

ETF Selections & Timing

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The Slope of Hope

On the way to the bank this weekend, I got to thinking about this bull market. People are counting their gains. Forgetting the 50% decline of a few years back. Thinking of retirement again. Projecting more gains. Climbing that wall

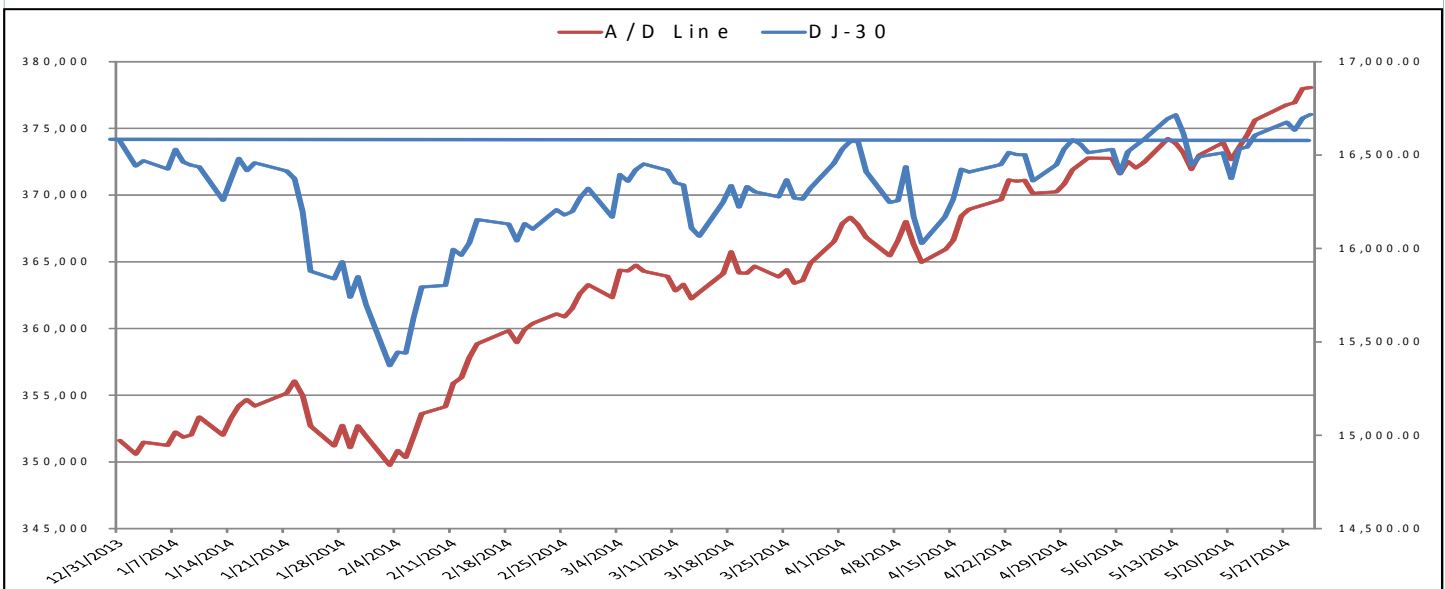
of worry I spoke about last week. Well, here's one more thing to add to the camel's back.

I arrived back home and downloaded the latest NYSE margin debt numbers. As most know, I gave a couple of workshops and spoke on a panel in Las Vegas about a month back.

One thing I pointed out was the good news and bad news scenario about margin debt. The bad news I said is it is at record new highs. The good news is that it is at record new highs.

What I mean, I pointed out,

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see REVIEW on top)*



This is the daily chart of the close of the Dow Industrials (blue line) and NYSE advance-decline line (red line)

SCOREBOARD (returns year to date and past weeks to date)

Model	YTD	52-week	26-week	13-week	4-week	1-week
ETF Income Portfolio	1.0%	2.4%	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.0%
ETF Growth Portfolio	2.2%	15.4%	2.3	1.5	1.6	0.4%
Index						
Aggrt Bond (AGG)	3.0%	2.0%	2.5	1.3	0.9	0.4%
S&P 500 TR (SPY)	4.9%	19.8%	7.1	3.4	2.5	1.3%
World Growth Index	2.9%	18.6%	4.6	1.4	2.3	0.9%

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Income Portfolio

ACTION FOR			PORTFOLIO DETAILS			Value as of date: 5/30/2014								
Action Date	Action	Symbol	Action Price	# of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Stop Loss as of 4/28	Description	Start Price	End Price	# of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
11-Apr	sell	JNK	41.05	342	14,014								0.0%	
21-Apr	sell	AGG	108.18	130	14,080								0.0%	
21-Apr	sell	PCY	28.27	512	14,464								0.0%	
21-Apr	buy	BSV	80.09	362	29,003								0.0%	
			this new buy w ill be about 25% of total			BSV			80.09	80.45	362.4	29,151.30	25.1%	
28-Apr	sell	LQD	117.87	120	14,176									
						Money Market					1.00	87,033	87,033.00	74.9%
												Total Valuation=	116,184.30	100.0%

WEEKLY REVIEW

6/2 No changes.

5/26 No changes.

5/19 No changes. Awaiting final completion of the newish bond model before making much change.

5/12 No changes. PCY (international bonds) surged on the news of a form of international QE.

5/5 Given the Fed's tapering (less bond buying), it is interesting to note that bonds continue to rally (higher prices, lower yields).

4/28 There's a good possibility that the LQD position will close below its sell stop level today. Watch it at quarter to the close for a signal. If its below it, we'll sell back to cash.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	ytd 2014	Incptn
ETF Income Portfolio	4.8%	3.6	4.8	1.1	1.0	16.2
Aggregate Bond	6.4%	7.7	3.9	-2.2	3.0	20.1

This shows the total returns of previous years, year to date (ytd), and from inception (incptn). It also shows standard deviation (SD).

ETF Income Database and Ranking to 8/30/13 (under construction)

<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Style</i>	<i>12m</i>	<i>9m</i>	<i>6m</i>	<i>3m</i>	<i>1m</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>NAV</i>	<i>Rank</i>
iShares 1-3yr Trsry	SHY	BS	0.03	0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.10	0.08	84.28	*****
Vngrd ShrtTrm Bond	BSV	BS	-0.19	-0.45	-0.60	-0.38	-0.27	0.23	79.96	*****
iShares 3-7yr Trsry	IEI	BI	-2.51	-2.67	-2.49	-1.82	-0.77	0.51	119.88	****
iShares Agg Bond	AGG	BI	-2.85	-3.32	-3.05	-2.12	-0.83	0.61	106.01	****
iShares Inter Bond	MBB	BI	-3.09	-2.81	-2.91	-1.77	-0.67	0.43	104.17	****
iShares Inter Gov	GVI	BI	-1.51	-2.04	-1.92	-1.35	-0.64	0.46	109.11	****
Wtree Dryfs Chns Yuan	CYB	BF	4.62	2.26	2.23	0.54	0.42	0.42	26.16	****
Currency Euro	FXE	BF	4.69	1.36	1.04	1.60	-0.68	1.85	130.84	***
iShares 10-20yr Trsry	TLH	BL	-8.69	-8.69	-6.33	-4.80	-0.97	1.55	123.42	**
iShares 7-10yr Trsry	IEF	BI	-6.40	-6.61	-5.56	-4.27	-1.42	1.08	100.26	**
iShares High Yld	HYG	BH	5.38	2.88	0.18	-0.17	-1.27	1.56	90.87	**
iShares Intrntl Tbond	IGOV	BW	-1.59	-3.73	-1.85	-0.50	-0.73	1.54	97.93	**
iShares Long Corp Bond	LQD	BL	-2.90	-4.84	-4.30	-3.17	-1.00	1.39	112.68	**
iShares Trsry Infltn	TIP	BI	-7.29	-8.84	-7.78	-4.71	-1.83	1.18	110.64	**
PS 1-30 Ldr Trsry	PLW	BI	-8.64	-8.31	-5.99	-4.31	-0.96	1.45	29.88	**
PS Bld America	BAB	BI	-5.98	-7.40	-8.54	-7.83	-1.41	1.59	27.14	**
PS DB Dollar Bearish	UDN	BF	-1.27	-2.51	0.04	1.65	-0.49	1.29	26.42	**
PS DB Dollar Bullish	UUP	BF	-0.49	1.23	-0.80	-1.86	0.41	1.28	22.19	**
PS DB G10 Currency	DBV	BF	-0.76	-4.00	-7.09	-6.64	-2.44	1.72	24.75	**
PS Fdmntl Hi Yield Corp	PHB	BH	3.25	1.31	-0.10	-0.99	-0.88	1.23	18.71	**
PS Insrld CA Muni	PWZ	BI	-6.48	-9.21	-8.53	-7.65	-2.25	1.29	22.72	**
PS Insrld NY Muni	PZT	BI	-9.02	-11.54	-10.28	-8.91	-2.61	1.51	21.68	**
PS Prfd	PGX	BF	-0.95	-2.38	-4.30	-4.81	-1.65	1.18	13.68	**
SPDR High Yield	JNK	BH	5.27	2.46	0.00	-0.75	-1.03	1.56	39.46	**
SPDR Intrntl TBond	BWX	BW	-4.13	-5.75	-2.63	-0.53	-1.15	1.48	56.79	**
Vngrd Intrmdt Bond	BND	BI	-2.94	-3.28	-2.96	-2.12	-0.86	0.62	79.99	**
Wtree Dryfs Comdty Cur	CCX	BF	-6.19	-7.08	-8.09	-3.79	-2.15	1.55	19.55	**
Wtree Dryfs Emrg Crrncy	CEW	BF	-3.44	-5.57	-6.78	-3.77	-2.82	1.44	19.65	**
iShares 20+ yr Trsry	TLT	BL	-14.79	-13.35	-9.34	-6.72	-1.34	2.46	105.71	**
PS Emrg Mrkt Svrgn Debt	PCY	BW	-8.80	-13.37	-11.06	-7.86	-3.36	2.67	26.24	**
PS Insrld Natl Muni	PZA	BI	-8.56	-11.75	-10.49	-9.01	-1.56	1.56	22.52	**
Wtree Dryfs Brazil Real	BZF	BF	-10.67	-7.36	-15.28	-9.16	-3.29	2.37	16.75	**
Wtree Emrg Mrkt Lcl Debt	ELD	BF	-7.81	-11.12	-12.85	-8.94	-4.35	2.09	45.45	**
Wtree Dryfs Indn Rupee	ICN	BF	-11.22	-13.71	-15.13	-13.34	-5.23	2.58	18.12	*

This is the ETF Income Database and Ranking. It shows performance over the last 12, 9, 6, 3, and 1 months through the previous month's end. V is Volatility. NAV is price. CS is Comet Strength (not shown). C is Comet (not shown), which is an ETF's risk-adjusted performance; the higher the better. V, CS, and C are proprietary tools. Rank column shows the number of comets.

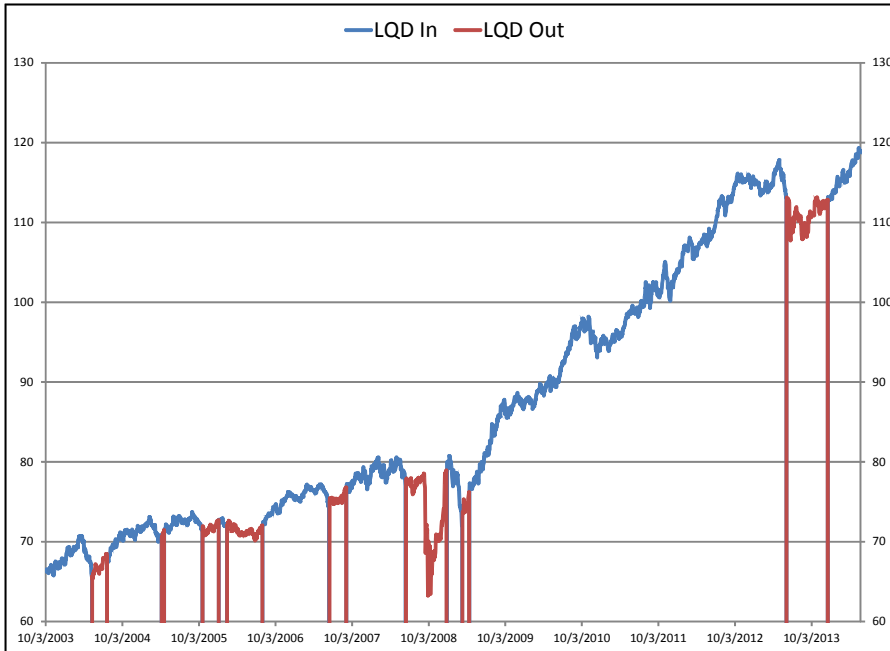
ETF LEGEND for pages 3 (Bond), and 7, 8, 9, and 10 (Equity):

Column headings: The first column shows the ETF name, the second column shows its symbol. The third column shows the ETF Style. The first letter is always either B (Bond) or E (Equity) or H (Hybrid). The next letter(s) is the style. So, BS-bond short, BI-bond intermediate, BL-bond long, BF-flexible, BW-world, BH-high yield. And for Equity, EA-equity aggressive, EC-equity contrary, EG-equity gold (precious metals), ESC-small cap, EMC-mid cap, ELC-large cap, EW-world, EGI-growth/income, ERE-real estate, EV-value.

Columns 4-8 show percentage returns for the periods shown (12 months, 9, 6, 3, and 1 month). Column 9 is V (volatility); a measure of risk; the lower the V, the less risk. Column 10 is the NAV. Column 11 is the C (comet) ranking. C is the risk-adjusted (V) relative performance (CS). The higher the C indicates the most return for the amount of risk taken.

Generally, our ETF strategy is to own the top ranked ETFs (shown in green) and avoid or short the lower ranked ETFs (shown in red).

SLM Bond Timing Model (preliminary)



The chart above is LQD from 10/2003 through the present. The blue portion represents bullish on bond prices (yields falling). The red portion (red prices between red spikes) represents bearish on bond prices (yields rising).

The chart to the left reflects the beginnings of the new Bond Timing model. Right now it is based on LQD (corporate bond ETF).

The reason for the change was there were too many whipsaws in the old model. And I plan to incorporate more information like international bonds, if the back test proves useful.

I plan to also back test this on information before the recent 30-year secular bull market in bonds. In other words, I don't want a model that only works because the wind of lower and lower and lower yields (higher and higher and higher prices) was at its back.

WEEKLY REVIEW

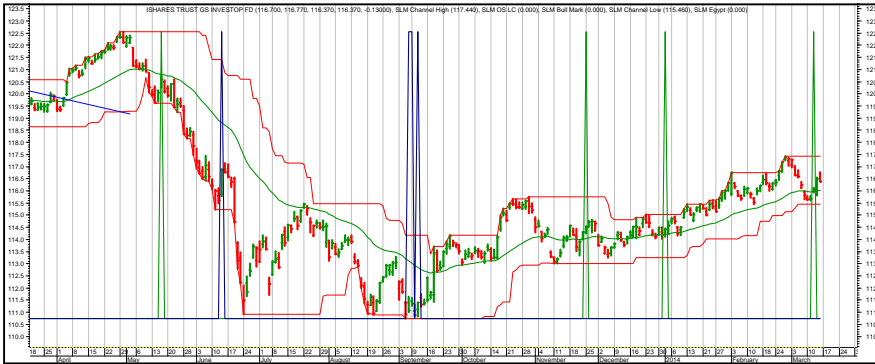
6/2 No changes.

5/26 No changes. Yields still falling, despite Fed tapering.

5/19 No changes. Bonds continue to rally.

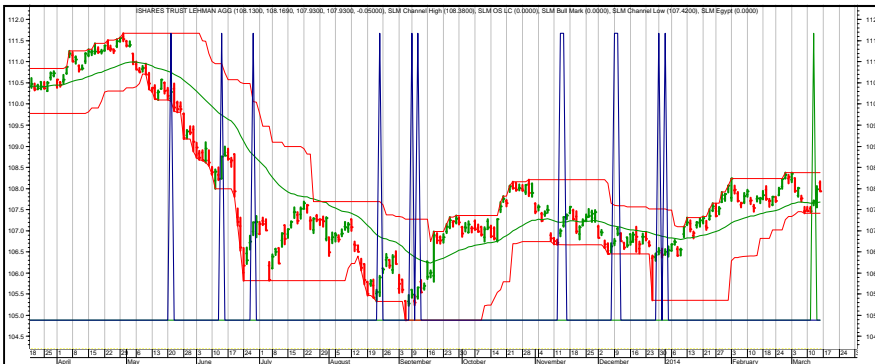
5/12 No changes.

Income Charts (DAILY) (under construction)



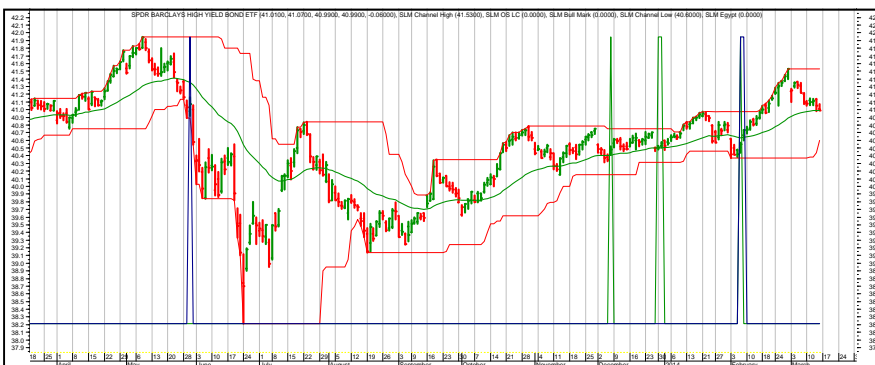
LQD—Investment Grade Corporate

3/17 See page 2.
 3/10 No changes.
 3/3 No changes.
 2/24/ No changes.
 2/18 No changes.
 2/10 No changes.
 2/3 No changes.



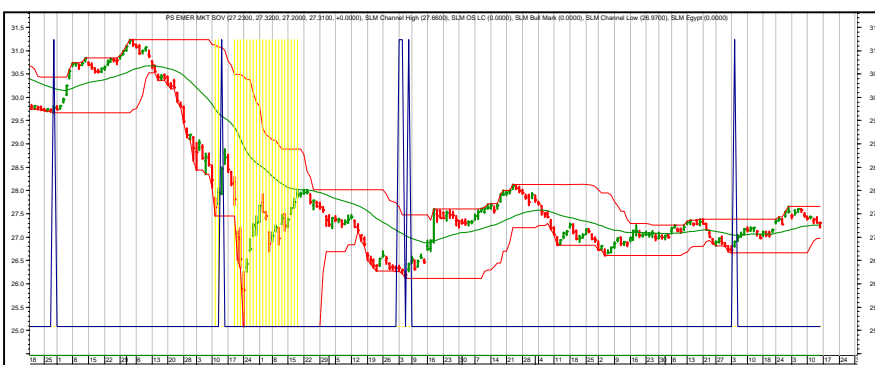
AGG—Aggregate Bond Market

3/17 See page 2.
 3/10 No changes.
 3/3 No changes.
 2/24 No changes.
 2/18 No changes.
 2/10 No changes.
 2/3 No changes.



JNK—hi-yield bonds

3/17 See page 2.
 3/10 No changes.
 3/3 Overextended. Will take profits.
 2/24 No changes.
 2/18 Since JNK is the only bond ETF notching recovery highs here of the 4 shown, I've put a very tight stop on the position. See page 2.



PCY—International Bonds

3/17 See page 2.
 3/10 No changes.
 3/3 No changes.
 2/24 No changes.
 2/18 No changes.
 2/10 The last blue spike is the 'buy' from last week's comment. I am standing aside, however.

Each chart shows daily (or weekly if noted in page title at top) prices, a moving average (smoothed green line on price portion), and blue or green spikes. The spikes show potential buy signals. The red lines are price channels. The charts do not show sell signals.

Growth Portfolio (changed as of 12/10/12, 9/23/13)

ACTION FOR			PORTFOLIO DETAILS			Value as of date:				5/30/2014			
Action Date	Action	Symbol	Action Price	# of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Stop Loss	Description	Start Price	Ending Price	# of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total
7-Apr	sell	PJP	55.10	99	5,445	World Growth							
7-Apr	buy	PSI	20.46	278	5,698	EEM		Emrg Mrkt	39.13	42.53	539.000	22,923.67	15.8%
			this will be about 4% of ttl			EFA		Euro Asia	66.28	69.41	318.000	22,072.38	15.2%
14-Apr	sell	PSI	19.91	278	5,525	IWM		Rusl 2000	113.68	112.80	185.490	20,923.27	14.4%
14-Apr	buy	PGF	17.89	314	5,627	QQQ		Nsdq 100	89.54	91.22	235.540	21,485.96	14.8%
14-Apr	sell	UNG	25.36	215	5,442	SPY		S&P 500	182.85	192.78	115.520	22,269.95	15.3%
14-Apr	buy	PFF	39.00	144	5,626	C-lect 5							
			both buys (above) will be about 4% of ttl			ICF			85.25	87.53	67.000	5,864.51	4.0%
28-Apr	sell	DFE	61.55	93	5,716	RWR			82.93	82.91	70.000	5,803.70	4.0%
28-Apr	buy	ICF	85.25	67	5,722	GULF			22.09	23.79	258.240	6,143.53	4.2%
			this buy above will be about 4% of ttl			EPI			21.91	21.50	254.000	5,461.00	3.8%
27-May	sell	PGF	18.16	317	5,750	DBA			28.45	27.71	200.000	5,542.00	3.8%
27-May	buy	EPI	21.91	254	5,575	Two potential ways to sell: stop loss 10% lower or timing model signals sell							
27-May	sell	PFF	39.67	145	5,731	Two potential ways to buy: "window to buy" may open or timing model signals buy.							
27-May	buy	RWR	82.93	70	5,815	C-lect Short							
			both buys (above) about 4% of ttl			(under construction)							
									Cash from short	1.00	-	-	0.0%
									Money Market	1.00	6,748	6,748.00	4.6%
									Total Valuation=		145,237.97	100.0%	

WEEKLY REVIEW

6/2 No changes.

5/26 Make the two sells and buys as noted above. Stop loss is at its max distance. Window to buy closed.

5/19 Typically the distance to stop loss will change slightly each week. No ETF C-lect 5 rotations this week.

5/12 The distance to "stop loss" expanded slightly as noted above. No ETF rotations this week.

5/5 No ETF rotations this week. Because the market rallied (as measured by the World Growth Index), the portfolio stop widened to 8.5% from 7.5%. The 'window to buy' remains closed.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	ytd 2014	Incptn
ETF Growth Portfolio	8.1%	6.9	-2.1	25.7	2.2	45.2
World Growth Index	17.2%	-4.1	15.1	30.5	2.9	73.7

The ETF Growth Portfolio changed as of 12/10/12 and again 9/23/13. It is following the new World Growth Model (WGM), which uses the same 5 etfs (EEM, EFA, IWM, QQQ, SPY) as the World Growth Index (WGI). The difference between the two is WGM uses timing and WGI is always fully invested and WGI is rebalanced to 20% in each position daily (this accounts for the different returns when WGM is invested and held). Based on the successful back testing strategy, C-lect 5 was added to the portfolio. Returns are of previous years (to last Friday in year), year to date (ytd) (from last Friday in previous year), and from inception (incptn). It also shows standard deviation (SD). The green highlight (2013, 2014) is to highlight the aforementioned changes.

ETF Rankings by C to previous week's end

<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Style</i>	C
PS DB Agriculture	DBA	EA	18.33
Wtree India	EPI	EW R	17.97
iShares Cohen&Str REIT	ICF	ERE	17.26
SPDR Wlsh REIT	RWR	ERE	16.58
Wtree Middle East Div	GULF	EW	16.28
Vngrd REIT	VNQ	ERE	15.98
iShares REIT	IYR	ERE	14.99
PS US REIT	PSR	ERE	14.93
PS India	PIN	EW	14.76
PS Fincl Prfrd	PGF	EGI	14.49
iShares Prfrd	PFF	EGI	14.36
Guggnhm Candn Enrg Incm	ENY	EW R	14.11
Wtree Intrntl Utilities	DBU	EW	12.75
Guggnhm Dfnsv Eqty	DEF	EV	12.73
Select SPDR Utilities	XLU	EA	12.26
Vngrd Utilities	VPU	EA	12.07
SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Expl. & Prod.	XOP	EA	10.99
PS Dynmc Semicndctr	PSI	EA	10.28
PS Dynmc Energy	PXI	EA	9.71
PS Dynmc Energy Explor	PXE	EA	9.65
iShares Italy Indx	EW I	EW	9.63
Wtree Eqty Income	DHS	EGI	9.44
PS Hi Yld Eqty Div	PEY	EGI	9.17
Select SPDR Enrgy	XLE	EA	8.97
iShares DJ Slct Div	DVY	EGI	8.78
Vngrd Consmr Stpls	VDC	EA	8.74
iShares Singapore	EW S	EW	8.72
Select SPDR Cnsmr Stpl	XLP	EA	8.68
iShares Brazil Indx	EW Z	EW	8.68
Guggnhm Glbl Div	LVL	EW	8.58
Wtree Intrntl REIT	DRW	ERE	8.51
PS Dynmc Utilities	PUI	EA	8.46
Wtree Div Ex Fincl	DTN	ELC	8.42
Wtree Intrntl Div Ex Fincl	DOO	EW	8.20
iShares Australia	EW A	EW	8.17
PS S&P SmICap Energy	PSCE	EA	7.97
Alerian MLP	AMLP	EGI	7.89
PS S&P 500 LowVolatility Portfolio	SPLV	ELC	7.79
iShares Latin Amr	ILF	EW	7.73
Market Vectors Semiconductor	SMH	EA	7.63
iShares Canada	EW C	EW	7.53
Market Vectors Oil Services	OIH	EA	7.48
iShares Slct Div	IDV	ELC	7.33
iShares Pacific ex Jpn	EPP	EW	7.23
Wtree DEFA Eqty Incm	DTH	EW	7.18

This page and the next three show the equity ETF database rankings from high to low based on C. C is Comet, which is the risk-adjusted relative performance; the higher the C ranking, the better. Comets, not stars, because comets come into and out of prominence over time. We want the metaphor to match reality.

The first column shows the name. The second column shows the symbol. The third column shows the style; it begins with E for Equity and then the style (A is aggressive, W is world, WR is world regional, SC is small cap, MC is mid cap, LC is large cap, GI is growth/income, V is value). The fourth column shows the C level.

ETF Rankings by C to previous week's end

Vngrd Emrg Mrkt	VW O	EW	7.12
PS Dynmc Oil & Gas Srvcs	PXJ	EA	6.83
Guggnhm Intrntl A Incm	HGI	EW	6.59
PS FTSE RAFI Emrg Mrkt	PXH	EW	6.58
PS Intrntl Dvdnd	PID	EW	6.57
PS BLDR Emrg Mkt 50 ADR	ADRE	EW	6.54
Wtree MidCap Div	DON	EMC	6.47
PS FTSE RAFI Asia Pac xJpn	PAF	EW	6.38
iShares Taiwan Indx	EW T	EW	6.34
iShares Emrg Mrkt Stk	EEM	EW	6.32
iShares Russel MidVal	IW S	EMC	6.16
Wtree Eur SC Div	DFE	EW	6.11
Wtree Glbl Eqty Incm	DEW	EW	6.07
PS DB Oil	DBO	EA	6.03
Wtree LrgCap Div	DLN	ELC	5.98
PS Dividend Achievers	PFM	EGI	5.96
Wtree World Ex US Grth	DNL	EW	5.94
PS Dynmc Lrg Cap Value	PWV	ELC	5.94
Wtree Emrg Mrkt SC Div	DGS	EW	5.90
Guggnhm Multi Ast In	CVY	EV	5.73
PS Glbl Water	PIO	EW	5.71
iShares Spain	EW P	EW	5.64
Guggnhm Glbl Wtr	CGW	EW	5.63
Wtree Intrntl LC Div	DOL	EW	5.63
Select SPDR MatrIs	XLB	EA	5.21
Guggnhm Frntr	FRN	EW	5.17
US Oil Fund	USO	EA	5.06
PS Glbl Agriculture	PAGG	EA	4.97
Select SPDR Div	SDY	EGI	4.94
Wtree DEFA	DWM	EW	4.82
Vngrd Materials	VAW	EA	4.60
iShares Russell 1000 Value Indx	IW D	ELC	4.48
iShares Malaysia Indx	EW M	EW	4.41
PS Dynmc Pharma	PJP	EA	4.40
PS Dynmc Food & Bev	PBJ	EA	4.38
iShares Europe 350	IEV	EW	4.35
PS Glbl Clean Enrgy	PBD	EW	4.34
SPDR Gold	GLD	EG	4.19
SPDR Euro Stoxx 50	FEZ	EW	4.17
iShares Gold	IAU	EG	4.17
Vngrd European Indx	VGK	EW	4.16
US Natural Gas	UNG	EA	4.14
Wtree Emrg Mrkt Eincm	DEM	EW	4.09
PS DB Gold	DGL	EG	4.06
iShares South Korea Indx	EW Y	EW	4.04
PS S&P SmICap MtrIs	PSCM	EA	4.02
PS Dynmc Basic MatrI	PYZ	EA	3.99
Wtree S&P 500	EPS	ELC	3.92
PS DB Commodity	DBC	EA	3.87
PS Glbl Gold Precious MtlS	PSAU	EG	3.81
Vngrd TTL Intrntl Stk	VXUS	EW	3.79
Wtree Intrntl MC Div	DIM	EW	3.68
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SPDR DJ Glbl Titans	DGT	EW	3.34

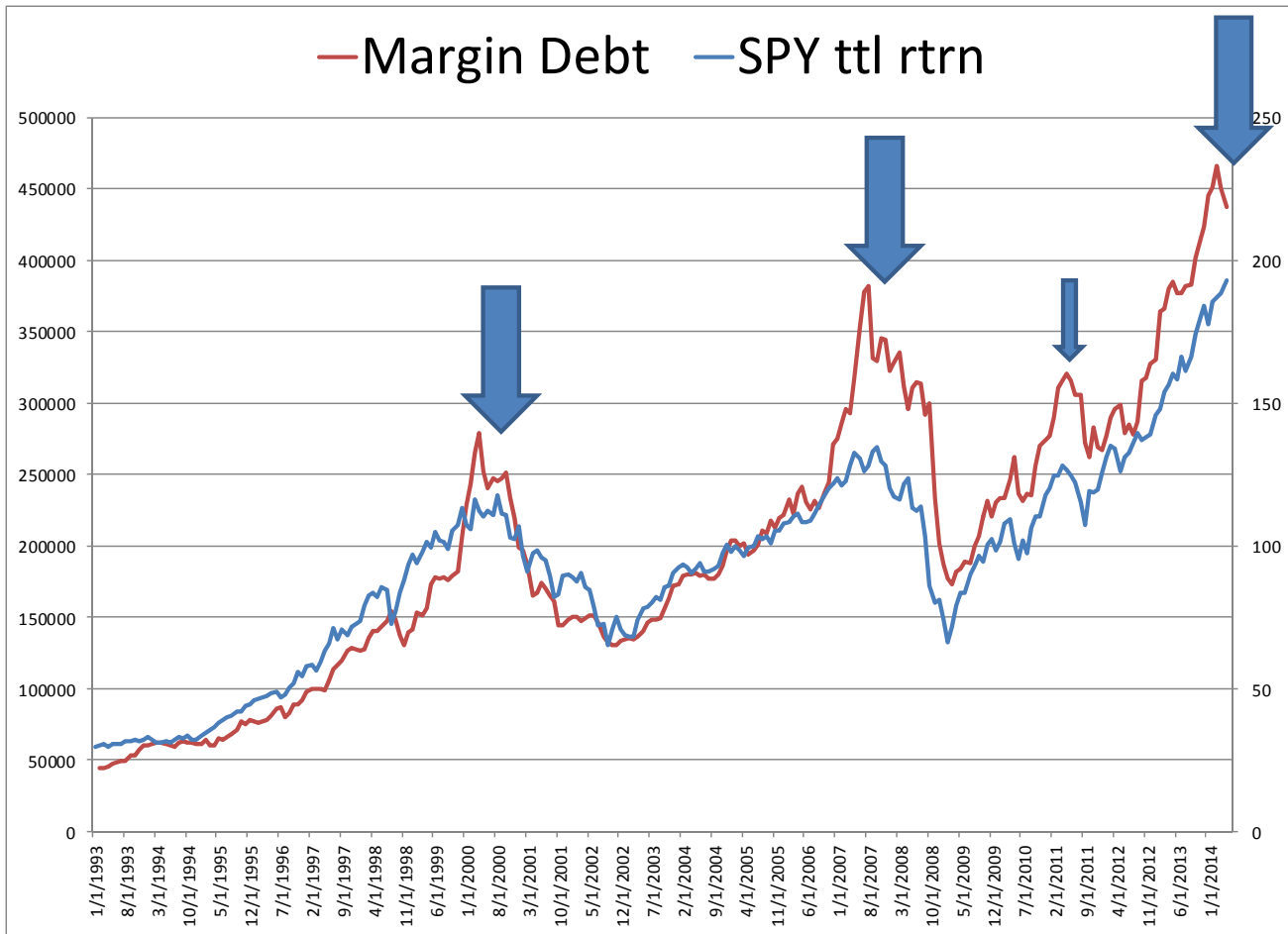
ETF Rankings by C to previous week's end

PS S&P 500 BuyWrite	PBP	ELC	3.30
Wtree Ttl Earn	EXT	ELC	3.29
PS Dyn Mrkt	PWC	ELC	3.28
PS FTSE RAFI Dvlp Mrkt xUSA	PXF	EW	3.26
Vngrd Div Apprctn	VIG	EGI	3.20
PS S&P SmICap Cnsmr Stpl	PSCC	EA	3.18
Wtree Intrntl SC Div	DLS	EW	3.15
PS DB Precious Metals	DBP	EG	3.07
iShares S&P 100 Indx	OEF	ELC	3.02
iShares Hong Kong Indx	EW H	EW	3.00
Vngrd Health	VHT	EA	2.99
Vngrd MidCap Val	VO	EMC	2.91
PS Emrg Mrkt Infrastrctr	PXR	EW	2.91
PS Aerospace & Def	PPA	EA	2.86
Select SPDR Indl	XLI	EA	2.84
Select SPDR Technlgy	XLK	EA	2.80
PS DWA Emrg Mrkt T Ldrs	PIE	EW	2.75
iShares Core S&P 500	IVV	ELC	2.74
SPDR S&P 500	SPY	ELC	2.69
PS BLDR Dvlpd Mrkt 100 ADR	ADR D	EW	2.63
Vngrd Europe Pacific	VEA	EW	2.61
Vngrd Small Cap Value	VBR	ESC	2.55
Vngrd Large Cap	VV	ELC	2.52
iShares EAFE Indx	EFA	EW	2.52
PS DB Energy	DBE	EA	2.50
Guggnhm Shipping	SEA	EA	2.50
PS S&P SmICap Utilities	PSCU	EA	2.49
PS WilderHill Prgsv Enrgy	PUW	EA	2.41
Market Vectors Gold Minors	GDX	EG	2.37
PS Dynmc Networking	PXQ	EA	2.23
Guggnhm BRIC	EEB	EW	2.23
PS DWA Tech Ldr	PDP	ELC	2.08
Wtree MidCap Earn	EZM	EMC	2.06
Guggnhm MidCap Core	CZA	EMC	2.06
iShares Mexico	EW W	EW	1.88
SPDR DJ Industrials	DIA	ELC	1.87
Vngrd TTL Stock	VTI	ELC	1.82
Vngrd Tech	VGT	EA	1.72
Vngrd Extnd 4500	VXF	ELC	1.71
Vngrd Grth	VUG	ELC	1.69
iShare Core S&P Mid Cap	IJH	EMC	1.68
PS QQQ	QQQ	ELC	1.67
PS Cleantech	PZD	EA	1.66
SPDR Mid Cap Trust	MDY	EMC	1.60
Guggnhm China REIT	TAO	EW R	1.49
PS Buyback Achievers	PKW	EGI	1.46
PS FTSE RAFI Dvlp Mrkt xUSA SmI	PDN	EW	1.39
PS DWA Dvlpd Mrkt T Ldrs	PIZ	ELC	1.37
iShares Telecomm	IYZ	EA	1.36
iShares Russell 1000 Grwth Indx	IWF	ELC	1.34
SPDR S&P Metals & Mining	XME	EA	1.31
Wtree SmI Cap Div	DES	ESC	1.27
Vngrd Small Cap	VB	ESC	1.26
Pro Shares Short Russell 2000	RW M	ESC	1.09
Select SPDR Financs	XLF	EA	1.04

ETF Rankings by C to previous week's end

PS Dynmc Lrg Cap Grth	PWB	ELC	1.01
Vngrd Fincl Srv	VFH	EA	1.00
Guggnhm Insdr Sent	NFO	EMC	0.96
PS Water Resources	PHO	EA	0.94
Guggnhm RJ All	RYJ	ELC	0.93
PS Gbl Listd Prvt Eqty	PSP	EW	0.93
PS Dynmc Bldg Cnstrctn	PKB	EA	0.88
Vngrd Small Cap Grth	VBK	ESC	0.73
iShares Germany Indx	EWG	EW	0.71
iShares Russell 2000 Value Indx	IWN	ESC	0.67
PS FTSE RAFI US 1500 SmI-Mid	PRFZ	EMC	0.63
PS Dynmc Consmr Staples	PSL	EA	0.52
PS S&P SmICap Info Tech	PSCT	EA	0.39
Guggnhm Spin Off	CSD	EMC	0.36
PS Dynmc Leisure & Enter	PEJ	EA	0.33
PS Dynmc Consmr Discr	PEZ	EA	0.07
PS Dynmc Retail	PMR	EA	0.02
iShares Russell 2000	IWM	ESC	-0.25
iShares DJ US Home Constr.	ITB	EA	-0.34
PS S&P SmICap Cnsmr Dis	PSCD	EA	-0.37
PS S&P SmICap Fincl	PSCF	EA	-0.45
Vngrd Consmr Dis	VCR	EA	-0.48
SPDR S&P Bank	KBE	EA	-0.48
SPDR S&P Retail	XRT	EA	-0.57
PS Zacks Micro Cap	PZI	ESC	-0.61
SPDR S&P Regional Banking	KRE	EA	-0.64
PS DB Base Metals	DBB	EG	-0.65
Select SPDR Cnsmr Disc	XLY	EA	-0.74
PS S&P SmICap Indstrils	PSCI	EA	-0.75
iShares China	FXI	EW	-0.75
Wtree Japan SC Div	DFJ	EW R	-0.76
Guggnhm Timber	CUT	EA	-0.78
SPDR S&P Homebuilders	XHB	EA	-0.83
PS Dynmc Software	PSJ	EA	-0.84
iShares Silver	SLV	EG	-0.89
Pro Shares Short S&P 500	SH	EC	-0.97
PS Dynmc Biotech	PBE	EA	-1.12
PS DB Silver	DBS	EG	-1.34
PS WilderHill CIn Enrgy	PBW	EA	-1.44
PS Dynmc Fncl	PFI	EA	-1.44
Guggnhm Solar	TAN	EA	-1.58
Guggnhm China All	YAO	EW R	-1.67
PS Gldn Drgn USX China	PGJ	EW	-1.93
PS S&P SmICap Hlth Care	PSCH	EA	-1.93
iShares Japan	EWJ	EW	-2.02
Wtree Japan Hedge Eqty	DXJ	EC	-2.14
PS NASDAQ Intrnt	PNQI	EA	-2.16
Guggnhm China SmI	HAO	EW R	-2.45
PS Dynmc Healthcare	PTH	EA	-2.50
PS Dynmc Technology	PTF	EA	-2.60
PS Dynmc Media	PBS	EA	-2.80
Market Vectors Junior Gold Miners	GDXJ	EG	-4.54
Market Vectors Russia	RSX	EW	-7.15

S&P 500 (SPY) and NYSE Margin Debt



The chart shows the total return (dividends included) of SPY (the S&P 500 etf) (blue line, right scale) and NYSE margin debt (red line, left scale) from 1/29/1993 through 5/31/2014. I shift the margin debt data forward by one month.

As you can see, the two series are closely correlated. But the point is to show that at the two previous major peaks in 2000 and 2007 (large blue down arrows) that preceded 50% losses in SPY, the debt series peaked from 2 to 4 months ahead of the market's peak.

The smaller down arrow marks a coincident peak in 2011 when the market plunged near 20% but did recover. Again, the major peaks were preceded by reductions in margin debt. This is similar to what is happening now. NYSE margin debt peaked in March 2014 (again I shift the data forward one month to make it more timely). The stock market as measured by SPY has continued to climb during April and May.

So, we are now 2 months from the NYSE margin debt peak and entering month 3 with June. If past parameters hold, we are either peaking now or will peak by 7/31. The move thereafter would be another 50% decline.

The reason for this is maintenance. An account with margin debt must maintain enough equity to offset any market decline. If the equity is not enough, then the account must sell to raise cash (or the holder must add cash).

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was at the previous two tops in 2000 and 2007, the NYSE margin debt actually peaked at new highs and then declined before the market peaked. It acted like a leading indicator of the two ensuing 50% bear market losses.

I said since it is at a new high, at the time, you don't need to worry yet. Watch for it to decline first. Then start to worry.

Well, the last two readings (March and April) have declined from their peak set in February 2014. See the chart on page 11.

As you will see, debt turned down prior to the market peak, leading it by 2 and 4 months. (To make the reading more timely, I

move the data forward 1 month.)

This current two-month decline is thus informing us of the next potential final stock market top. We may be there now.

How far might the next bear unfold? If we are still in the secular bear market, then anywhere from down 40% to down 60%. If it is a cyclical bear, then down 20% to 30%.

To be sure, this indicator, like other valuation measures, does not mark the precise top. Who knows, NYSE margin debt could even reverse course and record new highs next month. Doubtful, but possible.

If it doesn't, however, we should already be prepared for a

major decline to start in the next 0-8 weeks, assuming a similar 2-4 month turn. The reason is when the market declines, out go margin calls and thus forced selling.

Having said all of that, I want to emphasize that a market decline does not necessarily have to be accompanied with a recession. In fact, I don't expect a recession to unfold in 2014 or 2015. This scenario of continued economic strength, even as the market declines, may be met with the opposite of the wall of worry, as the market declines on the slope of hope.

See the portfolio pages for any changes.

Just to clarify a couple of terms that I use regularly.

Short-term is days to weeks.

Intermediate-term is weeks to months.

Long-term is months to years.

Cyclical is 1-5 years.

Secular is 5 years to decades.

Bull market is a series of higher highs and higher lows.

Bear market is a series of lower lows and lower highs.

Neutral market is sideways without a discernible pattern.

Oddly, bull and bear markets may occur simultaneously, but only over different time periods. For example, we may be in a secular bear market, but there are cyclical bull and bear markets within that.

Closing stops are "mental". I look at the position at quarter to the close. If it is trading below the stop (or above if short), then I act with the assumption the security will trigger that closing stop on that day. I sell (or cover) at the close that day.

Portfolio stops for the World Growth Model are internally maintained; they are based on the World Growth Index, not the individual ETFs. Stops will be emailed when close or if triggered.

6/2 No changes.

5/26 No letter changes.

5/19 No changes.

5/12 No changes.

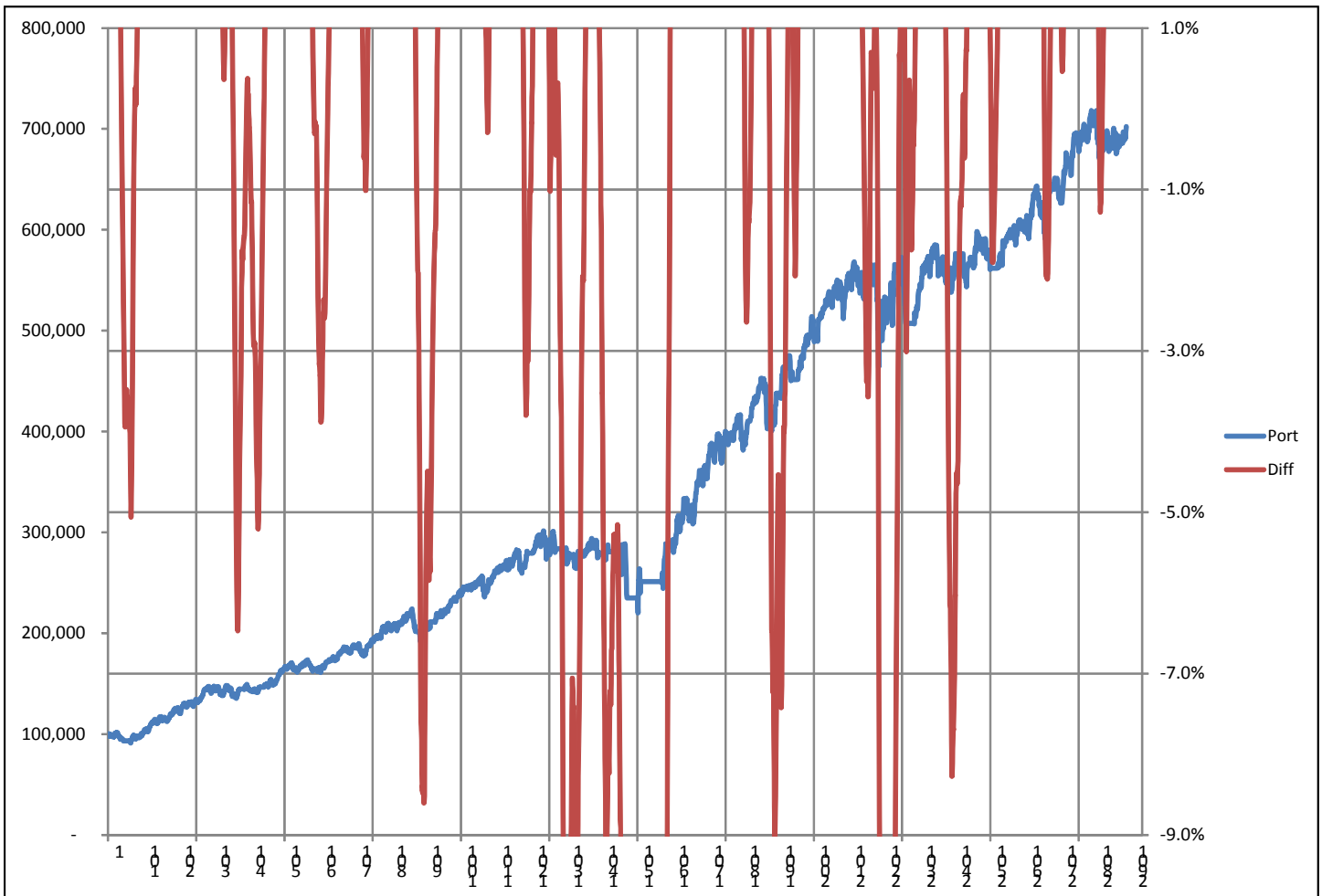
5/5 See new information on Bond Timing on page 4.

4/28 I deleted two ETFs this past week due to their low volumes. The bid/ask spread is too great.

4/21 No changes. Work continues on the models in the background.

4/7 No changes.

Window to Buy (closed as of 5/26/14)



The chart above shows the World Growth Model (WGM-blue line) and the Window to buy (DIFF Window-red spikes). The chart covers the period from 12/5/2002 through the present. The vertical lines mark off about 1 year increments.

The Window to Buy is to answer the question if I missed the initial timing model buy signal, then when do I either buy my initial position or increase my position with additional money?

Being risk-averse, I wanted a way to answer this sensibly, which is try to buy on measured corrections, rather than chase the market higher and higher. The Window to Buy is the answer. The caveat is that in a strong, early bull market, this approach may miss the early gains, unless you are already following the World Growth Model strategy. But the rest of the time, the Window is a solid approach to managing portfolio risk.

The base line for the Window is 0%. The chart shows +1% to -9%. When the base line is above zero, the Window is closed. It doesn't mean the market can't or won't go higher. It just means that the downside risk to the potential stop or sell signal is fairly wide. When the WGM drops enough, then the Window to buy opens.

When the Window opens, it represents a lower-risk entry period. If the market recovers, the Window will close again. If the market continues lower, either the sell stop will be triggered or the timing model will signal a sell. The timing model sell signal overrides the Window to buy.

What ideally happens in up markets is the timing model remains on a buy, while the market corrects and opens the Window to buy. It then reverses and heads higher with more investment dollars on board for the rally.

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PORTFOLIO DESCRIPTIONS (pages 2 and 6)

Our guiding goal is to provide the most return with the least risk consistently through bull and bear markets.

Income Portfolio, page 2: Uses a proprietary selection methodology on all of the monitored bond-oriented ETFs to pick the top ETFs. I then use a proprietary timing model to decide whether to buy, sell, hold, or avoid. From time to time, timing considerations may take precedence over selections; in other words, we may own lower ranked funds because of anticipated timing changes.

Growth Portfolio, page 6: As of 12/10/12, it is based on the World Growth Index (WGI), which is made up of a static fully invested 20% in each of five ETFs (EEM, EFA, IWM, QQQ, SPY). The Portfolio will buy and sell the WGI based on proprietary timing signals. On 9/23/13, the new C-lect 5 is also part of this portfolio. It too uses timing.

Both portfolios were started on 1/1/10 with \$100,000. As mentioned, the Growth Portfolio strategy was changed on 12/10/12 to the World Growth Model and again on 9/23/13 to incorporate the C-lect 5 model.

Portfolio changes will usually be made at the close on Monday, unless otherwise noted in any emailed hotline update or triggered stop orders. Issues are normally posted on Mondays by 1:35pm cst (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday, defined as market closed).

Portfolios are updated through the Friday close the week before.

Dividends are reinvested in additional shares.

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