as well as to confirm data was being extracted correctly. The use of computer programming would certainly have improved the research methodology and ensured that different human errors would take place.

As there was no widely accepted way to identify a short squeeze, a set of criteria was constructed in the methodology in order to identify such a scenario. For this reason, the set of criteria used in this analysis may be disputed by other academics and professionals. If major changes were made to the criteria of short squeeze this could ultimately have an impact on the sample size used in the regression analysis and include scenarios that were not accounted for in the initial criteria. This would likely have an impact on the results found from this analysis.

During the research process it was noted that both short interest data and trade volume are delayed data. Short interest for a given stock is reported and released on a rolling 15-day time frame, but trade volume can be collected at the end of each trading day. Although these two variables showed strong predictive power, implementing the knowledge learned from this regression may not be as simple as looking up the data. For example, in a scenario where someone was trying to predict the stock return volatility of a potential short squeeze, they would likely need to also predict the trade volume and potentially even the short interest if they did not have the most up to date information prior to the squeeze.

Further Research

Based on the results of this thesis capstone, several key takeaways about the stock return volatility of short squeezes were found. Although great progress was made in terms of creating a model to predict their stock return volatility, the Adjusted R Square value suggests

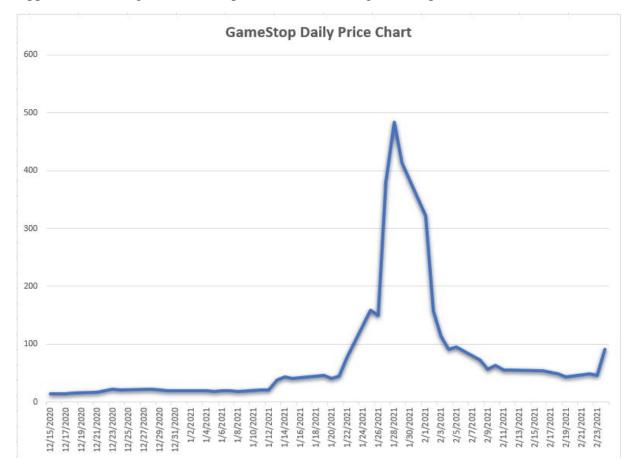
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that there is certainly room for improvement. Through further research some suggestions to pursue would be variables that were not accounted for in this model. For example, some variable accounting for time may be necessary as it was noticed during the research that some short squeeze scenarios took more time to play out than others. In addition, success was found by combining two variables together to form one. In this project, little success was found with the shares outstanding variable, but by combining it with the trade volume variable it proved to be useful. Some variables that may be of interest are a market capitalization divided by trade volume ratio, a number of trading days for short squeeze to pan out variable, a trade volume divided by trading days ratio, a news related variable, and potentially tracking a stock's social media mentions before and during a short squeeze variable. Tracking and testing additional variables may lead to further conclusions and results that support the idea that a short squeeze's stock return volatility can be predicted utilizing several independent variables.

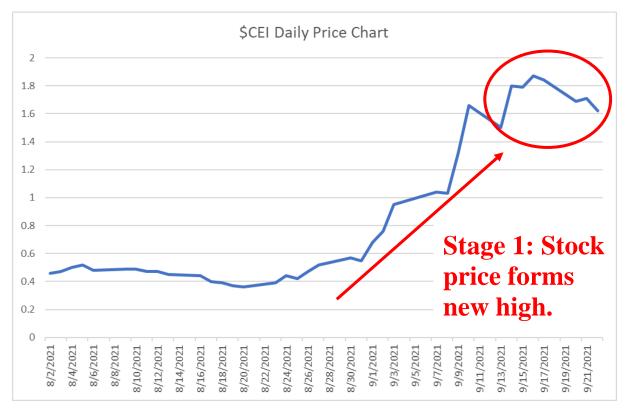
Through further research and the testing of additional independent variables, it may be possible to identify a model that has a stronger ability to predict stock return volatility. In this case, one may want to attempt to implement the model into a trading strategy. A study done producing a trading algorithm or system based upon the criteria set to identify a short squeeze and applying the model to place and exit trades may show high levels of profitability. But, as previously stated, one would need to do additional research and other models may be required in order to predict the values for the independent variables to input into the short squeeze volatility model. For example, in this model one would need to know the short interest prior to executing a trade as well as a general prediction on what the supply rotation will be in the near-term future in order to accurately predict stock return volatility. Additional research would be required the other studies in order to predict the near-term future of supply rotation and possibly even predict a change in short interest prior to the information being released. Ultimately, without further study and testing, these complications may make implementation of the model impractical.

APPENDICES

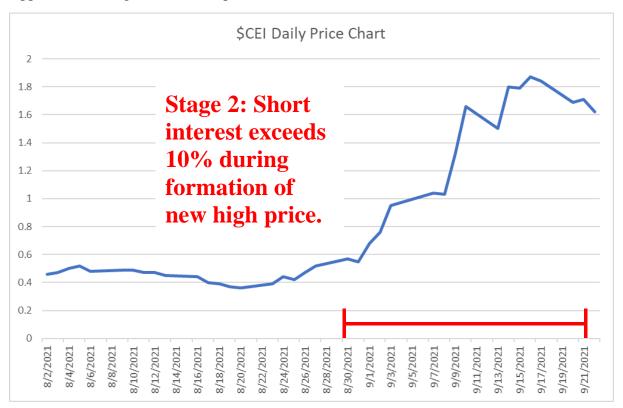
<u>Appendix A – Image of GameStop Price Action During Short Squeeze</u>



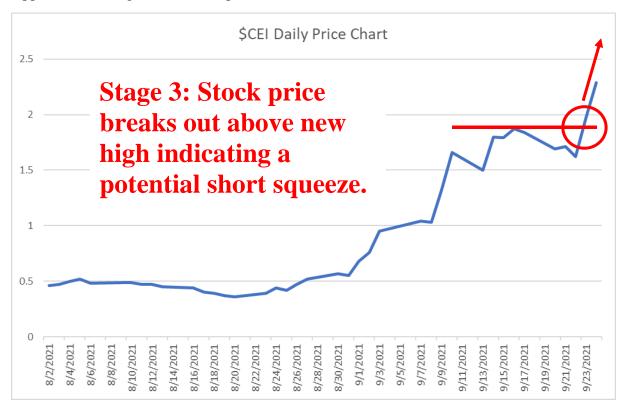
<u>Appendix B – Stage 1 of Short Squeeze</u>



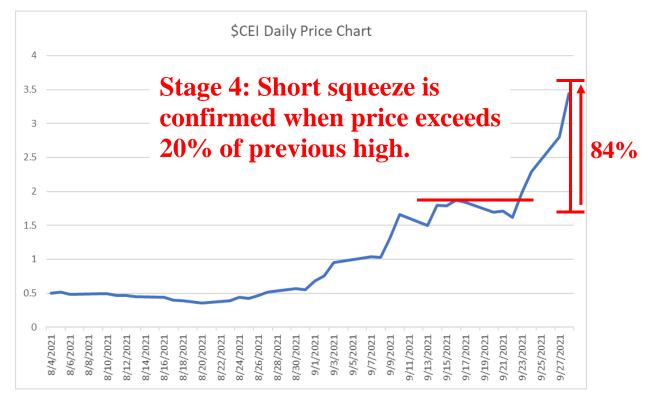
Appendix C – Stage 2 of Short Squeeze



Appendix D – Stage 3 of Short Squeeze



$\underline{Appendix\ E-Stage\ 4\ of\ Short\ Squeeze}$



Appendix F – Stage 5 of Short Squeeze



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Appendix G – Dataset

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Sample	# Date of Short Squeeze	Ticker Symbol	# of Shares Short	Short Squeeze Trade Volume	# of Shares Outstanding	Market Capitalization	Short Interest	Supply Rotation	Short Squeeze Breakout Price	Short Squeeze High Price	Short Squeeze Volatility
1	12/19/2019	RAD	14,244,000	178,409,000	54,875,000	635,452,500	25.96%	3.25	\$ 11.58	5 23.88	106.2
2	2/27/2020	IBIO	8,001,000	461,427,000	76,195,000	39,621,400	10.50%	6.06	\$ 0.52	\$ 2.52	384.6
3	2/27/2020	AIM	1.007.000	59,405,000	8.264.000	14,379,360	12.19%	7.19	5 1.74	5 3.47	99.4
4	4/8/2020	WII	17,668,000	27,953,000	141,669,000	283,338,000	12.47%	0.20	\$ 2,00	\$ 2.55	27.5
5	4/9/2020	CHWY	8,146,000	23,155,000	66,479,000	2,634,562,770	12.25%	0.35	5 39.63	\$ 47.55	19.90
6	4/9/2020	TTD	7,381,000	318.385,000	40,412,000	868,858,000	18.26%	7.88	\$ 21.50		42.3
7	4/13/2020	INSG	15,085,000	18,430,000	96,121,000	926,606,440	15.69%	0.19	5 9.64		27.07
8	4/13/2020	ROKU	11,011,000	127,648,000	94,760,000	9,644,672,800	11.62%	1.35	\$ 101.78		33.10
9	4/14/2020	HALO	13,985,000	15,695,000	138,069,000	2,544,611,670	10.13%	0.11	\$ 18.43	\$ 24.99	35.55
10	4/14/2020	BYND	8,516,000	88,696,000	61,845,000	4,861,017,000	13.77%	1.43	\$ 78.60		48.8
11	4/17/2020	PS	11,933,000	15,801,000	105,406,000	1,474,629,940	11.32%	0.15	\$ 13.99		27.8
12	4/23/2020	WII	14,239,000	31,756,000	141,669,000	361,255,950	10.05%	0.22	\$ 2.55	\$ 3.00	17.6
13	4/23/2020	APA	49,386,000	198,666,000	377,418,000	3,800,599,260	13.09%	0.53	\$ 10.07		48.40
14	4/27/2020	PENN	14,843,000	34,742,000	116,864,000	1,866,318,080	12.70%	0.30	\$ 15.97		24.1
15	4/27/2020	MIK	25,966,000	13,799,000	146,847,000	439,072,530	17.68%	0.09	\$ 2.99		27.05
16	4/27/2020	SFIX	20,076,000	54,518,000	56,522,000	956,917,460	35.52%	0.96	\$ 16.93		42.33
17	4/27/2020		64,015,000	122,933,000	170,247,000	1,242,803,100	37.60%	0.90	\$ 7,30		20.5
18	4/29/2020	X PEI	33,040,000	122,933,000	78,840,000	1,242,803,100	41.91%	0.72	\$ 7.30		19.60
19		SM					20.40%	0.17			54.10
20	4/29/2020	PRTY	23,045,000	43,350,000	112,989,000	275,693,160	16.91%	0.56	\$ 2.44		27.14
	4/30/2020		15,982,000	53,347,000	94,491,000	66,143,700			\$ 0.70		
21	5/6/2020	BYND	8,058,000	143,847,000	61,849,000	7,236,333,000	13.03%	2.13	\$ 117.00		26.1
22	5/11/2020	MARK	6,578,000	448,354,000	55,066,000	63,325,900	11.95%	8.14	\$ 1.15		133.0
23	5/13/2020	GPRO	20,375,000	57,143,000	128,686,000	470,990,760	15.83%	0.44	\$ 3.66		34.9
24	5/15/2020	PENN	16,785,000	195,916,000	133,465,000	2,646,610,950	12.58%	1.47	\$ 19.83		66.4
25	5/18/2020	EXPE	13,232,000	94,706,000	135,458,000	10,493,931,260	9.77%	0.70	\$ 77.47		25.9
26	5/21/2020	SBH	19,478,000	20,832,000	112,871,000	1,265,283,910	17.26%	0.18	\$ 11.21		24.05
27	5/26/2020	PRTY	22,360,000	70,682,000	94,491,000	84,096,990	23.66%	0.75	\$ 0.89		137.00
28	5/26/2020	MARK	12,588,000	178,880,000	55,066,000	147,576,880	22.86%	3.25	\$ 2.68		39.93
29	5/26/2020	CLF	113,049,000	134,311,000	398,610,000	1,953,189,000	28.36%	0.34	\$ 4.90		44.65
30	5/26/2020	SABR	28,975,000	116,072,000	275,523,000	2,173,876,470	10.52%	0.42	\$ 7.89		45.67
31	5/27/2020	NIO	139,537,000	1,021,907,000	831,928,000	3,410,904,800	16.77%	1.23			66.59
32	5/27/2020	MIK	29,345,000	34,569,000	147,328,000	559,846,400	19.92%	0.23	\$ 3.80		27.8
33	5/27/2020	CPRI	20,561,000	59,910,000	149,365,000	2,534,724,050	13.77%	0.40			39.85
34	5/27/2020	CNK	12,647,000	44,878,000	117,527,000	1,970,927,790	10.76%	0.38	\$ 16.77	\$ 20.69	23.38
35	5/27/2020	M	132,063,000	755,842,000	309,670,000	2,223,430,600	42.65%	2.44	\$ 7.18	\$ 11.32	57.66
36	5/27/2020	GPS	41,194,000	172,036,000	372,639,000	3,491,627,430	11.05%	0.46	\$ 9.37	\$ 13.37	42.69
37	5/27/2020	RCL	25,281,000	256,197,000	209,385,000	11,105,780,400	12.07%	1.22	\$ 53.04	\$ 78.88	48.72
38	6/2/2020	CHWY	16,791,000	197,702,000	84,211,000	4,004,233,050	19.94%	2.35	\$ 47.55	\$ 59.30	24.71
39	6/2/2020	SM	24,781,000	43,284,000	112,989,000	496,021,710	21.93%	0.38	\$ 4.39	\$ 6.98	59.00
40	6/3/2020	SAVE	22,306,000	244,277,000	86,040,000	1,433,426,400	25.93%	2.84	\$ 16.66	\$ 26.50	59.0
41	6/3/2020	MAC	51,530,000	65,362,000	141,535,000	1,120,957,200	36.41%	0.46	\$ 7.92	\$ 13.90	75.51
42	6/3/2020	TTD	7,964,000	523,559,000	40,889,000	1,338,296,970	19.48%	12.80	\$ 32.73	\$ 47.57	45.3/
43	6/4/2020	PEI	30,986,000	14,277,000	78,876,000	108,848,880	39.28%	0.18	\$ 1.38	\$ 2.35	70.2
44	6/4/2020	TUP	9,454,000	26,197,000	49,014,000	198,016,560	19.29%	0.53	\$ 4.04		99.0
45	6/4/2020	NCLH	46,079,000	303,192,000	256,347,000	4,819,323,600	17.98%	1.18	\$ 18.80		54.1
46	6/4/2020	CCL	113,074,000	306,833,000	599,693,000	10,608,569,170	18.86%	0.51	\$ 17.69		52.0
47	6/4/2020	×	50,386,000	48,476,000	170,376,000	1,499,308,800	29.57%	0.28	\$ 8.80		26.70
48	6/5/2020	WTI	22,617,000	23,692,000	141,669,000	425,007,000	15.96%	0.17	5 3.00		32.3
49	6/5/2020	REI	13,898,000	9,220,000	67,977,000	90,409,410	20.45%	0.14	5 1.33		54.1
50	6/5/2020	RIG	78,688,000	213,081,000	614,577,000	1,130,821,680	12.80%	0.35	\$ 1.84		122.8
51	6/8/2020	PRTY	20,800,000	25,516,000	94,491,000	198,431,100	22.01%	0.27	5 2.10		30.4
52	6/22/2020	LPCN	6,632,000	34,359,000	47,879,000	56,018,430	13.85%	0.72	\$ 1.17		28.2
53	7/2/2020	NIO	138,450,000	615,401,000	903,928,000	7,276,620,400	15.32%	0.68	\$ 8.05		52.8
54	7/7/2020	GNMK	7,118,000	14,349,000	70,232,000	1,121,605,040	10.13%	0.00	\$ 15.97		24.17
55	7/8/2020	VUZI	4,135,000	19,097,000	39,307,000	1,121,605,040	10.13%	0.20	\$ 3.30		30.91
		MVIS					9.02%				
56	7/15/2020	MVI2	12,865,000	137,138,000	142,553,000	270,850,700	9.02%	0.96	\$ 1.90	\$ 3.45	81.58

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58	57	7/22/2020	TUP	8,374,000	56,560,000	49,014,000	394,072,560	17.08%	1.15 \$	8.04	\$ 16.60	106.47%
59	58	7/23/2020	AMAG	11,960,000	6,550,000	34,273,000	333,819,020	34.90%	0.19 \$	9.74		23,20%
0	59	7/29/2020	BLNK	2,991,000	71,405,000	28,100,000	242,784,000	10.64%	2.54 \$	8,64		68,75%
1	60	7/29/2020	KNDI	4,791,000	79,339,000	52,849,000	295,954,400	9.07%	1,50 S		\$ 14.90	166.079
2	61	7/31/2020	MARA	2,889,000	264,982,000	28,447,000	57,747,410	10.16%	9.31 S	2.03		135,96%
3	62	8/3/2020	RIOT	6,363,000	140,049,000	34,541,000	114,330,710	18.42%	4.05 S		\$ 4.58	38,37%
14	63	8/4/2020	SRNE	52,303,000	320,372,000	202,122,000	1,988,880,480	25.88%	1.59 S		\$ 14.99	52,34%
5	64	8/6/2020	PENN	17.076,000	48,273,000	135,965,000	5,501,143,900	12.56%	0.36 S		\$ 51.00	26,05%
66	65	8/25/2020	NIO	110,480,000	663,151,000	903,928,000	14,860,576,320	12.22%	0.73 S		\$ 20,97	27,55%
67	66	8/28/2020	CHWY	15.877,000	25,163,000	84,225,000	4,994,542,500	18.85%	0,30 S		S 74.84	26,21%
68	67	9/8/2020	WICHS	20,892,000	226,165,000	105,135,000	2,407,591,500	19.87%	2.15 \$	22.90	\$ 28.20	23.14%
59	68	10/2/2020	WWR	1,507,000	430,409,000	9,732,000	47,978,760	15.48%	44.23 \$		\$ 18.50	275.25%
70	69	10/5/2020	SPWR	17,526,000	60,489,000	170,086,000	2,457,742,700	22.06%	0.36 \$	14.45		29.41%
71	70	10/5/2020	PLUG	61,906,000	192,754,000	401,740,000	5,764,969,000	15.41%	0.48 \$		\$ 19.59	36.52%
72	71	10/6/2020	PPSI	644,000	321,675,000	8,726,000	25,218,140	7.38%	36.86 \$		\$ 9.31	222.15%
73	72	10/20/2020	HALO	14,983,000	92,123,000	137,027,000	4,092,996,490	10.93%	0.67 S	29.87		49.08%
74	73	10/23/2020	HOG	20,678,000	48,307,000	153,241,000	4,583,438,310	13.49%	0.32 \$	29.91		24.37%
	74											
75		11/4/2020	EXPE	14,707,000	29,515,000	135,703,000	14,119,897,150	10.84%	2000	20,1100		25.49%
76	75	11/5/2020	GPRO	14,002,000	22,377,000	128,941,000	951,584,580	10.86%		7.38		19.51%
77	76	11/5/2020	SPWR	38,241,000	109,030,000	170,159,000	3,297,681,420	22.47%	0.64 \$		\$ 24.40	25.90%
78	77	11/9/2020	PLUG	65,833,000	580,669,000	401,740,000	7,769,651,600	16.39%	1.45 \$	19.34		48.40%
79	78	11/9/2020	NCLH	54,006,000	75,069,000	275,619,000	5,291,884,800	19.59%	0.27 \$		\$ 23.05	20.05%
80	79	11/16/2020	FUV	2,977,000	33,100,000	31,515,000	247,392,750	9.45%	1.05 \$		\$ 16.25	107.01%
81	80	11/16/2020	×	38,510,000	263,484,000	220,404,000	2,457,504,600	17.47%	1.20 \$	11.15		79.37%
82	81	11/17/2020	RIOT	9,790,000	130,642,000	50,927,000	233,245,660	19.22%	2.57 \$		\$ 7.50	63.76%
83	82	11/17/2020	KNDI	7,861,000	128,277,000	72,932,000	738,801,160	10.78%	1.76 5		5 14.92	47.29%
54	83	11/18/2020	BLNK	4,629,000	161,212,000	32,291,000	470,802,780	14.34%	4.99 \$		\$ 38.31	162.76%
85	84	11/19/2020	MGNI	14,006,000	38,826,000	111,959,000	1,464,423,720	12.51%	0.35 \$		\$ 20,44	56.27%
86	85	11/19/2020	NKLA	48,223,000	144,652,000	384,088,000	10,485,602,400	12.56%	0.38 \$		\$ 37.95	39.01%
87	86	11/23/2020	DPW	1,829,000	377,329,000	16,517,000	60,287,050	11.07%	22.84 \$	3.65	\$ 9.02	147.12%
55	87	11/23/2020	FTEK	2,069,000	184,006,000	24,701,000	50,637,050	8.38%	7.45 \$	2.05		163.41%
89	88	11/24/2020	SAVE	16,066,000	123,588,000	97,678,000	2,244,640,440	16.45%	1.27 \$	22.98	\$ 27.99	21.80%
90	89	11/24/2020	NCLH	51,589,000	326,021,000	275,636,000	6,353,409,800	18.72%	1.18 \$	23.05		26.29%
91	90	11/25/2020	DDD	38,503,000	33,280,000	124,142,000	1,065,138,360	31.02%	0.27 \$	8.58	\$ 10.68	24.48%
92	91	11/25/2020	SNOW	6,936,000	65,347,000	40,409,000	12,163,109,000	17.16%	1.62 \$	301.00	\$ 429.00	42.52%
93	92	11/30/2020	CEMI	4,139,000	20,065,000	20,176,000	115,003,200	20.51%	0.99 \$	5.70	5 7.84	37.54%
94	93	11/30/2020	CHWY	13,771,000	106,565,000	94,327,000	7,059,432,680	14.60%	1.13 \$	74.84	\$ 109.73	46.62%
95	94	12/3/2020	INSG	26,727,000	34,242,000	98,880,000	1,096,579,200	27.03%	0.35 \$	11.09	\$ 15.05	35.71%
96	95	12/7/2020	SFIX	21,252,000	85,919,000	60,690,000	2,572,042,200	35.02%	1,42 \$	42.38	\$ 72.24	70.46%
97	96	12/8/2020	PLUG	66,525,000	514,130,000	453,598,000	13,018,262,600	14.67%	1.13 S	28.70	\$ 37.91	32.09%
98	97	12/15/2020	MARA	7,827,000	217,107,000	63,634,000	445,438,000	12.30%	3.41 S	7.00	\$ 10.77	53.86%
99	98	12/15/2020	VUZI	6,080,000	55,597,000	42,719,000	226,837,890	14.23%	1.30 \$	5.31	\$ 9.25	74.20%
100	99	12/15/2020	SPWR	41,834,000	113,666,000	170,159,000	4,151,879,600	24.59%	0.67 S	24.40	\$ 33.19	36.02%
101	100	12/15/2020	MVIS	18,149,000	316,551,000	146,406,000	505,100,700	12.40%	2.16 \$	3.45	5 9.74	182.32%
102	101	12/16/2020	RIOT	10,738,000	253,810,000	67,530,000	762,413,700	15.90%	3.76 5	11.29	\$ 15.99	41.63%
103	102	12/17/2020	FUBO	21,747,000	108,247,000	67,563,000	2,211,336,990	32.19%	1.60 S	32.73	\$ 63.33	93,49%
104	103	12/18/2020	BLNK	6,181,000	128,834,000	32,291,000	1,237,068,210	19.14%	3.99 \$	38.31	\$ 56.12	46.49%
05	104	12/18/2020	CRBP	31,658,000	63,739,000	84,037,000	132,778,460	37.67%	0.76 \$	1.58	\$ 1.98	25.32%
06	105	12/18/2020	MGNI	12,902,000	57,365,000	111,959,000	2,474,293,900	11.52%	0.51 \$	22.10	\$ 33.50	51.58%
07	106	12/21/2020	RMO	2,814,000	25,984,000	23,000,000	556,370,000	12.23%	1.13 \$	24.19	\$ 37.75	56.06%
08	107	12/30/2020	NETE	814,000	49,894,000	4,845,000	74,273,850	16.80%	10.30 S	15.33	\$ 19.15	24.92%
09	108	1/4/2021	JAGX	8,536,000	681,713,000	81,906,000	105,658,740	10.42%	8.32 \$	1.29		131.78%
10	109	1/5/2021	MIK	24,648,000	36,780,000	147,650,000	1,971,127,500	16.69%	0.25 S	13.35		34.08%
11	110	1/5/2021	SM	12,385,000	54,987,000	114,573,000	812,322,570	10.81%	0.48 \$	7.09		48,10%
12	111	1/6/2021	MARA	9,709,000	202,082,000	63,634,000	986,327,000	15.26%	3.18 \$	15.50		57.10%
13	112	1/6/2021	VISL	3,206,000	15,755,000	20,879,000	40,087,680	15.36%	0.75 S	1.92		19.79%
14	113	1/6/2021	REI	10,743,000	34,831,000	81,669,000	69,418,650	13.15%	0.43 \$		\$ 1.18	38.82%
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115	1/6/2021	PLUG	63,501,000	554,470,000	453,598,000	17,195,900,180	14.00%	1.22 \$	37.91 \$	73.90	94.9
116	1/6/2021	M	108,646,000	465,932,000	310,478,000	3,800,250,720	34.99%	1.50 \$	12.24 5	22.30	82.1
117	1/6/2021	X	32,896,000	129,676,000	220,404,000	4,408,080,000	14.93%	0.59 \$	20.00 \$	24.71	23.5
118	1/7/2021	ITRM	5,872,000	128,566,000	49,081,000	57,424,770	11.96%	2.62 \$	1.17 \$	2.12	81.2
119	1/7/2021	000	33,448,000	327,297,000	124,142,000	1.585,293,340	26.94%	2.64 S	12.77 S	31.45	146.2
120	1/8/2021	SKT	44,801,000	26,948,000	93,453,000	1,063,495,140	47,94%	0.29 \$	11.38 \$	13.62	19.6
121	1/12/2021	GEVO	17,019,000	112,915,000	122,965,000	695,981,900	13.84%	0.92 \$	5.66 S	7.62	34.6
		MAC			149,472,000		53,95%	0.14 S	12.47 \$	15.10	21.0
122	1/13/2021		80,640,000	20,327,000		1,863,915,840					
123	1/14/2021	BBBY	76,181,000	203,543,000	121,215,000	3,170,984,400	62.85%	1.68 \$	26.16 \$	47.73	82.4
124	1/14/2021	SPWR	43,347,000	101,462,000	170,159,000	5,647,577,210	25,47%	0.60 \$	33.19 S	54.99	65.6
125	1/14/2021	CNK	31.631.000	45,011,000	118,158,000	2,152,838,760	26,77%	0.38 \$	18.22 S	23.58	29.4
126	1/14/2021	SEIX	19,815,000	44,205,000	62,902,000	4,544,040,480	31.50%	0.70 \$	72.24 \$	113.76	57.4
127	1/19/2021	GEVO	13,489,000	149,739,000	122,965,000	936,993,300	10.97%	1.22 \$	7.62 \$	11.68	53.
128	1/19/2021	INSG	24,104,000	35,666,000	98,880,000	1,775,884,800	24.38%	0.36 \$	17.96 \$	21.93	22.
129	1/19/2021	VISL	3,645,000	59,228,000	20,879,000	48,021,700	17.46%	2.84 5	2.30 \$	3.02	31.
130	1/19/2021	SAVA	5,457,000	24,090,000	34,954,000	454,052,460	15.61%	0.69 \$	12.99 \$	20.58	58.
131	1/19/2021	MGNI	14.308.000	22,956,000	111,959,000	3,750,626,500	12.78%	0.21 5	33.50 5	40.20	20.
		PEI	10,946,000		79,537,000	131,236,050	13.76%	0.41 5	1.65 \$		77.
132	1/19/2021			32,955,000						2.93	
133	1/20/2021	VUZI	7,358,000	36,586,000	42,719,000	474,608,090	17.22%	0.86 \$	11.11 \$	16.34	47.
134	1/21/2021	SHIP	9,974,000	81,849,000	75,346,000	79,113,300	13.24%	1.09 \$	1.05 \$	1.52	44
135	1/21/2021	CRBP	16,246,000	41,493,000	84,037,000	166,393,260	19.33%	0.49 \$	1.98 \$	2.49	25.
136	1/22/2021	GME	61,782,000	375,031,946	69,747,000	3.174,883,440	88,58%	5.38 S	45.52 S	159.14	249.
137	1/22/2021	EXPR	7.220.000	435,902,000	64.948.000	128,597,040	11.12%	6.71 S	1.98 \$	4.72	138.
138	1/22/2021	EOLS	4,134,000	4,886,000	33,749,000	210,593,760	12.25%	0.14 \$	6.24 S	9.20	47.
139	1/25/2021	VXRT	33,243,000	257,045,000	109,469,000	1,032,292,670	30.37%	2.35 \$	9.43 S	24.90	164.
140	1/25/2021	SPCE	38,600,000	164,560,000	234,342,000	8,494,897,500	16.47%	0.70 \$	36.25 \$	59.43	63.
141	1/25/2021	RAD	10,311,000	28,457,000	55,224,000	1,239,778,800	18.67%	0.52 S	22.45 S	32.48	44
142	1/25/2021	GDRX	12,811,000	29,199,000	43,925,000	2,173,848,250	29.17%	0.66 S	49.49 \$	59.67	20
143	1/25/2021	BYND	15,436,000	46,430,000	62,656,000	9,226,096,000	24.64%	0.74 \$	147.25 \$	227.50	54
144	1/25/2021	MAC	78,540,000	97,015,000	149,472,000	2,257,027,200	52.54%	0.65 \$	15.10 \$	25.99	72
145	1/25/2021	AKBA	28,817,000	105,619,000	144,539,000	498,659,550	19.94%	0.73 \$	3.45 \$	5.19	50
146	1/26/2021	GME	61,782,000	271,983,000	69,747,000	11,099,537,580	88.58%	3.90 \$	159.14 \$	385.00	141
147	1/26/2021	WKHS	33,677,000	126,708,000	120,529,000	3,790,637,050	27.94%	1.05 \$	31.45 \$	40.45	28
148	1/26/2021	WWR	3,414,000	42,543,000	19,022,000	144,567,200	17.95%	2.24 \$	7.60 \$	9.15	20
149	1/27/2021	NAKD	31,256,000	3,466,365,000	96,310,000	57,786,000	32.45%	35.99 \$	0.60 \$	3.63	505
150	1/28/2021	REI	9,065,000	54,926,000	81,669,000	102,086,250	11.10%	0.67 \$	1.25 \$	1.75	40
151	2/1/2021	CRBP	14,688,000	36,956,000	84,037,000	209,252,130	17,48%	0.44 \$	2,49 \$	3.09	24
152	2/1/2021	SAVA	5,981,000	78,608,000	34,954,000	828,409,800	17.11%	2.25 \$	23.70 \$	74.50	214
153	2/2/2021	ARTL	1,903,000	66,883,000	15,712,000	19,482,880	12,11%	4.26 \$	1.24 \$	2.84	129
154	2/2/2021	AEZS	5,087,000	426,784,000	62,679,000	64,559,370	8.12%	6.81 \$	1.03 \$	2.19	112
155	2/2/2021	MGNI	12,695,000	23,576,000	111.959.000	4,500,751,800	11.34%	0.21 S	40,20 S	58.50	45
156	2/3/2021	SAVE	12,755,000	101,498,000	97,678,000	2,734,007,220	13.06%	1.04 \$	27.99 \$	39.54	41
		KERN						1.66 S		10.44	
157	2/3/2021		1,849,000	35,881,000	21,597,000	158,953,920	8.56%		7.36 S		41
158	2/3/2021	MVIS	22,508,000	130,680,000	146,406,000	1,425,994,440	15.37%	0.89 \$	9.74 \$	16.19	66
159	2/4/2021	ATO5	9,201,000	126,378,000	71,574,000	282,717,300	12.86%	1.77 5	3.95 \$	4.98	26
160	2/4/2021	AMRS	23,909,000	22,440,000	239,211,000	2,920,766,310	9.99%	0.09 S	12.21 \$	17.19	40
161	2/5/2021	TDC	16,576,000	51,034,000	109,300,000	3,694,340,000	15.17%	0.47 \$	33.80 \$	59.58	76
162	2/5/2021	VISL	4.048.000	121,895,000	27,459,000	98,028,630	14.74%	4.44 5	3.57 \$	4.90	37
163	2/5/2021	WWR	4,488,000	49,278,000	19,022,000	174,051,300	23.59%	2.59 \$	9.15 \$	11.45	25
164	2/8/2021	MARA	10,467,000	161,047,000	63,634,000	1,853,022,080	16.45%	2.53 \$	29.12 \$	41.20	41
165	2/8/2021	RIOT	11,814,000	105,328,000	67,530,000	1,977,278,400	17.49%	1.56 \$	29.28 \$	41.88	43
166	2/8/2021	ITP	6,153,000	94,489,000	28,536,000	28,536,000	21.56%	3.31 5	1.00 \$	1.45	45
167									3.57 \$	5.85	63
	2/8/2021	RKDA	1,962,000	23,111,729	21,328,000	76,140,960	9.20%	1.08 \$			
168	2/9/2021	ACB	25,886,000	254,656,000	184,191,000	2,983,894,200	14.05%	1.38 \$	16.20 \$	22.35	37
169	2/9/2021	CTRM	35,672,000	116,751,000	364,462,000	4,009,082,000	9.79%	0.32 5	11.00 \$	16.70	51
170	2/10/2021	TMBR	1,536,000	71,432,000	12,032,000	25,628,160	12.77%	5.94 \$	2.13 \$	3.15	47
171	2/11/2021	SHIP	9,080,000	172,194,000	75,346,000	114,525,920	12,05%	2.29 5	1.52 \$	2.09	37
172		VUZI				883,552,820	11.16%			24,44	
1/2	2/12/2021	VUZI	6,036,000	55,984,000	54,073,000	883,352,820	11,16%	1.04 \$	16.34 \$	24,44	49
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173	2/16/2021	EOLS	3,307,000	36,039,000	33,749,000	310,490,800	9.80%	1.07 \$	9.20 \$	14.81	60
174	2/19/2021	SABR	61,361,000	204,628,000	317,297,000	4,226,396,040	19.34%	0.64 \$	13.32 \$	17.00	.27
175	3/1/2021	SBH	14,895,000	23,916,000	112,814,000	1,939,272,660	13.20%	0.21 \$	17.19 \$	21.91	27
176	3/2/2021	RKT	39,656,000	411,906,000	115,373,000	2,819,716,120	34.37%	3.57 \$	24,44 S	44,39	8
177	3/5/2021	TMST	5,744,000	6,957,000	45,175,000	430,969,500	12.71%	0.15 \$		12.00	25
178	3/11/2021	TMBR	2,386,000	147,978,000	12,032,000	37,900,800	19.83%	12.30 \$	3.15 \$	3.75	1
179	3/18/2021	VUZI	6,703,000	51,865,000	57,887,000	1,509,692,960	11.58%	0.90 \$	26.08 \$	30.88	18
180	3/18/2021	SLGG	3,201,000	47,707,000	21,608,000	181,507,200	14.81%	2.21 \$	8.40 \$	11.20	3
181	3/26/2021	ATNE	2,272,000	43,699,000	18,032,000	138,305,440	12.60%	2.42 \$	7.67 \$	14.75	9
182	4/6/2021	TMST	6,241,000	24,043,000	45,602,000	570,025,000	13.69%	0.53 \$	12.50 S	15.50	2
183	4/26/2021	MVIS	31,423,000	372,116,000	157,592,000	3,151,840,000	19.94%	2.36 \$	20.00 \$	31.14	5
184	5/12/2021	CRIS	11,159,000	60,062,000	91,519,000	1,201,644,470	12.19%	0.66 \$	13.13 \$	17.40	3
185	5/18/2021	SM	11,857,000	47,662,000	117,789,000	2,296,885,500	10.07%	0.40 \$	19.50 \$	24.79	2
186	5/27/2021	AMC	94,577,000	1,366,145,000	450,280,000	11,617,224,000	21.00%	3.03 \$	25.80 \$	36.72	4
		LEDS		30 443 000		54,539,520	13.73%	9.71 \$	13.44 \$	18.27	
187	5/28/2021		557,000	39,412,000	4,058,000						33
188	6/1/2021	AMC	101,303,000	1,275,156,000	450,280,000	16,534,281,600	22.50%	2.83 \$	36.72 \$	72.62	9
189	6/1/2021	REI	13,566,000	41,104,000	99,276,000	249,182,760	13.66%	0.41 \$	2.51 \$	3.11	2
190	6/1/2021	PEI	11,371,000	37,226,000	79,260,000	166,446,000	14.35%	0.47 S	2.10 \$	3.42	6
191	6/2/2021	UONE	871,000	59,739,000	6,328,000	73,974,320	13.76%	9.44 \$	11.69 \$	18.37	5
192	6/2/2021	RIDE	34,526,000	35,608,000	176,579,000	2,073,037,460	19.55%	0.20 \$	11.74 \$	14.73	2
193	6/2/2021	GTT	10,239,000	176,414,000	58,820,000	156,461,200	17.41%	3.00 S	2.66 \$	4.75	7.
194	6/4/2021	RMED	632,000	166,867,000	3,256,000	20,740,720	19.41%	51.25 S	6.37 \$	9.82	. 5
195	6/4/2021	BBIG	4,564,000	126,564,000	27,434,000	111,656,380	16.64%	4.61 \$	4.07 \$	5.24	2
196	6/7/2021	ATOS	13,765,000	107,152,000	120,824,000	601,703,520	11.39%	0.89 \$	4.98 \$	6.82	- 1
197	6/15/2021	TRCH	15,368,000	451,400,000	145,564,000	703,074,120	10.56%	3.10 \$	4.83 \$	6.76	3
198	6/21/2021	TRCH	15,368,000	478,456,000	145,564,000	984,012,640	10.56%	3.29 \$	6.76 S	11.70	7
		MIK					17.06%	0.34 \$			3
199	8/18/2021		25,138,000	49,573,000	147,340,000	1,340,794,000			9.10 \$	12.01	
200	9/23/2021	CEI	24,493,000	1,691,604,000	104,195,000	194,844,650	23.51%	16.23 \$	1.87 \$	3.44	8
	9/30/2021	OG	440,000	3,853,000	4,125,000	33,000,000	10.67%	0.93 \$	8.00 \$	10.50	31
201		PROG	10,745,000	1,297,073,000	132,740,000	325,213,000	8.09%	9.77 \$	2.45 5	3.55	44
	10/12/2021										
202	10/12/2021		54 TZD 000	287 630 000	198 756 000	2 629 541 990	27 669/	145 0	22.22 0	16 39	-
202 203	11/1/2021	OCGN	54,770,000	287,620,000	198,756,000	2,629,541,880	27.56%	1.45 \$	13.23 \$	16.28	
202			54,770,000 19,404,000 21,961,000	287,620,000 69,337,000 574,886,000	198,756,000 50,000,000 132,740,000	2,629,541,880 721,500,000 584,056,000	27.56% 38.81% 16.54%	1.45 \$ 1.39 \$ 4.33 \$	13.23 S 14.43 S 4.40 S	16.28 17.95 6.39	23. 24. 45.

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