# **Stock Selections & Timing**

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### Least Expected

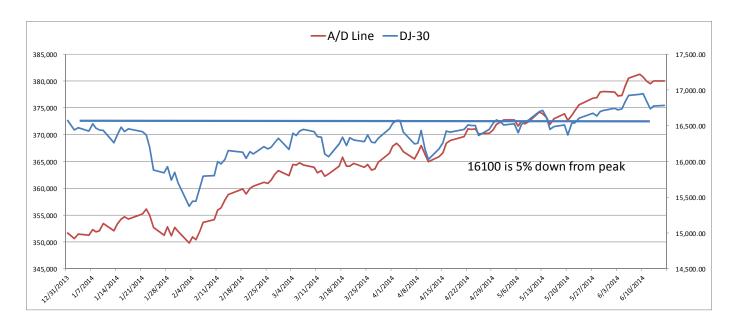
he latest monthly data on NYSE margin debt levels came out with May's reading remaining at a lofty level like April's. See the chart on page 5.

The margin peak was

marked three months ago. If this margin peak to market top time difference falls within the boundaries of the previous two examples at 8/31/2007 and 4/28/2000, then the market should peak this month (June) or next month. Put another way, we have 0-4 weeks to the peak.

Obviously of course, there are no guarantees, but as I've mentioned, this indicator is the only one that is directly stock price dependent. PE ratios, for

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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	1.1%	12.6%	1.1%	0.1%	1.2%	1.4%
Dow30 Portfolio	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.1%	0.3%	-0.3%
Index						
S&P 500 TR	6.4%	23.2%	6.4%	5.5%	1.5%	-0.2%
Dow Industrials	2.3%	13.0%	2.3%	3.2%	0.8%	-0.6%

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# Stock Portfolio

ACTION FOR				PORTFOLIO 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	Tota	
31-Mar	buy	MVC	13.55	200	2,720	GENC			9.75	7.56	11.19	1,978	22,133.82	13.0%	
this wou	ld be abo	ut 2% of t	otal portfolio												
31-Mar	buy	TAXI	13.21	650	8,597										
this wou	ld be abo	ut 5% of t	otal portfolio												
7-Apr	sell	PKY	18.19	500	9,085										
						MCGC		10.8%	3.00	4.79	3.78	3,300	12,474.00	7.3%	
5-May	sell	GOOD	17.62	500	8,800									0.0%	
						MVC		3.8%	12.00	12.71	12.62	1,400	17,668.00	10.4%	
2-Jun	sell	GENC	10.23	300	3,059									0.0%	
														0.0%	
16-Jun	sell	GENC	>11	300										0.0%	
						TAXI		6.9%	14.00	13.22	12.28	1,250	15,350.00	9.0%	
							0	hows end	•						
						Show n	below is v	watch list	for potent	ial purcha	ase at or	below buy	y limit.		
						Dividend	ls						10,742.88	6.3%	
						Money M	<i>N</i> arket				1.00	92,330	92,330.00	54.1%	
											Total V	aluation= $\frac{1}{2}$	170,698.70	100.0%	

### **REVIEW** since last issue

6/30 No changes.

6/23 No changes.

6/16 No changes.

6/9 No new positions, as the market climbs higher. Bargains I find are none and zip.

6/2 Time to take some profits, reducing risk, in GENC as noted above.

5/26 No changes.

5/19 No changes.

5/12 GENC took a hit with lower than expected quarterly sales. The company, however, remains profitable and still has about \$9.47/share net cash. MCGC is crawling back. TAXI is driving higher.

5/5 Will take some profits in GOOD. It is at the top of its trading range. I will watch for a pullback.

	2010	2014	204.0	2042	144 204
	2010	2011	2012	2013	ytd 2014
Stock Portfolio	12.3%	21.4	5.0	15.8	1.1
S&P 500 TR	15.0%	1.9	14.1	28.7	6.

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	3				Value as of	date:	6/27/2014
							Closing						
Action			Action	# of	Action		Stop as		Start	Ending	# of	Current	Percent of
Date	Action	Symbol	Price	Shares	Value	Symbol	of 6/30 De	escription	Price	Price	Shares	Value	Tota
3-Jun	buy	CVX	122.55	45	5,525								0.0%
3-Jun	sell	PG	79.93	68	5,425								0.0%
o oun	001	10	10.00	00	0,120								0.0%
9-Jun	sell	UNH	79.76	70	5,573								0.0%
9-Jun	sell	INTC	27.91	210	5,851	JPM			53.90	54.45	103	5,608.35	5.1%
													0.0%
11-Jun	sell	HD	79.81	72	5,736	WMT	74.70		75.79	75.34	73	5,499.82	5.0%
23-Jun	sell	CVX	132.98	45	5,974								
					ŕ	TO BE ADDED DURING WEEK, IF "Closing" ABOV E:							
23-Jun	buy	WMT	75.79	73	5,543				Ū				
30-Jun	sell	JPM		103									
						TO BE A	DDED, IF BEL	OW:	BUY LIMIT				
						Money M	/arket			1.00	99,841	99,840.70	90.0%
										Total V	aluation=	110,948.87	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

6/30 Take profits in JPM as noted above.

6/23 Take profits in CVX as noted above. Monitor the two potential buys if they close above their trigger prices this week.

6/16 No changes.

6/9 Make the buys and sells as noted above. Also raised the sell stops.

6/2 Make the potential buy as noted above. Note also the raised sell stops to preserve gains.

5/26 —

5/19 With the pullback, a few setups have materialized as noted above. These triggers are good for this week only.

### New recommendations

None this week.

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example, can move from overvalued to more overvalued, regardless of the market price. But if the market declines, margin calls will go out and must be met either by depositing more cash or by selling stock. This in turn sets up the selling cycle of forcing more margin calls and more selling, until the bottom is made.

Previous margin and price peaks were marked with 5% declines to trigger the selling. 16,100 is the DJ Industrials level and 186 is the SPY level to monitor.

Like I said, there are no guarantees, but this will be interesting. In the meantime, the market does remain "in gear" to the upside as shown on the chart on page one.

Fundamentally, the economy is expanding nicely. The Fed has recognized that it is on a selfsustaining course. There is no recession in sight. Unemployment is dropping. Inflation is rising. They should end QE by October, a short four months away.

As far as their raising rates, that may come sooner than expected. But as usual, this only means the economy is roaring ahead. This too will be interesting to see if they overplayed their hand where the economy moves ahead strongly even in the face of rising rates. It has done so many times before.

So, the remainder of 2014 should be very interesting to see how it all plays out. A falling stock market in the face of a strong economy is most likely the least expected event.

See the portfolio pages for any changes.

### SPY and NYSE Margin Debt (updated)



Last week edit: I went back and looked a third time at the two previous tops. For both, the trigger of the subsequent severe sell off was 5%. So if SPY closes 5% lower than its recent peak at 196.5 (below 186.7), odds are that won't be a buying opportunity.

Last week edit: A member asked about depth of loss and duration to bottom of the previous two signals. The first bear lasted 16 months and lost 51%. The second bear lasted 25 months and lost 45%. So IF the market follows the previous averages and peaks this month, the bottom would fall somewhere between 10/15 and 7/16 with the Dow Industrials around 8,400 (current about 16,800).

Previous week comment: 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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