

Buy Alert: 3 Pot Stocks That Can Double Again in 2021!

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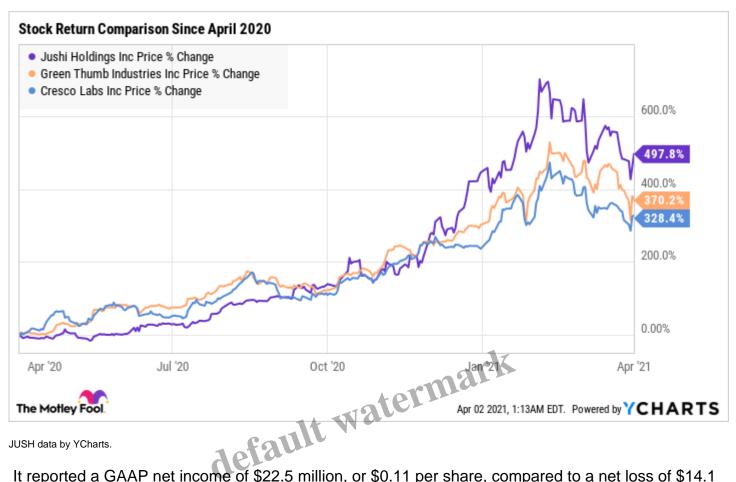
In the last year, pot stocks south of the border have crushed broader market returns. Stocks such as **Green Thumb Industries** (CNSX:GTII), **Cresco Labs** (CNSX:CL) and **Jushi Holdings** (OTCMKTS:JUSHF) have returned 370%, 328%, and 498%, respectively, in the last 12 months, as seen in the below chart.

While Canadian marijuana producers are grappling with massive losses and decelerating revenue growth, the above-mentioned companies are on the cusp of profitability. The legalization of cannabis at the federal level in the U.S. is expected to be a massive tailwind for pot producers.

Let's see why these three stocks might continue to outperform in 2021 as well.

## **Green Thumb Industries**

In the fourth quarter of 2020, Green Thumb Industries reported revenue of \$177.2 million, indicating year-over-year growth of 134% compared to revenue of \$75.8 million in the prior-year period.



JUSH data by YCharts.

It reported a GAAP net income of \$22.5 million, or \$0.11 per share, compared to a net loss of \$14.1 million, or \$0.07 per share, in Q4 of 2019. Comparatively, analysts expected Green Thumb to report sales of \$167.2 million and earnings of \$0.06 per share in the December quarter.

It generated an adjusted EBITDA of \$65.4 million, which was up 23% sequentially and 374% higher than the prior-year period. Green Thumb reported a positive operating cash flow in each of the four quarters, as its operating expenses rose by just 14% year over year.

One of the key drivers of top-line growth for GTII was the opening of 11 retail cannabis stores in the last year and it ended Q4 with 51 stores in 10 states.

## Cresco Labs

Cresco Labs disclosed its Q4 results last month and reported revenue of \$162.3 million, which was a 300% increase compared to Q4 of 2019. It was the company's best-performing quarter to date in terms of revenue. However, this stellar growth in sales did not translate into profits, as Cresco's net loss stood at \$24.4 million.

In Q3 of 2020, Cresco reported a net profit of \$4.9 million while in Q4 of 2019, its net loss was significantly higher at \$45.2 million. Comparatively, analysts expected Cresco to report sales of \$161.4 million and earnings of \$0.02 per share in Q4.

Its adjusted EBITDA rose from just \$2.9 million in the prior-year period to \$50 million in the December

quarter. The cannabis multi-state operator ended the year with a cash balance of \$136.3 million.

One of the major drivers of Cresco's revenue growth was its acquisition of Origin House that was completed in January 2020.

# **Jushi Holdings**

This cannabis and hemp company <u>engages in the cultivation and distribution</u> of medical and adult-use marijuana products. Jushi Holdings is focused on creating a portfolio of cannabis and hemp-derived assets in several states in the U.S.

Last month, Jushi opened its 17th retail cannabis store. It now has 11 stores in Pennsylvania, which is one of the fastest-growing pot markets in the country.

In the March quarter, Jushi has forecast revenue to grow by 365% to \$40 million. In 2021, it expects revenue between \$205 million and \$255 million compared to sales of \$80.6 million in 2020.

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