

FTSE 100 Big Winners

I thought it would be interesting to have a quick look at 2 really high performers on the FTSE 100 this year, but with very different businesses and ongoing stories.

FRESNILLO: Silver & Gold Mining – up 87.2%



Mexico-based Fresnillo said its pre-tax profit rose by 137% to £127.9m during the first half of the year. Silver production was “relatively unaffected by Covid-19.” Although the group’s smaller gold operation was hit by shutdowns, production is now underway again.

Looking ahead, the company expects silver production of 51m-56m ounces this year, with gold production ranging 785,000-815,000 ounces.

Spending will be slightly lower than previously expected and analysts now expect Fresnillo’s after-tax profit to rise to \$295m this year.



The outlook for 2021 is significantly stronger — analysts expect profits to rise by 59% to \$470m, as Fresnillo benefits from stronger metal prices and expanded production.

OCADO Group: Online Groceries – up 103.3%



The company's shares have rocketed this year as demand for online food shopping has soared.

The firm has also reported a number of new orders for its automated warehousing system from foreign retailers.

So far, so good? Maybe. But the problem with this FTSE 100 share is it now looks very expensive, even by the standards of other tech stocks.



The outlook for Ocado is not expected to be good news.

Ocado are expected to report a loss of about £170m in both 2020 and 2021.

But its shares are valued at nearly nine times sales. Even Amazon, which is profitable, only trades on five times sales.