# **Stock Selections & Timing**

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### So Close

echnically the Dow Industrials never closed above its previous high and thus did not made a new confirming high on the recent rally. The previous high was 16,576.66 on 12/31/14. A few days ago it closed at 16,573.00.

It is now off about 300 points from there.

This non-confirmation, however, really is only confirmed if the market closes below previous lows set before the non-confirmation. In this case the Dow Industrials would need

to close below 15,365 and Transports below 7,049.

The NYSE advance-decline line, for its part, keeps rallying. The Dow Transportation Index on that same rally did notch a new closing high. The strength

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This is a daily chart of the Dow Jones Industrial Average (blue, left scale) and NYSE advance/decline line (red, right scale).

SCOREBOARD												
Model	YTD	52-week	26-week	13-week	4-week	1-week						
Stock Portfolio	0.8%	10.5%	3.2%	0.9%	-1.2%	-0.1%						
Dow30 Portfolio	0.4%	1.5%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%						
Index												
S&P 500 TR	1.4%	22.0%	11.0%	1.9%	-1.0%	0.5%						
Dow Industrials	-0.4%	12.7%	8.9%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.6%						

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### Stock Portfolio

ACTION FOR PORTE			PORTFOL	IO DETAIL	S				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
07 lan	h	TAVI	40.00	000	7.040	GENC			0.75	7.50	40.00	0.070	00 447 04	40.00/
27-Jan	buy	TAXI	13.22	600	7,942	GENC			9.75	7.56	10.28	2,278	23,417.84	13.8%
			total portfolio		7.000									
3-Feb	sell 	FULL	7.70	1,000	7,690									
3-Feb	sell	IRET	>8.49	950										
3-Feb	sell	0	39.92	300	11,966									
12-Feb	sell	IRET	8.52	950	8,084	MCGC		10.8%	3.00	4.79	3.80	3,300	12,540.00	7.4% 0.0%
18-Feb	buy	GOOD	17.45	500	8,735	MVC		3.8%	14.50	12.71	13.39	1,400	18,746.00	11.0%
this wou	ld be abo	ut 5% of	total portfolio			PKY		4.3%	18.00	17.75	18.18	500	9,090.00	5.3%
						GOOD		8.6%	17.70	17.45	17.51	500	8,755.00	5.1%
17-Mar	sell	NGPC	7.41	2,000	14,810									0.0%
					· 1	TAXI		6.9%	14.00	13.22	13.08	1,250	16,350.00	9.6%
31-Mar	buy	MVC	13.55	200	2,720	Above i	n green s	hows end	price still	below bu	uy limit.			
this wou	ld be abo	ut 2% of	total portfolio			Show n	below is v	watch list	for potent	ial purcha	ase at o	below bu	y limit.	
31-Mar	buy	TAXI	13.21	650	8,597									
this wou	ld be abo	ut 5% of	total portfolio											
7-Apr	sell	PKY	> 18	500										
1-7hi	3011	IXI	<i>-</i> 10	300		Dividend	ds						10,022.88	5.9%
						Money I					1.00	71,386	71,386.00	41.9%
											Total V	aluation=	170,307.72	100.0%

#### REVIEW since last issue

- 4/7 Raise a bit of cash by selling PKY.
- 3/31 As noted above, I will add to a couple of positions that have sold off, yet remain fundamentally sound. 3/24 No changes.
- 3/17 Take profits in NGPC as noted above.
- 3/10 MCGC announced it was cutting its dividend. The stock has sold off hard. But it is still cheap in our estimation. We'll let things settle down and then reappraise. No other changes.
- 3/3 No changes.
- 2/24 No changes.
- 2/18 IRET was sold and I'll buy GOOD as noted above. GENC is finally getting some recognition. I raised the buy limit, though the stock is still north of it. Their q1 report was hugely positive. Infrastructure rebuild in USA and Canada here we come. May have to raise the value too from \$12.50 to north of \$15.00.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	ytd 2014
Stock Portfolio	12.3%	21.4	5.0	15.8	3.0
S&P 500 TR	15.0%	1.9	14.1	28.7	1.5

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 I	FOR				PORTFOLI	O DETAILS	3				Value as of	date:	4/4/2014
							Closing						
Action			Action	# of	Action		Stop as		Start	Ending	# of	Current	Percent of
Date	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	of 4/4	Description	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Total
24-Mar	sell	DIA	162.44	200	32,478	AXP	89.00		90.03	89.17	61	5,439.37	5.0%
24-Mar	sell	T	34.46	170	5,848	GS	160.00		163.80	163.24	34	5,550.16	5.1%
24-Mar	sell	TRV	83.86	65	5,441	HD	78.00		79.00	78.72	69	5,431.68	5.0%
24-Mar	sell	V	220.75	25	5,509		. 0.00		. 0.00			0, 101100	0.070
24-Mar	sell	IBM	188.25	30	5,638	PFE	32.00		31.93	32.16	160	5,145.60	4.7%
						V	207.00		215.86	207.70	25	5,192.50	4.7%
31-Mar	buy	AXP	90.03	61	5,475								
31-Mar	buy	GS	163.80	34	5,504								
31-Mar	buy	HD	79.00	69	5,490								
31-Mar	buy	V	215.86	25	5,514	TO BE A	DDED, IF	ABOVE:	BUY STOP	)			
2-Apr	sell	ко	38.33	140	5,356								
						TO BE A	DDED, IF E	BELOW:	BUY LIMIT				
						Money N	/arket			1.00	82,631	82,630.70	75.5%
											Valuation=	109,390.01	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

- 4/7 If today's selloff holds, I expect the positions above to be stopped out. I will watch for reentry points.
- 3/31 As noted above, make the purchases. Also note the stop levels. KO is very tight.
- 3/24 I will take some profits and a loss as noted above. These will likely be short-term trades. The market rallied into resistance and has failed to push through. So, I will look to reenter on weakness, if it happens.
- T closed the gap. TRV is at the top of a trading range. V looks to be failing. Please also note the very close raised stops.
- 3/17 We do have some potential new buys as noted in the right box above. One position was stopped out. I am also buying DIA (the Dow 30 index ETF) with a tight stop.
- 3/10 No changes. With the market sell off, we may get further "set ups" to buys or we may get stopped out. We'll just have to see.

### New recommendations

None this week.

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of the advance-decline line suggests another rally after the current pullback. Yet, the negative divergence must be noted.

As well, it is very interesting to note that IWM (Russell 2000) and QQQ (NASDAQ 100) also failed to reach recovery highs on that recent rally. This is interesting because these were the former leaders. Anytime there is rotation like this, it suggests internal weakness.

The new leaders appear to be internationals. EEM is finally up off the mat, recovering after lagging for some two-years.

On a fundamental basis, as I've been noting here the past few months, the domestic market is

overbought and over valued. Perhaps this is being more recognized. The internationals, especially the emerging markets, are cheaper relatively speaking. Thus the rotation.

The question is whether the rotation continues?

I've shown the margin debt chart before and I've reproduced it on page 11. Margin is buying stocks with borrowed money. It amplifies the gains and losses. The issue is when an investor is fully margined and the market starts downward, what happens. Margin calls will go out. At that point, either the investor puts up more money or the position is sold. The problem is obvious.

In a declining market, when

margin calls go out, further selling may take place. The whole thing becomes a vicious circle.

Where's the trigger point to the start of the margin calls? There's no clear way to tell; it depends on where accounts are relative to starting values. The initial margin is 50%. The maintenance margin is 30%. So in theory and roughly speaking, the market could drop 30% before a call is issued. In reality with all sorts of accounts and values and buying points, the market could drop substantially less than that and calls go out.

See the portfolios for more information.

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