# Stock Selections & Timing

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### **Moving Higher**

As for investing, the stock market is long overdue for a correction. Investors continued to pile on with bullish sentiment reaching well past warning levels. An obvious measure of this is the VIX index shown below as it bumped along the "complacency" warning levels the last couple months.

But now, we have an

"excuse" for the market to decline. It is the Middle East turmoil that basically provides the signal to take profits and stand aside.

It is a bit odd, but this crisis is sort of turning out to be like the financial crises among sovereign nations of the last few years. What was supposed to be contained, instead spread world wide.

Likewise, in the MidEast region. Resistance has spread from nation to nation as people demand some accountability from their leaders. Did it start with Iraq?

The fear, of course, is that an oil shock will occur, that production will be trimmed, that

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The chart is the daily S&P 500 with an 80-day moving average and other objects.

#### SCOREBOARD

Model	YTD	52-week	26-week	13-week	4-week	1-week
Stock Portfolio	12.3%	25.5%	26.9%	16.9%	7.5%	0.1%
Dow30 Portfolio	3.8%	10.8%	13.6%	5.6%	2.2%	0.4%
Wilshire 5000	6.8%	23.4%	27.3%	12.5%	5.1%	1.1%
Dow Industrials	7.0%	19.1%	21.3%	10.6%	4.4%	1.0%

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# Stock Portfolio

ACTION I	FOR				PORTFOLI	O DETAILS				'	Value as of	date:	2/18/2011
Action			Action	# of	Action		Closing		Start	Ending	# of	Current	Percent of
Dates	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	Stop	Yield	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Tota
29-Nov	buy	OXPS	17.20	300	5,170								
						DRAD			1.95	2.41	6,128	14,768.48	11.7%
7-Dec	sell	OXPS	\$20.82	300	6,256	ECGI			0.97	1.68	12,204	20,502.72	16.3%
						GENC			7.73	7.92	1,478	11,705.76	9.3%
13-Dec	buy	CLCT	\$14.30	800	11,450	SILU			1.41	1.87	7,092	13,262.04	10.5%
27-Dec	buy	ECGI	\$0.89	2,000	1,790								
10-Jan	buy	ADC	23.40 <23.50	200	4,690	CLCT		9.1%	14.20	14.09	800	11,272.00	8.9%
			~23.50			ADC		8.7%	23.40	25.67	200	5,134.00	4.1%
7-Feb	sell	TAXI	7.99	1,406	11,224							·	
22-Feb	sell	ADC		200									
22-Feb	sell	ECGI	> 1.8	2,500									
						Money Ma	arket			1.00	49,474	49,474.00	39.2%
											/aluation=	126.119.00	100.0%

#### **REVIEW** since last issue

2/22/11 Will take profits by selling immediately one portfolio company ADC and ECGI, if it rallies past the minimum sell price.

ADC receives 20% of its revenues from bankrupt Borders. Sell it.

2/7/11 ECGI reported good 4th quarter earnings and jumped on the news. Fair value is still projected north of \$2.00/share. It is still trading below net cash and investments.

I will take profits in TAXI. Taxi medallions have had one of the best returns over time, but two issues are arising. One NY city may allow certain livery cabs to pick up passengers. This will hurt TAXI revenue and value. As well, medallion values hit record highs, but like other bubble types, the underlying cash flows do not support the prices paid. Instead, people are buying on expected capital gains, on expectations that the past rises will continue forever; some call this the greater fool theory of investing.

	2010
Stock Portfolio	12.5
W5000	15.5

## Dow 30 Portfolio

ACTION	FOR				PORTFOLI	O DETAILS	6				Value as of	date:	2/18/2011
Action			Action	# of	Action		Closing		Start	Ending	# of	Current	Percent of
Date	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	Stop De	scription	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Tota
4-Oct	sell	DIA	107.57	385.52	41,480	DIA			103.83	123.60	385.52	47,650.27	42.8%
29-Nov	sell	AA	13.29	231	3,080								
29-Nov	sell	JNJ	61.91	50	3,106								
						PFE			17.86	19.19	227	4,356.13	3.9%
24-Jan	buy	MRK	33.80	100	3,390								
24-Jan	buy	VZ	35.24	100	3,534	XOM			65.11	84.50	46	3,887.00	3.5%
24-Jan	sell	BAC	13.92	200	2,794	MRK			33.80	32.85	100	3,285.00	2.9%
						VZ			35.24	36.62	100	3,662.00	3.3%
7-Feb	buy	MRK		100									
22-Feb	sell	DIA		all									
22-Feb	sell	PFE		all									
						Money M	<i>l</i> arket			1.00	48,521	48,521.00	43.6%
										Total \	/aluation=	111,361.40	100.0%

Company	Symbol	Company	Symbol
Alcoa	AA	JP Morgan	JPM
American Express	AXP	Kraft	KFT
Boeing	BA	Coca-Cola	KO
Bank of America	BAC	McDonalds	MCD
Catepillar	CAT	3M Company	MMM
Cisco	CSCO	Merck	MRK
Chevron	CVX	Microsoft	MSFT
DuPont	DD	Pfizer	PFE
Disney	DIS	Proctor & Gamble	PG
GE	GE	ATT	Т
Home Depot	HD	Travelers	TRV
Hewlitt Packard	HPQ	United Technologies	UTX
IBM	IBM	Verizon	VZ
Intel	INTC	Wal-Mart	WMT
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	Exxon Mobil	ХОМ

#### 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

2/22/11 Sell the positions as noted above. If the turmoil spreads in the Middle East, where's the bottom? 2/7/11 Accumulate more MRK on this weakness.

MRK was knocked lower on some bad news, but it looks like a good buying opportunity. The stock yields about 4.5%. Buy as noted above.

### Feature Company

Took profits in ADC and TAXI.

No new recommendations for now as I await the correction to run its course.

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prices will soar. If oil prices jump 10% to 50% or more from here, the world-wide economic recovery would be severely and negatively impacted.

The other fear is that other nations step into the power vacuums to destabilize the region or worse, create war.

What to do? The obvious thing is to raise cash. Better to miss the next 5% up than capture

a 15% or worse decline. (Not making projections, but making a strategic suggestion.)

The next obvious move is to buy safety. The flight to quality in Treasuries has started already. Swiss francs have also benefited. Some of the new ETFs added are currency oriented. They are in the Income group.

As well, gold and silver continue to jump on the turmoil.

The issue for longer-term

investors is these things might be short-term gyrations. If so, it would prove to be a whipsaw trade.

In sum, I've been expecting a correction of up to 15% for some time. Instead, the stock market has been rallying, it's time to raise even more cash in the Portfolio as noted on page six. Better to be safe than sorry in this environment.

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#### **PORTFOLIO DESCRIPTIONS (pages 2 and 3)**

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