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# The Class of '06

## Welcome to our annual ranking of supercharged performers

During the 16 times that FORTUNE has compiled our list of the 100 Fastest-Growing Companies, in the U.S., we've learned a few things. One is that sustaining growth at these levels ain't easy. Only 43 of the 100 companies from last year's list made the grade again this year. Another is that being in the right place at the right time can be just as important as how you run your business. The latest example: In 2005, oil prices averaged \$52 a barrel, up from \$38 a barrel in 2004. Voila! Almost a third of the companies on this year's

list are in the energy sector, including No. 1, Vaalco Energy.

To compute the rankings, we use data from Zacks Investment Research and give equal weight to three factors: profits and sales growth (for three years through the first quarter of 2006) and three-year total return (through June). For additional details, see [fortune.com](http://fortune.com)

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### INVENTIV HEALTH

SOMERSET, N.J.

Ticker: *VITV*

Stock Price, 8/24/06: **\$30.70**

Earnings-Per Share Growth, Three-year annual rate: **98%**

Earnings-Per-Share Growth, Three-year. annual rate, Rank: **45**

Net Income, Past Four Quarters (millions)\*: **\$44.8**

Revenue Growth, Three-year annual rate: **47%**

Revenue Growth, Three-year annual rate, Rank: **39**

Revenue, Past four quarters (millions): **\$609.1**

Total Return, Three-year annual rate: **91%**

Total Return, Three-year annual rate, Rank: **15**

P/E, Current Fiscal Year Est.: **22**

Provides drug firms with services in clinical trials, sales, and marketing.

\*Through the quarter ended March 31, 2006

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