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Portfolio round-up

In autumn 2005, Investors Chronicle drew up its 'dog' portfolio of the ten worst performing shares over the previous five years across the UK stockmarket. The thinking behind its strategy? Average subsequent returns from 'dog' shares invariably outperform any benchmark index. Eighteen months on, the dogs of 2005 have made an average gain of 196% thanks to stellar increases for two of the ten. Netcentric, then an Aim-listed cash shell trading at 0.23p, now called TomCo Energy and trading at 355.5p, managed a blistering 1,312% rise, while Future Internet Technologies has returned 956% over the same period. Redstone (27.23%) and Coe Group (11.52%) made modest gains, but five drifted lower and Asia Capital was suspended last September.

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BUY

Company	Publication	Reason	Price tipped
Shed Productions (SHDP) Aim	The Sunday Telegraph	This television production firm is beginning to restock following problems last year. On a p/e of 11, it is an "undervalued stock in an undervalued sector".	88p 142p/85p
Tasty (TAST) Aim	The Daily Telegraph	An experienced management team is helping this dim sum restaurant chain expand and achieve first year profits of £82,000. "Tuck in for a tasty treat".	113p 135p/81p
Tesco (TSCD) Food & drug retailers	The Times	The firm's "success continues to outweigh – by far – its failures" and a historic p/e of 21 may be "heady", but is a discount to the sector average of 30.	462p 463p/314p
TomCo Energy (TOM) Aim	The Business	This firm has a rare commercial lease for Utah shale oil, so investors will "enjoy a major windfall" if conditions make production viable. It's a speculative buy.	5p 5p/1p
Venture Production (VPC) Oil & gas producers	The Times	A 25% share-price fall in 2007 is an "overreaction" to the weakening gas price and production blips. Profits trebled in 2006. There is more growth to come.	730p 918p/588p
Vitec (VTC) Industrial engineering	The Daily Telegraph	Supplying "everything the professional photographer needs," bar the cameras themselves, Vitec should benefit as broadcasters upgrade their equipment.	628p 635p/425p
West Pioneer Properties (WPP) Aim	Shares	The value of this Indian shopping-centre specialist's mall near Bombay is rocketing and "many more are planned" over the next three to four years.	115p 150p/82p
Worthington Nickolls (WNG) Aim	The Mail on Sunday	The air-conditioning industry has huge growth potential and this firm is well placed to take advantage through acquisitions as it is already "a major force".	185p 199p/48p