# Stock Selections & Timing

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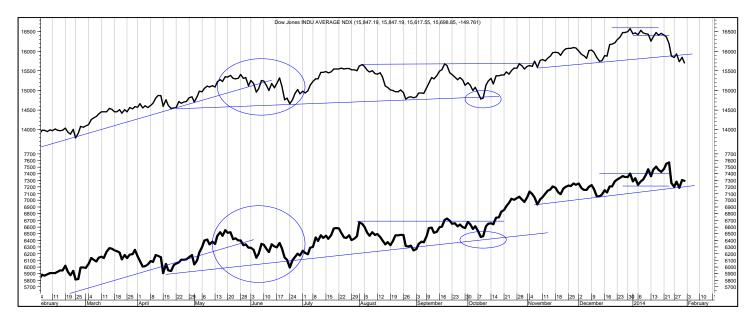
n my other weekly service ETF Selections & Timing, I talked this week about stop levels. For ETFs, I set a 10% stop level. This is on the whole portfolio, not only the individual parts. Back on 12/31/13, the stop level

was 10%. As of today, with the further market decline, the stop level is about 3%. The market has dropped 7%.

For this letter, I don't frequently use stops. The reason is because I take a value approach anyway. For example, GENC is

still trading below its net cash in the bank and its business is profitable. A 10% decline in the stock just makes it cheaper to its already cheap price. Where is the point to place a reasonable stop level? Or take

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This is the daily chart of the Dow Industrials (upper) and Dow Transports (lower).

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Model	YTD	52-week	26-week	13-week	4-week	1-week
Stock Portfolio	1.2%	16.6%	7.6%	3.1%	1.3%	0.2%
Dow30 Portfolio	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Index						
S&P 500 TR	-3.1%	20.2%	5.3%	1.7%	-2.6%	-0.4%
Dow Industrials	-4.7%	12.1%	0.3%	0.5%	-4.7%	-1.1%

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## Stock Portfolio

ACTION	N FOR PORTFOLE				O DETAILS						Value as of date:			
							Closing							
Action			Action	# of	Action		stop as	Yield at	Buy	Start	End	# of	Current	Percent of
Dates	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	of 1/20	buy	Limit	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Total
4-Nov	buy	MCGC	4.79	3,300	15,817	GENC			8.00	7.56	9.38	2,278	21,367.64	12.5%
														0.0%
25-Nov	sell	GAIN	7.47	1,000	7,460									0.0%
25-Nov	buy	0	38.28	100	3,838									
						FULL		11.3%		7.11	7.36	1,000	7,360.00	4.3%
6-Jan	sell	WTT	2.14	1,000	2,130	MCGC		10.8%	4.80	4.79	4.47	3,300	14,751.00	8.6%
6-Jan	sell	OPLK	18.60	600	11,150	NGPC		8.7%	7.15	7.04	7.40	2,000	14,800.00	8.7%
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13-Jan	sell	WTT	>2.16	1,000		PKY		4.3%	18.00	17.75	17.76	500	8,880.00	5.2%
15-Jan	sold	WTT	2.17	1,000	2,160	IRET	7.85	6.3%		8.35	8.69	950	8,255.50	4.8%
13-Jan	buy	PKY	17.75	500	8,885	О	37.00	5.5%		39.96	40.78	300	12,234.00	7.2%
	,	about 59	% of total por	tfolio	,	TAXI		6.9%	14.00	13.22	13.33	600	7,998.00	4.7%
20-Jan	buy	FULL	7.11	1,000	7,120	Above i	n green sl	hows end	price still	below bu	uy limit.			
13-Jan	sell	WTT	2.24	2,500	5,590	Show n	below is v	watch list f	or potent	ial purch	ase at or	below bu	y limit.	
the FULL	_ purchas	e is abou	t 5% of total	portfolio										
27-Jan	buy	TAXI	13.22	600	7,942									
this wou	this would be about 5% of total portfolio													
3-Feb	sell	FULL	>7.19	1,000										
3-Feb	sell	IRET	>8.49	950		Dividend	ds						9,247.13	5.4%
3-Feb	sell	0	>39.75	300		Money M	<i>N</i> arket				1.00	48,955	48,955.00	28.6%
											Total V	aluation=	170,948.27	100.0%

#### REVIEW since last issue

2/3 Take further profits as noted above. I'm raising cash.

1/27 WTT soared further, and we're out. Buy TAXI as noted above.

1/20 We'll attempt to take final profits out of WTT. It's been a nice ride, but appears fully valued now. We'll buy FULL. They recently issued new stock and the price has fallen below that level. This will probably be a trade.

1/13 Make the sell and buy as noted above. We've been in and out of PKY in the past. They recently issued new stock at \$18.15 and it is now trading south of that, which is usually a good time to buy for a trade. In the meantime, it yields 4.25%.

1/6 We're taking some profits in here as noted above.

2010	2011	2012	2013	ytd 2014
12.3%	21.4	5.0	15.8	1.2
15.0%	1.9	14.1	28.7	-3.1
	12.3%	2010 2011 12.3% 21.4 15.0% 1.9	12.3% 21.4 5.0	12.3% 21.4 5.0 15.8

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

# Dow 30 Portfolio

ACTION FOR PORTFOLI			O DETAILS					Value as of date:					
							Closing						
Action			Action	# of	Action		Stop as		Start	Ending	# of		Percent of
Date	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	of 6/9	Description	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Total
													0.0%
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													0.0%
						TO BE A	DDED, IF A	BOVE BUY S	STOP				
						TO BE A	DDED, IF E	BELOW BUY L	IMIT				
						Money M	larket			1.00	108,999	108,998.88	100.0%
										Total \	/aluation=	108,998.88	100.0%

For this portfolio, we seek to outperform the Dow Industrials using proprietary timing and weighting formulas of the underlying thirty stocks of the Dow Industrials . We also will use the ETF that tracks the same. The symbol is DIA.

We monitor the underlying individual stocks for buys and sells in order to overweight the portfolio to what is expected to outperform and underweight the portfolio with what is expected to underperform.

### **REVIEW** since last issue

- 2/3 Potential trades are getting set up. Will watch for reversals.
- 1/27 With the market's pullback, trades are now getting set up. Depending on market action, we may be sending emailed Hotline reports between the weekly issues.
- 1/20 Watching for some trades.

## New recommendations

	No new recommendations.
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some of the other positions that yield 5%, 8%, or more, where is the reasonable sell stop price? Point is for a value investment it is difficult to place reasonable sell stops.

On the other hand, I will use stops for the Dow 30 positions. The reason is these are more technical trades. I know what should happen and use a sell stop if I am proven wrong in my analysis. For example, should MSFT or IBM trade at 10 times or 20 times or 30 times earnings? Who knows. Where is it cheap or expensive? So, I use stops.

Currently with the market rolling over and generally speaking it is expensive as I've been saying the past month, I am raising cash in the Growth Portfolio. This is more a reaction to that, then to the idea the stocks or the underlying businesses are deteriorating. I think we are still in and will remain in for at least another 6 months, if not longer, a recovering economy. A recession simply is not in sight.

So, I'm raising cash for now, but will continue to look for opportunities.

See the individual portfolio pages for any changes.

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