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## Best Buys Now: 5 Stocks to Buy Today

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If you've ever wanted to add to your *MDP* portfolio without waiting for our next trade alert, this feature is for you. Once a month, each *MDP* analyst will answer this question: **Which current *MDP* portfolio holding is your No. 1 idea for new money now?** It's our way of sharing our most timely recommendations from the *MDP* portfolio.

Keep in mind that even though there are five analysts on the team, our ideas will sometimes overlap. And the list won't necessarily change much from month to month if certain companies remain the analysts' best ideas.

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### Boston Beer



Strategy: Small Cap

Recent Price: \$150.04

**Matt Argersinger (TMFMattyA):** You don't often get the opportunity to buy a quality business at a bargain price, which is why I'm sticking with **Boston Beer** (NYSE: [SAM](#)) as my Best Buy Now for the second straight month. Shares dropped to a new 52-week low after the company reported its first-quarter results, and the craft brewer currently trades for less than 10 times its enterprise value to EBITDA – lower than its average multiple during the financial crisis and deep recession years of 2008 to 2010. Simply returning to its average EV/EBITDA multiple of the past five years would result in a 60% jump in Boston Beer's market value.

As it's doing with **Chipotle** (NYSE: [CMG](#)), the market is assuming Boston Beer's recent struggles have permanently impaired the business. But I expect Boston Beer to regain its prior growth trajectory and continue to lead the craft beer trend – one that is still in its early innings here in the U.S. That confidence is reinforced by the company's strong balance sheet, dedication to quality, innovative spirit, and leadership of founder and chairman Jim Koch.

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## Ellie Mae

### EllieMae

Strategy: Small Cap

Recent Price: \$80.36

**Bryan White (TMFCaccamise): Ellie Mae** (NYSE: [ELLI](#)), *MDP's* maker of mortgage origination software, booked 15,000 seats to its platform in another strong quarterly showing. I expect the adoption to continue thanks to new regulations that are pushing more and more business Ellie's way.

Although profit margins are expected to remain flat this year because of increased costs related to the new regulations, I do expect them to continue to rise in 2017 and beyond. Ellie has a strong competitive position stemming from its first-mover advantage, and its software platform breeds loyalty among its customers. All that plus the new regulations that are helping fuel uptake of Ellie's software, and we have the makings of a solid market-beater over the next three to five years.

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## SolarCity



Strategy: Growth

Recent Price: \$19.60

**Simon Erickson (TMFInnovator):** As I explain in [my recent recap](#), I think **SolarCity's** (NASDAQ: [SCTY](#)) \$2 billion market cap significantly undervalues the company. Its existing contracts alone are worth about \$2 billion, so today's market is essentially expecting zero future value creation from SolarCity.

My outlook is a bit sunnier. Given SolarCity's 114% growth in commercial installations, its evolving financing strategies, and its decreasing costs per watt installed, I think the future of America's largest solar provider is actually rather bright.

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