Investing in the Stock Market

an Introduction

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This course is a guide to investing in the share market.

• Provides a foundation from which an investor can understand the market and how it operates...



Some misconceptions about investing in stocks

- 1. Buy and hold is the best strategy
- 2. Use a professional to managed your money
- 3. Dollar cost averaging is a good strategy...

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1. Buy and hold is the best strategy.











2. Dollar cost averaging

(averaging down)









2. You must use a professional fund manager!



Top 5 retail Australian share funds by 5 year performance

•Fund name	5 year return	Size	Star rating
Clime Australian Value	4.66	\$18m	****
Zurich Inv Equity Income	0.06%	\$445 m	****
Greencape High Conviction	- 0.15%	\$93m	****
Zurich Equity Income Retail	- 0.29%	\$7m	****
Greencape Ws Broadcap	- 0.53%	\$52m	****

Average return per annum over 5 years 0.75%

Source: Money July 2012



Top 5 retail Australian share funds by size

5 yr return	Size	Rating			
-2.76%	\$1584m	***			
1.28%	\$1001m	****			
-0.10%	\$939m	****			
-4.61%	\$720m	*			
-1.71%	\$604m	***			
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Average annual loss every year for 5 years is 1.58%

Source: Money February 2012



To be a profitable investor in the market:

- Avoid a buy and hold strategy
- Don't average down never buy stocks in a downtrend
- Be very careful when using financial services professionals...



The Objectives of this Course

At the end of the day you should:

- Have an overview of investing in the stock market
- Appreciate the risks in investing and how these can be managed
- Understand the need for an investment plan
- Have an overview of fundamental and technical analysis
- Understand several methods for selecting a stock
- Know how to use a stock broker and buy a stock…



Some Definitions

- Stocks vs. shares
- Investors vs. traders
- Index, ASX200, All Ords, DOW, S&P500
- Blue chips vs. speculative stocks ...

Learning about the Market

- Courses and seminars
- The internet
- Investor organisations
- Books
- On line investor forums ...



Books

Building wealth in the stock market

Colin Nicholson (2009)

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Blue Chip Investing

Alan Hull (2008)



Teach yourself about Shares

Roger Kinsky (2009)

Daryl Guppy (2004)

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Trend Trading

Roger Montgomery (2010)

Value.able

Martin Roth (2011)

Top Stocks

Colin Nicholson (2006)

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Share market course as a DVD



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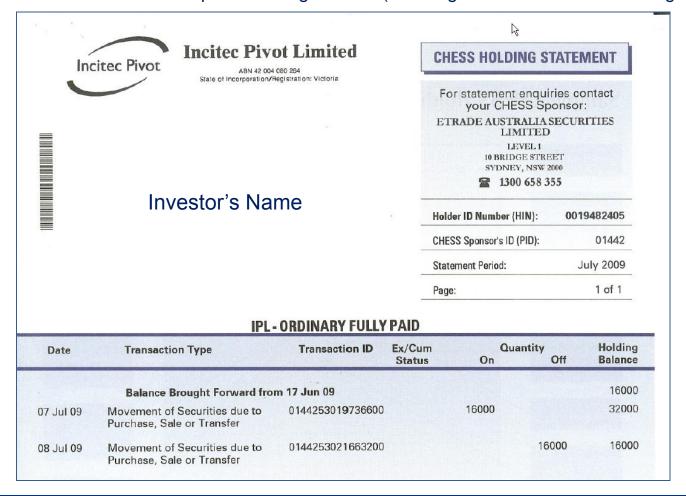




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- A share gives an investor part ownership in a business
- Different types of stocks (companies)
 - blue chip stocks CBA
 - growth stocks (lower dividends higher P/E ratio) WOW, COH
 - value stocks (cyclical, higher dividends, lower P/E ratios) HVN
 - defensive stocks WOW
 - speculative stocks (higher risk, often have no dividend)
- Do you know what are you are buying?
 It is listed on the ASX but is it a share?
 - fully paid ordinary share (FPO)

 XYZ
 - preference share
 XYZP, XYZPA
 - company option
 XYZO, XYZOA, XYZOB
 - ETF, AREIT, LIC, etc. XYZ
 - contributing share or partly paid share XYZC



The risks of partly paid or contributing shares

Brisconnections was floated in July after winning a \$3.5 billion contract to build a toll road in Brisbane. Shares were issued at \$3 each, to be paid in three instalments of \$1. ASX code was BCSCA

"When the share price of Brisconnections plummeted to just a mere one tenth of a cent, bargain hunters moved in. They now face bills running into millions of dollars when the next \$1 per share payment falls due in April, with another to follow in 2010."

"[Mr X] bought 47,643,166 Brisconnections units for about \$47,600. He now owes the company a further two instalments of \$47.6 million, under the deal devised by Macquarie Bank."

The Age November 27, 2008...



Risk



Investing does entail Risk

For the investor, preservation of capital is essential...



Will all of my Investments be Winners?

- when I buy a stock there is no way of knowing if my analysis is correct,
 this stock might be a loser or the market may move against me. (use stops.)
- 70% winners is good & 80% is excellent
- I will have some losing investments so I must have risk management strategies
 - must calculate the risk of loss on any investment
 - must use stops to avoid significant losses
- but what are the different risk factors and how can these risks be handled ?...



Managing the Risks in Investment

Market risk

• if the market falls, most stocks will fall too - know the position of market

Specific risk

• the risk that the stock you buy, falls in price - diversification - the 2% rule

Liquidity risk

• the market for this stock is too thin - avoid this stock

Financial or credit risk

- risk when an investor borrows money exercise care if borrowing
- risk if that the company (stock) has high debt watch debt/equity ratio

Sovereign risk or country risk

the risk of investing in an unstable economy – avoid this stock

Currency risk

investing overseas poses risk of currency movement – hedge currency



Managing the Risks in Investment

Market risk and specific risk cannot be avoided so must be managed

Market risk will be covered in some detail later in the session.

We now consider specific risk...



Managing specific risk

The risk that the stock you buy, falls in price

We can manage specific risk if we:

- Diversify and invest in a number of stocks how many?
- Apply the 2% rule. This prevents us from losing more than 2% of capital on any one investment. It also tells us how many shares we can buy in one stock

Consider an example of how the investment plan helps to manage specific risk...



Risk and the Investment Plan

Once an investor is aware of the different risk factors then strategies to avoid or manage these risks can be built into **the investment plan**.

- So the investment plan should be written in such a way that it helps:
 - manage risk
 - manage the investor's behavioural problems under stress
 - provide strategies to select, buy, manage and sell stocks.

An investment plan evolves and is never finished...



Why the Investment Plan is Essential

Consider the following example.

It is 2005. You are interested in buying shares in Centro Property Trust (CNP).

- The fundamentals of Centro seem to be very sound
- It seems that CNP might be an excellent investment
- Consider the chart of CNP...





You now feel that this will be a profitable investment:

How would you buy and manage an investment in Centro Property Trust (CNP)?

We now look to our investment plan.....

- Available capital is \$100,000
- Shares of CNP can be bought at \$4.85
- CNP is potentially an excellent investment and some decisions are now needed:

The investment plan now tells us how we can buy and manage this investment.

- Is this a buy and hold investment?
 No this will be a managed investment
- Is a stop loss needed? where to place the stop?
 Must use a stop loss
- How many shares to buy? what is my risk?
 The concern here is specific risk
- How will the investment be managed?
 Use technical approach

These are some of the important guidelines we get from our investment plan





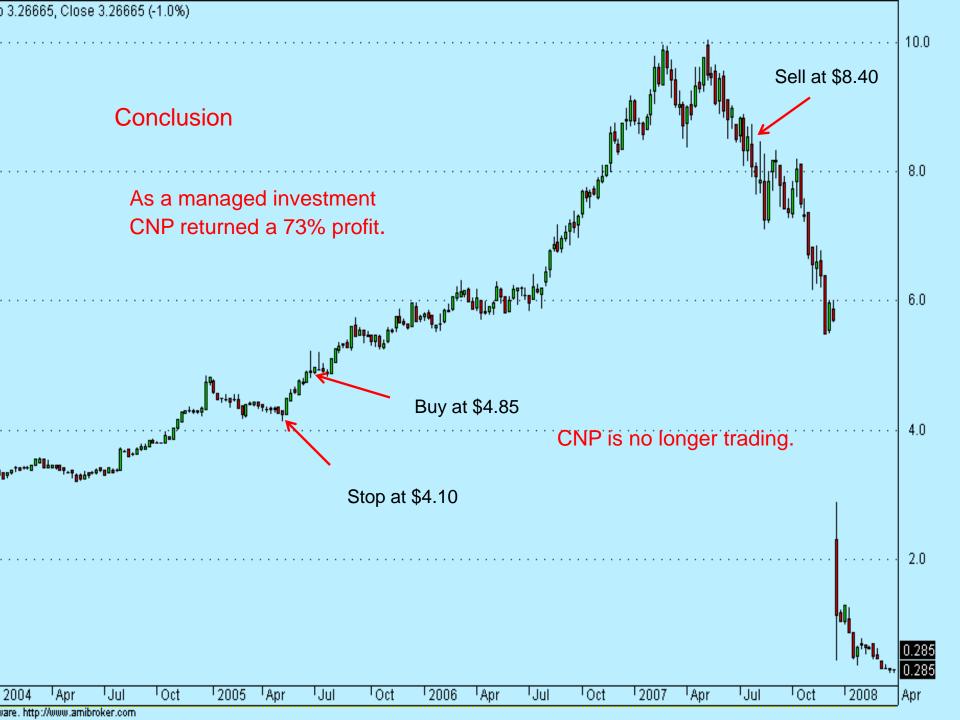
You now have 2666 shares of CNP bought at \$4.85

•The question now is how should this investment be managed?

•Consider the outcome of this investment...









With a sound investment plan this was a great investment but without a plan the Centro investment was a disaster.

The investment plan provided the strategies to enter and manage the investment.

It also protected the investor from making poor and emotional decisions.

Where were the emotional decisions?...





As an investor, I must Understand

- I cannot control the market
- I can control the amount of money I am prepared to risk
- I can control when I sell
- I can control my attitude to the market?? (Psychology)
- The investment plan is the key to such controls e.g. CNP...



The Investment Plan

Investing needs to be treated as a business. It must be planned.

 An investment plan includes a number of unbreakable rules as well as some guidelines to manage the investment process

Start with a simple plan and add to it as you continue to invest

An investment plan is never finished...



What is an Investment Plan?

It is a written document based on the investor's profile.

The investment plan should include the following:

- Investment style, direct investor or managed funds (buy and hold or managed)
- Which stocks to buy and how to select them
- How many stocks are in the portfolio, which sectors, diversification
- Risk management strategies
- How many shares of each stock to buy money management the 2% rule
- Market entry managing the investment rules for selling the stock

The investment plan not only provides a guide as to what to buy and sell and how to manage risk, it protects the investor during periods of uncertainty and stress...



Consider the following example of an investment plan...



Alan Hull's Investment Plan

Hull,(2008) Blue Chip Investing, Wright books

Why use Hull's investment plan as an example?

- It is simple but comprehensive
- It includes excellent risk management strategies
- The actual time to manage the investment using this plan is very small
- It is a proven investment plan (tested over a number of years)
- It is profitable (over 5 yr period from 2001, 21.7%>ASX200)...



The specifics of Hull's investment plan

(actually my interpretation)

- trades only Australian shares in the ASX200:
 - selects the fastest trending stocks in the index
 - "must be fundamentally sound" and have an annual rate of return >25%
- uses these criteria to generate a list of the 40 best performing stocks
- available funds are invested equally in the top 10 stocks from this list
 - these must be liquid and he selects no more than 4 stocks in any one sector
- strict money management max loss of 2% in any one stock
- stop loss : sell if:
 - rate of annual return falls below 25%
 - price falls 20% from max price
 - the price falls below the 52 week moving average
 - stock is no longer listed in his top 40 stocks
- profit take if :
 - any one stock increases in value to be >15% of portfolio value
- manage on a weekly basis from Friday's data place order on Monday...



This is an example of a carefully thought out and tested investment plan.

- We will review Hull's investment approach and plan in detail later when we discuss investment strategies.
- Having reviewed the investment plan, we now we need to discuss how to analyse stocks and markets...



Stock and Market analysis



An overview of the role of technical analysis and fundamental analysis in investing?

The basic tools available to investors are fundamental and technical analysis.

As investors we should take advantage of both forms of analysis to understand what is happening in the market and to make investment decisions....



What is a stock market?

- The stock market is a place where buyers and sellers trade company stocks.
- The stock market is often irrational and unpredictable...



So what moves the Stock Market

"What ultimately makes the price of a stock go up or down are the changes in its future earnings capacity as perceived by the market"

Higgins and Abey(1995) Fortune Strategy

So two things move the markets.

- the changes in future earnings
- investor perception of value



This gives us a lead as to what we need to know to invest successfully in the market.

As investors we need information about the value of a stock and we also need to know what the market perception is of that stock.

The basic tools of the investor are fundamental analysis and technical analysis

both aim to form an opinion about the value of a stock

Fundamental analysis

- aims to estimate the value (future earnings) of the company using performance data
- tells investors <u>what</u> to buy or sell based on value and future earnings potential

Technical analysis

- based on the belief that everything that is known about a stock is reflected in the chart of its price and volume
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Part I Fundamental Analysis

- Important ratios
- What is value?
- Value investing...



Fundamental Analysis provides the following information.

- The intrinsic value of the shares in a company
- The company's growth and where it comes from
- Compares company growth to the sector and its competitors ...



Using the Financial Statements

Analysts use the company financial statements to calculate financial ratios.

Some important ratios are:

- earnings per share (eps) = profit after tax / no of shares on issue
- dividend per share (dps) = total dividend paid / no of shares on issue
- payout ratio = the percentage of the eps that is paid to shareholders
- dividend yield = dps / share price
- p/e ratio = share price / eps
- return on equity (roe) = profit after tax/shareholder equity
- debt/equity ratio = (total borrowings available cash)/ share holder equity...



Applying the Fundamental Ratios

A useful way to gain an appreciation of how these ratios are applied is to follow the approach used by Morningstar in the special publication "How to read an Equities Report" which has been provided, courtesy of Morningstar...



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How to Read an Equities Report

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Most analysts value stocks using the following parameters

Earnings

Earnings growth

Earnings per share (eps)

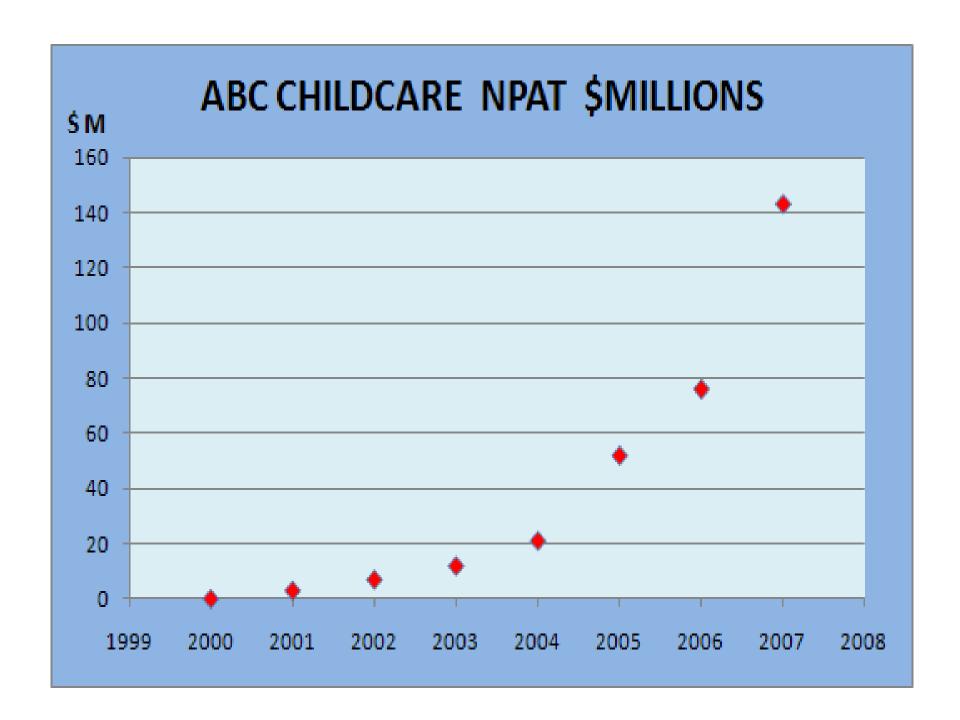
Price to earnings ratio (P/E)

Dividends

This can lead to errors in valuation.

Consider the example of ABC Learning (ABS) ...







Conventional stock analysis can be misleading

Price gives no guide to value

Earnings alone give no guide (ABS is one example)

So there are dangers in just using profit and P/E ratios

So what should be used instead?...



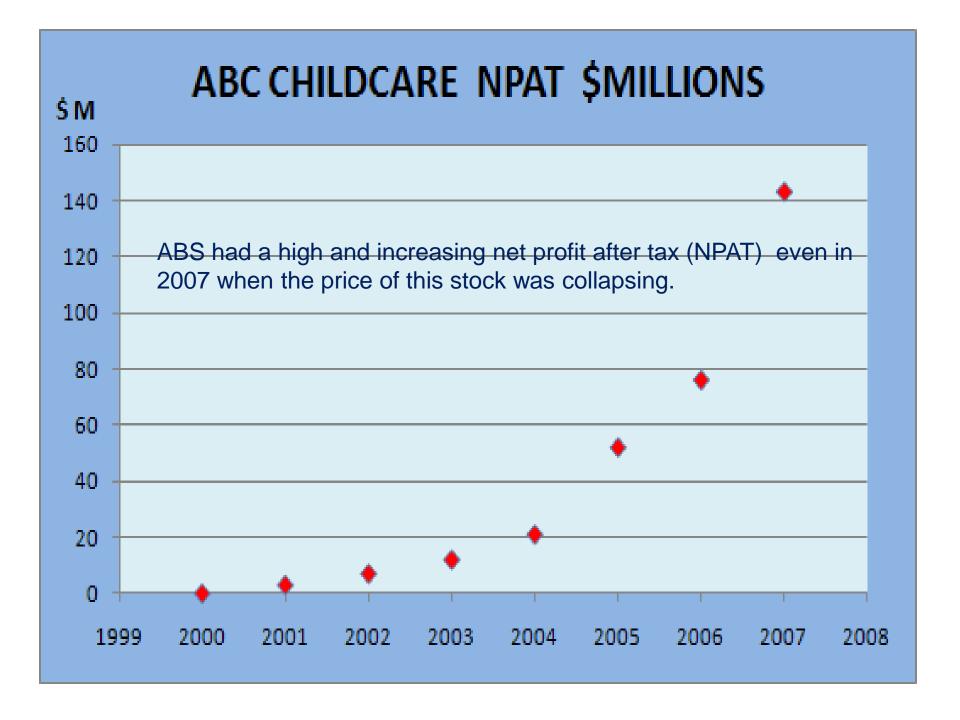
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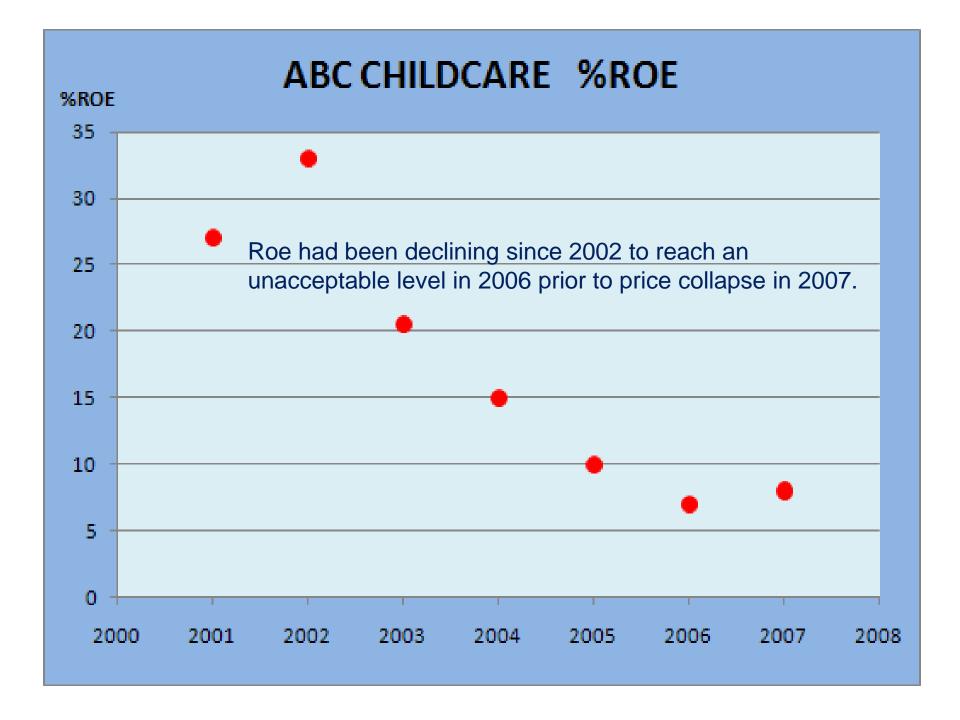
ROE is a measure of the return on investors capital. It is a key measure of the potential of a business to make a profit...



Consider the Return on Equity of ABC Learning (ABS)

Remember that ABS had a high and increasing net profit after tax (NPAT) even in 2007, while the price of this stock had started to collapse in late 2006...





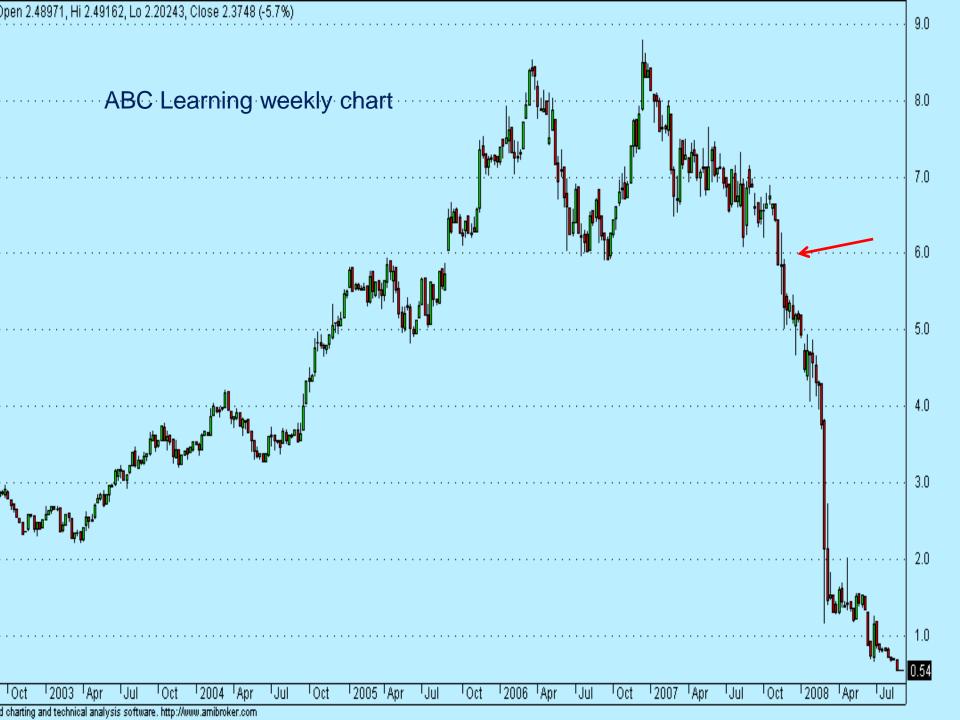


What can we learn from ABC Learning?

In the case of ABC Learning an investor needed to understand that while the profits were increasing, this company had a declining ROE, a very high and increasing debt and an increasing number of issued shares.

Simply looking at the increasing profit which was due to increased input of new funds (and increasing the no of shares on issue) gave no clue to the underlying company profitability.

Note that the warnings were given by the declining ROE but an investor could also have used technical analysis to avoid serious losses in this stock...



When valuing a stock, earnings applied in isolation can be very misleading even though most analysts use the P/E ratio when they value stocks.

The P/E ratio is useful in identifying a stock which may be undervalued by the market, but it must be used with care.

- •The earnings report is always historical and may be up to 6 months out of date.
- •The earnings may not reflect the return on equity but may be affected by capital raising by a company which has poor cash flow and increasing debt.
- •A very low P/E ratio could also mean that the company is nearing insolvency....



Probably the most successful example of the application of fundamental analysis to investing comes from the work of Warren Buffett

This approach is often referred to as "value investing"...



Value Investing

At first sight there are two problems for the value investor.

- 1. What is the value of the stock?
- 2. How much to pay for that stock?

The problem is that there is often little correlation between the value of a stock and its market price.

So how can the investor decide - if a stock is a buy and how much he should reasonably pay for that stock?...

The Question is "What is the Value of a Security"?

Book value – value of the asset less depreciation and other costs (goodwill and intangible assets).

Market value – value of the asset on the open market.

Intrinsic value (actual value, fundamental value) – the present value of all expected future net cash flows to the company.

The investor needs to know the intrinsic value of the stock....



Value investing is based on an estimate of the true value or intrinsic value (IV) of a stock.

The Intrinsic Value provides a much better estimate of the real value of the stock than market price.

Having calculated the IV for a stock, the investor is in a position to buy that stock if it is trading at or below its Intrinsic Value.

This means that should there be a market correction, the high IV stocks should not fall as far as the over-valued stocks and should recover faster.

A value investor could see a market correction as an opportunity to buy more shares rather than to need to sell a holding ...



The Origin of Value Investing

- 1. Benjamin Graham "The Intelligent Investor".
- 2. Warren Buffett Berkshire Hathaway

Buffett has been very successful over a long period of time. Can we emulate his methods?...



How does Buffett operate?

He buys the whole company or a substantial part of it

Has a seat on the board and an input into management

Reputedly Buffett's holding time is "forever"

but

So Buffett is really not a buy and hold investor...



The Buffett approach to investing

Buffett buys businesses and does not trade stocks. He uses no technical analysis.

The best businesses have:

High return on equity (ROE)

Little or no debt

Have good cash flow

Buffett regards the dividend payout as unimportant

Emphasis must be on high ROE

Stocks with high ROE should retain earnings

Stocks with low ROE should not retain earnings...



How important is the dividend?

Investors seem to have a preoccupation with high yielding stocks. Dividends are important but not as important as ROE.

If a company has a 30% ROE this means that this company is earning 30% on shareholders equity. In this situation it is in the shareholders' interest to have a low dividend payout with most earnings retained by the company to yield a 30% return on investor capital.

By contrast a company with a ROE of 5% should pay out all of its earnings as a dividend. The investor should then be in a position to invest the returns to yield more than 5% (QAN ROE 3%)...



Berkshire Hathaway dividend policy

Berkshire Hathaway paid a 10c per share dividend only once, (in 1967).

In all other years no dividend was paid - the earnings were reinvested.

Berkshire Hathaway A shares traded for less than \$10 in the mid 1960s, while in 2007 they traded for about \$140,000.

So the share price increase is a reflection of reinvesting retained earnings in a company which has a very high ROE.

Berkshire Hathaway's ROE averaged 21.4% over a 40 year period to 2006...



So what is most important when valuing a Stock?

It would seem that in valuing a stock we need to pay more attention to the ROE of a stock and place less emphasis on the earnings and dividend.

The other important factors are company debt and cash flow...



So this suggests that any stock which has an increasing ROE will have a proportionate rise in its share price!

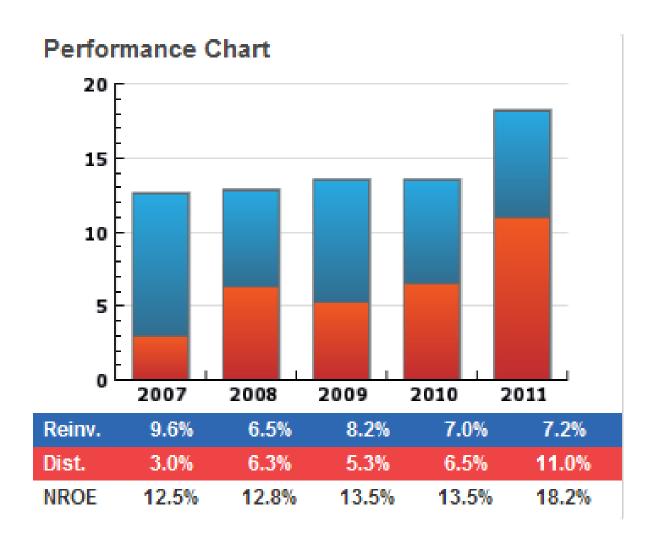
It would follow that if an investor can identify those stocks which have a high and increasing ROE then investing should be profitable and to some extent predicable...



If return on equity (ROE) is so important it should bear some relationship to share price.

Consider the example of Amcom (AMM)...

AMM data from Clime



Jun 2002

ROE %

It follows from the Amcom example that if an investor buys a stock where the intrinsic value shows an increasing ROE, she should be profitable.

The biggest problem for investors when valuing a stock Is to determine the true value (Intrinsic Value) of shares in a company.

How can we calculate or find the intrinsic value of a stock?...



If we are to emulate Buffett we need some method of obtaining a reasonably accurate value for the stock.

Montgomery's recent book is useful...

ROGER MONTGOMERY



HOW TO VALUE THE BEST STOCKS AND BUY THEM FOR LESS THAN THEY'RE WORTH

Montgomery provides a method for calculation of the intrinsic value (IV)

Based on the following data.

- •The number of shares on issue
- The end of year equity
- Forecast return on equity (ROE)
- Forecast earnings per share (EPS)
- Forecast dividend per share (DPS)

See his book for more information...



Montgomery's approach is useful

But the factors which affect the Intrinsic Value of a stock change frequently so it is difficult for an investor to maintain an updated list of more than perhaps 20 stocks.

An alternative is to look for a commercial solution which provides Intrinsic Values for most stocks listed on the ASX and updates these valuations regularly.

- Stock Doctor
- Clime
- Skaffold...



When do Value Investors sell?

Value investing is not a buy and hold strategy.

Stocks may be sold if:

- •The performance of the business declines
- •The price rises well above intrinsic value
- •The investor is fully invested but sees a better opportunity...



Value Investing in Summary

(an application of fundamental analysis)

The investor calculates the real value (IV) for a company

The investor aims to buy the stock below its IV. (at a discount to its IV)

This then should provide a buffer in times of market correction.

During a market correction shares in value stocks are not sold: this seen as an opportunity to increase holdings in profitable companies...



Other "fundamental" analysis approaches

There are other methods used by fundamental investors

- Sector analysis
- Management
- Market capitalization
- Institutional ownership...



What are the Pros and Cons of Fundamental Analysis?

Fundamental analysis is a powerful tool but be careful how you use it.

In support of fundamental analysis.

- it is the only way we can determine the intrinsic value of a company's shares
- it provides key information on which stocks have the best value and should be profitable.

The problems with fundamental analysis.

- assumes that all data is available and that the information is acted upon.
- data may be old and not give an accurate picture of the current position of a company.
- while the fundamentals show the company to be good value, is it the right time to buy it?...



Technical Analysis

see ASX web site http://www.asx.com.au/resources/education/classes/shares/index.htm

- •What is technical analysis?
- An introduction to different types of charts
- An introduction to charting software
- •An overview of some areas of technical analysis...



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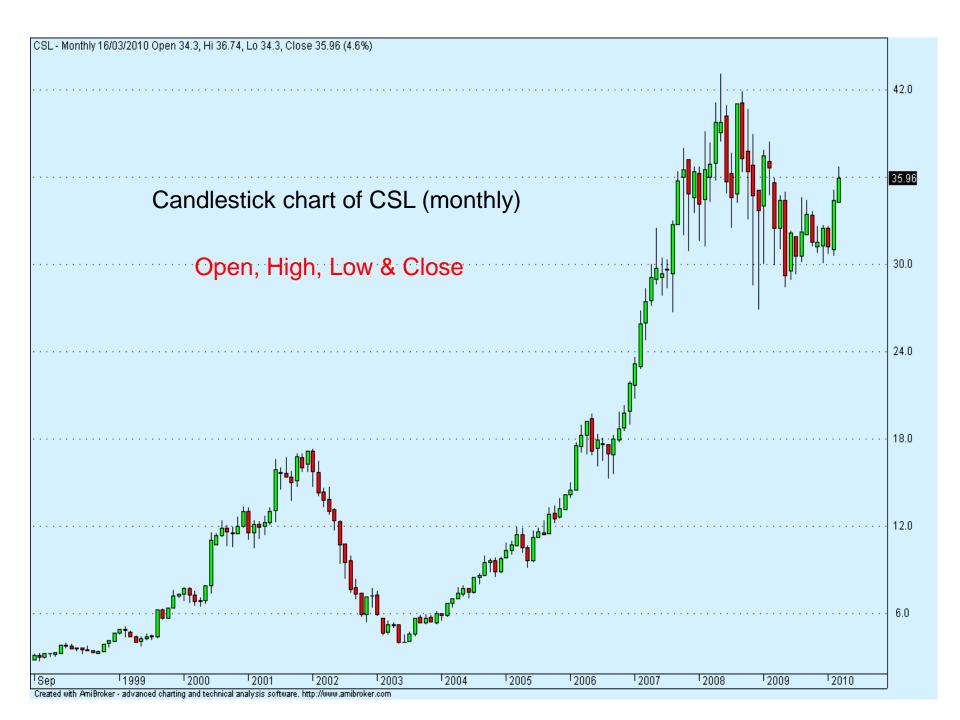
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Charts are the important tool in technical analysis...









Software for technical analysis

Good charts and data are the basis of technical analysis

Most software can be expensive \$200 to \$4,000

· some free software is useful

Data will cost \$30 to \$60 per month

free data is available but use with caution

Incredible charts is an excellent software package and is free *

It includes all data and many indicators...



Getting Started with Incredible Charts

http://www.incrediblecharts.com/

Go to the AIA website. From the drop down resources menu, select products, share market investment course to access the three video clips. The link is http://www.investors.asn.au/resources/products/sharemarket-investment-course/

On the right hand side of this page which promotes the Share Market Investment Course, there are links to three video clips which will provide the background you need to get started with Incredible Charts...



Incredible Charts

The Course refers the Incredible Charts software (available free). The following brief videos will assist in understanding the use of 'Incredible Charts'.

- Introduction to 'Incredible Charts'
 software
- 2. How to handle charts
- 3. Use of the screening module



Technical Analysis

see ASX web site http://www.asx.com.au/resources/education/classes/shares/index.htm

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Phase analysis (Dow Theory)

- Proposes that markets are cyclical
- That markets go through bull and bear cycles
- Within each cycle different phases can be recognized
- These different phases represent different risk situations
 - Consider the different phases of the S&P500...





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Pattern Recognition and Trends

Trends in stock prices are very important. Most successful investment systems follow trends - so need to identify trend changes.

But what is a trend?...











It is a big advantage if an investor can understand when a trend is about to start or end.

Chart patterns are very useful for this...



Pattern Recognition

Chart patterns reflect human behaviour in buying and selling shares.

The following chart patterns offer a high probability of future market movement and can be used to select stocks or to time entries into stocks which have been selected using other selection methods.

- (a) Trend continuation patterns
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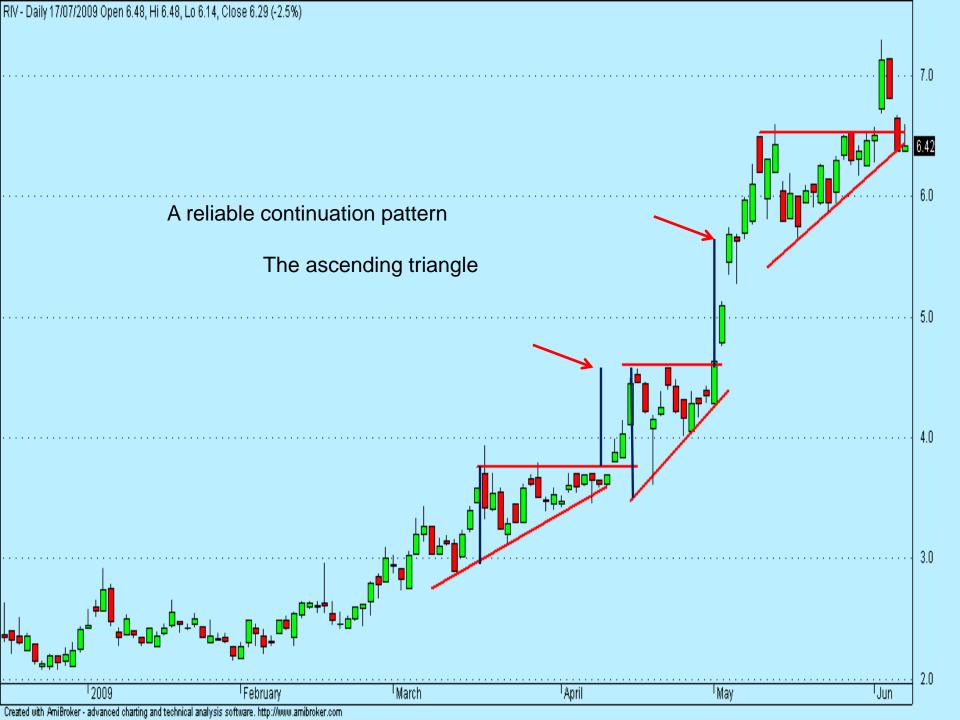


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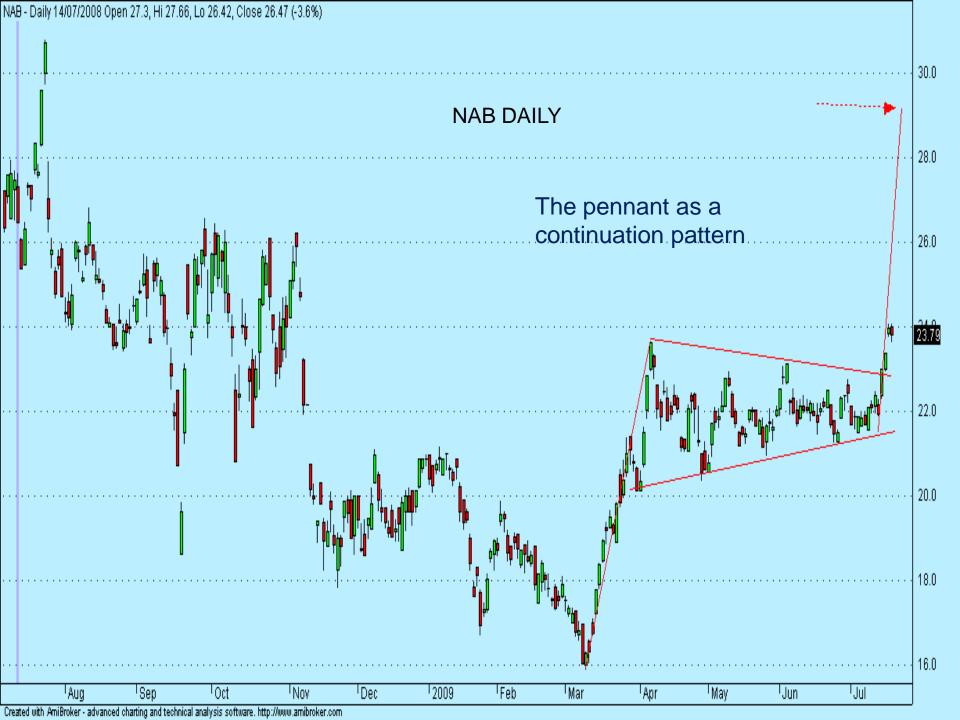
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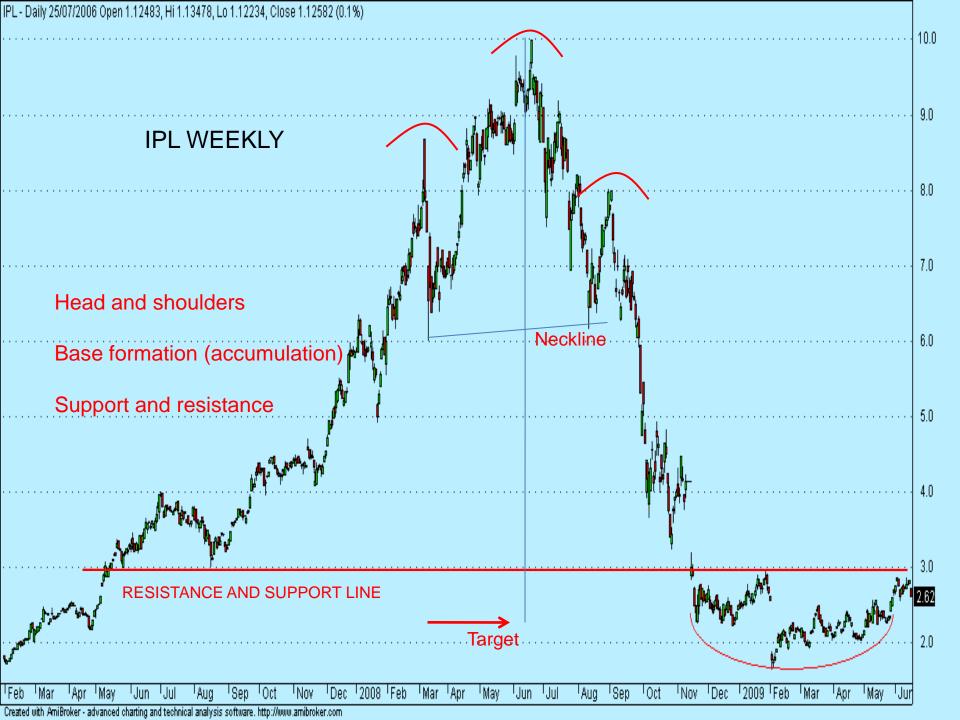
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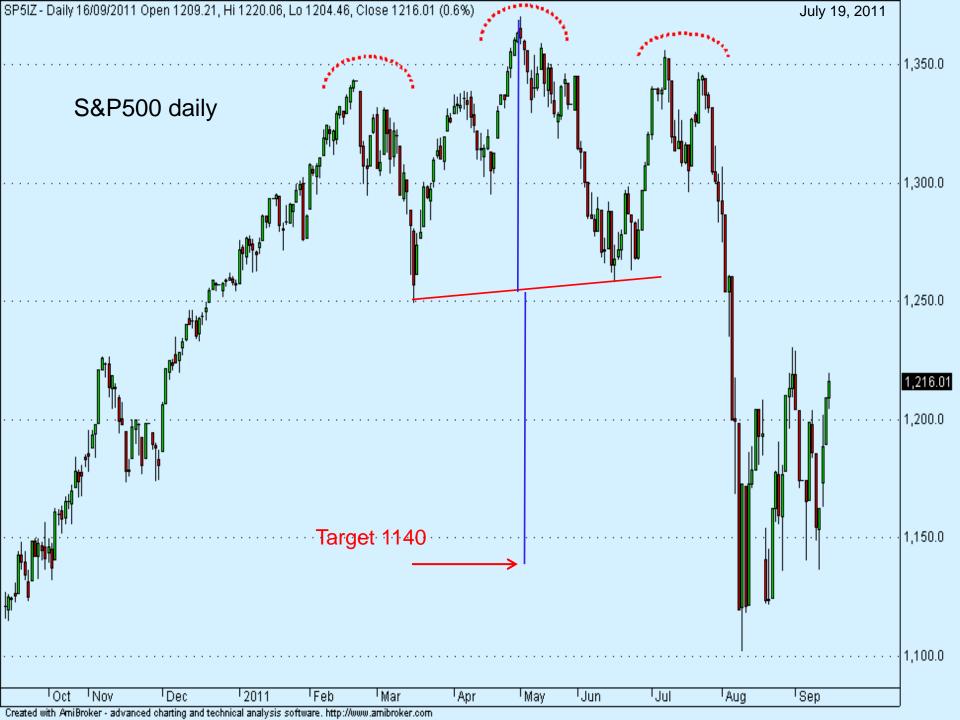
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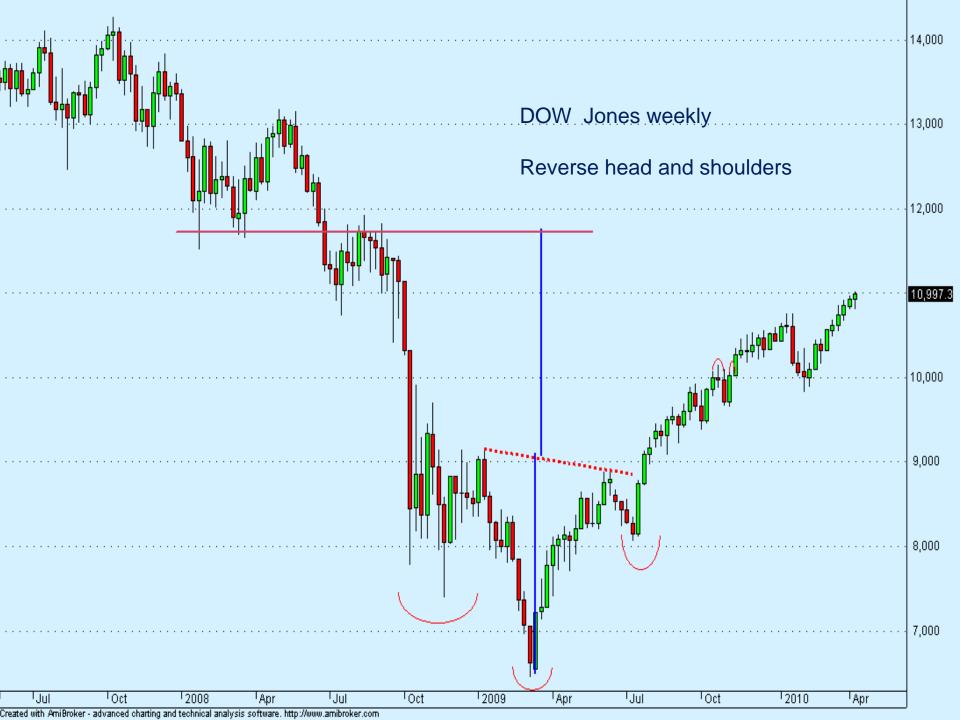




Also note the Inverse of these Patterns

- Double bottoms
- Reverse head and shoulders...







Emphasising why patterns are so important.

The market comprises a very large number of investors who react to the economic events at the time. This behaviour of the investors leaves a footprint in the form of a chart pattern.

Investors and traders respond in the same way to market events so chart patterns repeat themselves over and over again. So investors can use market patterns as a guide to the future.

An investor who understands technical analysis, including chart patterns has an insight into investor behaviour. This is a very big advantage...



Indicators

An indicator is derived from a mathematical calculation based on the price and volume of a security.

Indicators allow an investor to analyse the chart of a stock or index and provide an indication of probable future market action or direction...



Use of Indicators

An indicator can be used to measure stock price trends, volatility and momentum.

An indicator can be used to time entry into a stock which has been selected by another method.

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3. Indicators

(there are many indicators – I will cover only three)

- (a) trend confirmation indicators
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 - (i) Coppock indicator
 - (ii) Relative Strength Index (RSI) also has other applications...

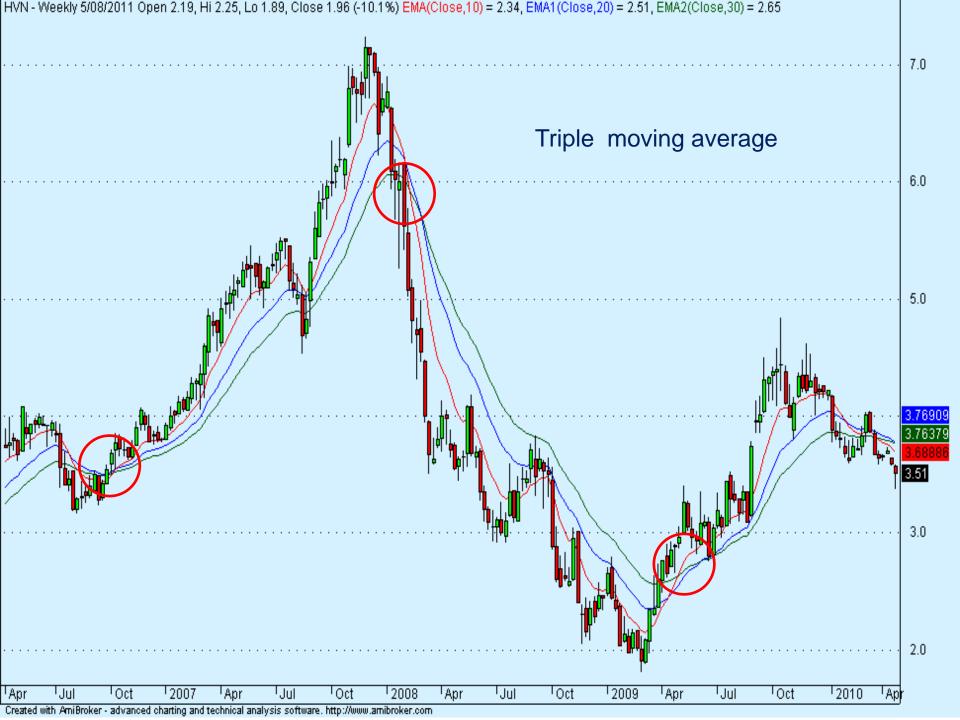


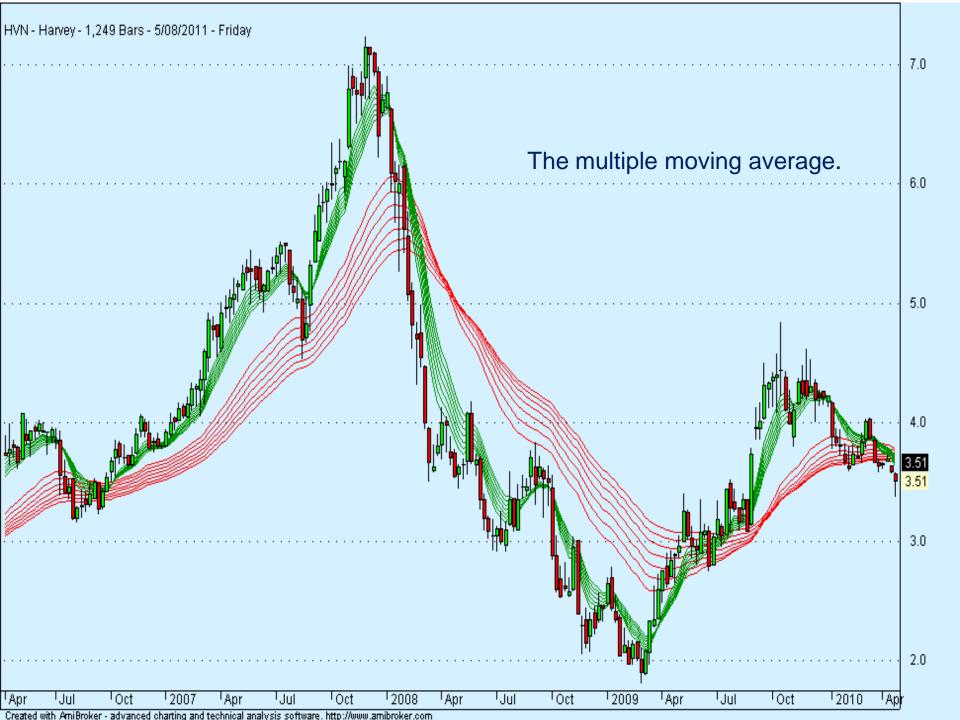
The use of indicators in Trend Confirmation

These indicators provide some probability that the trend will continue and would be used to enter an existing trend.

3 (a) Moving averages (including MMA) ...













3 (b) Trend Reversal Indicators

- (i) Coppock indicator
- (ii) Relative strength index (RSI)...



(i) Coppock indicator



The Coppock Indicator was designed to identify the start of the bull market on the Dow Jones Index and works well with any index.

It is used only on monthly charts e.g. the All Ordinaries index ...







Although Coppock was designed to identify the start of the bull market on the Dow Jones Index.....

It can be used on stock charts too.

Is useful for any liquid stock e.g. those in the ASX200...







Coppock Indicator can give false signals.

Avoid false signals by using a filter (30 week ema)...







Relative Strength Index (RSI)

This indicator compares the magnitude of recent gains or losses to past gains or losses: (see DVD for the equation).

RSI is a momentum oscillator with a range from 0 to 100

Is a coincident or leading indicator ...





The RSI has many applications

- as an overbought/oversold indicator
- as a market reversal indicator
- as an indicator to enter a trend (centre line crossover) ...





RSI as a Divergence Indicator (the 2nd application)

• what is divergence?...





RSI Divergence signals can be difficult to interpret

When divergence occurs there is a high probability that the trend will reverse.

But the divergence signal doesn't tell the analyst **when** the price trend reversal will occur <u>nor</u> how significant that reversal will be.

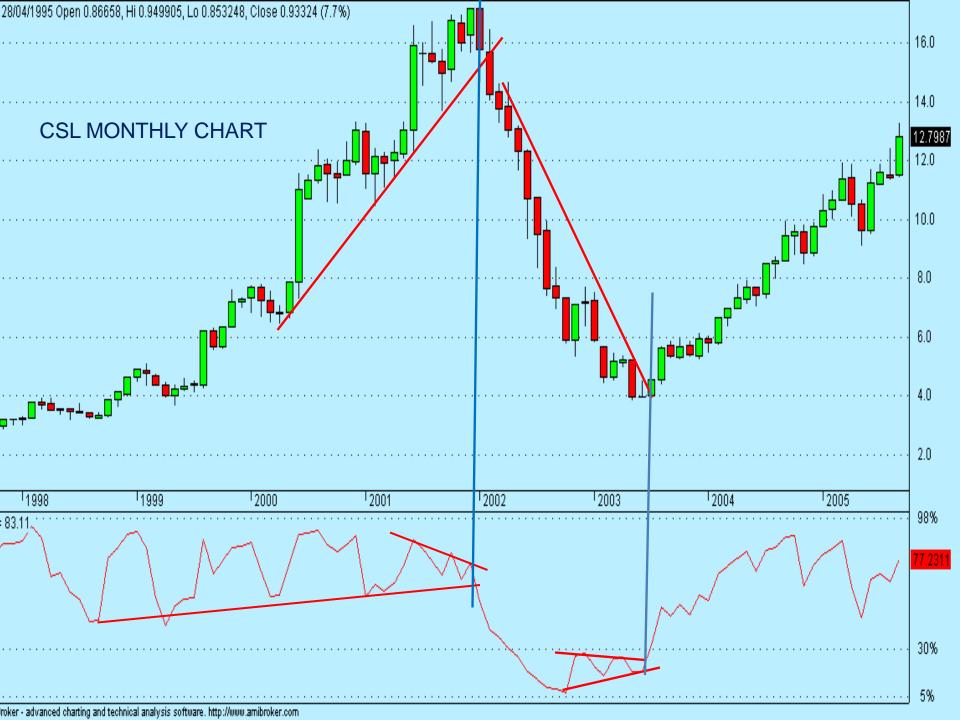
The next chart illustrates the problem and the solution...





If the RSI is useful to find the end of an existing trend it should be useful in finding the start of a new trend...









Entering a Trend Using the RSI Indicator (the 3rd RSI application)

The RSI can be used as an indicator to show when to enter an existing trend.

The entry signal is given when the RSI rises through the 50% level...





Fundamental analysis is little help in timing the market and this is where technical analysis is useful.

Consider the end of the bull market on the DOW in 2007 ...





Can I do this with Incredible Charts?







RSI accurately described the end of the bull market in Australia

It also gave the same signal for the end of the bull market on all of the major world indices in 2007. This was a time to sell!

So technical analysis does have value in planning an investment strategy and we can time the market.

Many fund managers claim that you cannot time the market...



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Volume in Technical Analysis

Volume provides important information about the buyers and sellers.

Where there is high demand for a particular stock

- volume increases significantly with buyer activity.
- when buyer activity slows, price doesn't fall very much,
 while volume falls significantly. (i.e. There are very few sellers)
- this is a good indication that this stock is going to continue to rise in price...





Time Frames in Technical Analysis

The time frame is very important.

- a signal on a daily chart can be useful for short term trades or for an investor wanting to refine an entry
- a signal on a weekly chart is more significant
- a signal on a monthly chart should not be ignored

Always start the analysis with the longer term charts before looking at the shorter term charts...



Summary of Technical Analysis

In technical analysis, charts are used to interpret the pattern of price and volume movement which is a reflection of the market mood and emotion.

The market mood results from perhaps tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of investors who have different opinions and emotions about the market. This is what moves the price of stocks...



Technical Analysis, the pros and cons

Advantages

- the market is all about emotion and technical analysis is concerned with the forces of supply and demand for the shares
- technical analysis should allow the investor to make an objective assessment about the movement of stock prices without being party to the emotion of the market participants

Disadvantages

- the problem with the use of technical analysis is that investors can become convinced that the chart has a bullish or bearish pattern even when that pattern does not exist. This may create the illusion of a buying or selling opportunity
- some analysts use too many indicators in the belief that more indicators will confirm a market signal

The techniques of technical analysis must be used objectively and with care...



Investment Strategies



Fundamental analysis or Technical analysis?

Both fundamental and technical analysis offer powerful tools to the investor.

Investing is not easy, so why not take advantage of all information and approaches that are available and use both fundamental and technical analysis? ...



Consider two examples of Investment Systems

- 1. Alan Hull
 - a. Hull, A. (2008) Blue Chip Investing Wright Books
- 2. Colin Nicholson
 - b. Nicholson, C. (2009) Building Wealth in the Stock Market, Wiley...



We start with Alan Hull's System

Hull, A. (2008) Blue Chip Investing, Wright books

- with the CNP example we controlled the risk in buying the shares (2%) and then managed the investment to ended up with a very good profit
- the alternative was to buy and hold (hope) and the results were not so good
- we now look at how Hull's investment approach manages risk and manages the investment ...



Hull's investment plan is a useful model because:

- it is a complete investment program with good strategies and good money management (risk management).
- all aspects of the management of each trade are specified
- it is profitable and has averaged 21% p.a. above the ASX200 over a 5yr period
- it is simple and takes only 1 hour per week to manage
- look at the elements of this plan (and other plans) which make them so successful.
 See if any of these are these worth incorporating into your investment plan...



Hull's Investment Plan

(actually my interpretation)

- trades only Australian shares in the ASX200:
 - selects the fastest trending stocks in the index
 - "must be fundamentally sound" and have an annual rate of return >25%
- uses these criteria to generate a list of the 40 best performing stocks
- available funds are invested equally in the top 10 stocks from this list
 - these must be liquid and select no more than 4 stocks in any one sector
- strict money management max loss of 2% in any one stock
- stop loss : sell if:
 - rate of annual return falls below 25%
 - price falls 20% from max price
 - the price falls below the 52 week moving average
 - stock is no longer listed in his top 40 stocks
- profit take if :
 - any one stock increases in value to be >15% of portfolio value
- manage on a weekly basis from Friday's data place order on Monday...



Hull's Stock Selection Philosophy is so Simple...







The first part in Hull's approach is Stock Selection

• a simple moving average (sma) is fitted to the chart to sit under the price

• this is used to measure the rate of annual return (ROAR).

this is explained in the next slide...





The Next Step

- in the CSL example the rate of annual return (ROAR) has been calculated manually. In practice software is used to calculate the rate of annual return of all stocks in the ASX200
- a market scan then finds those stocks in the ASX200 with a ROAR >25%
- a list of the top 40 stocks is printed out
 - Hull does this whole procedure on his proprietary software
 - we will see later how we can get a similar result using Incredible Charts.
- Hull's list of stocks for January 18, 2008 is reproduced in the next slide...

ASX200 Search Results RBA Cash Rate Target = 6.75%

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Some Comments on this List of 21 Stocks

Note that this list had 21 stocks not 40 stocks - why?

We buy the top 10 stocks in this list but:

- the stock must be liquid liquidity is Hull's cash flow column
- cash flow is 5% of the dollar value of share turnover for the week
 - e.g. if 1,000,000 shares of BKN sold this week at average of \$8 = dollar value of \$8,000,000
 - 5% of this is \$400,000 (Hull's Cash flow column is 5% of the weekly t/o)
 - our purchase of BKN cannot exceed \$400,000

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Buying the Stocks

Assume that available capital is \$100,000

Investment of \$10,000 will be made in each of the 10 top stocks in this list...



Investment Records

Good investments records are essential.

Use a book or spread sheet.

Here we enter the data into an Excel spreadsheet...

HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED

INITIAL FUNDS
AVAILABLE CASH
VALUE OF P'FOLIO
PROFIT

CAPITAL
SHARE VALUE
SHARES TO BUY

P/F AT START ON 20 JAN 2008

ASX	NUMBER	PRICE	VALUE	% OF
CODE	BOUGHT	PAID	AT START	TOTAL
TOTALS			0	
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VALUES ON WEEK ENDING

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HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED 20-Jan-08

INITIAL FUNDS	100000
AVAILABLE CASH	101
VALUE OF P'FOLIC	
PROFIT	

CAPITAL	100000
SHARE VALUE	5.00
SHARES TO BUY	2000

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WOR	244	41.00	10004	10.00	
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SDG	2740	3.65	10001	10.00	
ASX	212	47.03	9970	9.97	
TOTALS	TOTALS 99899				

VALUES ON WEEK ENDING JAN 20 2008

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PRICE	VALUE	TOTAL	PROFIT
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20-Jan-08

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Portfolio Update

• Update the portfolio weekly on Friday's close...

In one months time on 25 February 2008 the spreadsheet is updated by inserting the current closing prices at the end of the week into the price column.

(in practice the spreadsheet is updated every week) ...

HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED

20-Jan-08

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VALUE OF P'FOLIO	104194
PROFIT	4194

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Feb-28

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PRICE	VALUE	TOTAL	PROFIT
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105.30	9266	8.9	-678
53.20	10800	10.4	812
36.98	9023	8.7	-981
29.11	10043	9.6	38
35.00	10255	9.9	261
8.95	14866	14.3	4867
14.22	11234	10.8	1240
2.98	8165	7.8	-1836
48.21	10221	9.8	250
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We continue to updated the spreadsheet at the end of every week.

We now look at the spreadsheet about two months later on 5 May 2008 and see how the investment has progressed...

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20-Jan-08

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TOTALS			99899	

VALUES ON WEEK ENDING

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consider again the portfolio at May 5th ...

HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED

20-Jan-08

INITIAL FUNDS	100000
AVAILABLE CASH	101
VALUE OF P'FOLIO	112277
PROFIT	12277

CAPITAL
SHARE VALUE
SHARES TO BUY

P/F AT START ON 20 JAN 2008

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Management Action Needed

- must sell WOR as it now is showing a 20% loss
 - this adds \$7,613 to our available cash
- must take profit on HVN reduce HVN holding to 10%
 - assume that 10% of portfolio value is about \$11,200
 - we retain 1091 shares each valued at \$10.26 for a total of \$11,193 (10%)
 - this means selling 570 shares in HVN at 10.26 for \$5,848
 - this \$5,842 is also added to our cash
- there is now a total of \$13,461 to add to our available cash
- cash now totals \$13,562 (includes the \$101 previously available cash)

our portfolio now looks like this...

HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED

20-Jan-08

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AVAILABLE CASH	13562
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There is a need to replace WOR

Portfolio value is now \$112,277 so the purchase of the replacement stock needs to be 10% of capital (i.e. about \$11,200)

The stock to be purchased is the highest ROAR valued stock on the current list on 5 May...

ASX200 Search Results RBA Cash Rate Target = 6.50%

	Code	Company Name	Price(\$)	ROAR(%)	Cashflow(\$)	Industry Group
	IPL	Incitec Pivot	104.75	93.29	4879173	Materials
	LEI	Leighton Holdings	53.20	87.30	8375197	Cap Goods
	AQP	Aquarius Platinum	14.22	63.40	858569	Materials
	CSL	CSL	36.10	61.00	15967153	Pharm &Biotech.
	SDG	Sunland Group	4.67	57.68	779833	Real Estate
	FLT	Flight Centre	32.90	56.46	1538725	Consumer Services
	CSM	Consolidated Mins	5.58	49.62	265555	Materials
_	HVN	Harvey Norman	10.26	47.72	4663817	Retail Holdings
X	OST	One Steel	6.26	46.73	7945330	Materials
	ASX	Aust. Stock Exchange	48.99	45.93	9501905	Divers Financials
	SEK	Seek	8.72	44.47	1814592	Comm Services
	WOR	Worley parsons	31.20	44.41	5805346	Energy
	TOL	Toll Holdings	13.70	43.71	9259917	Transportation
	DJS	David Jones	5.01	43.43	210142	Retailing
	WAN	West Aust. Newspapers	14.91	43.96	1680213	Media
	QAN	QANTAS	5.65	42.81	16833348	Transportation
	CRG	Crane Group	16.99	39.74	952076	Capital Goods
	AIX	Aust. Infrastructure	3.32	37.77	805489	Transport Fund
	WOW	Woolworths	30.61	35.60	22778006	Food & Staples
	MXG	Multiplex Group	5.02	35.20	9220087	Real Estate
	SGM	Sims Group	30.70	34.63	3120403	Materials
	PBG	Pacific Brands	3.12	33.06	2526771	Retailing
	ABC	Adelaide Brighton	3.86	32.31	998854	Materials
	SBC	Southern Cross	17.15	31.98	1101305	Media Broadcasting
	TSE	Transfield Services	14.00	31.95	1413420	Comm. Services
	JST	Just Group	5.33	30.91	975617	Retailing



From the Latest List of Stocks

We will buy OST

Available cash is about \$11,200, so we can buy:

1794 shares of OST at \$6.26 for a total cost of \$11,230

this leaves a cash balance of \$2332

After the purchase of OST, the updated portfolio looks like this...

HULL PORTFOLIO STARTED

20-Jan-08

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Summary of Hull's Management Strategy

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- or if price closed below the 52 week sma stop loss
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All ten stocks need to be managed on a weekly basis using weekly charts (takes an hour at the weekend)

Use data from Friday and place order on following Monday...

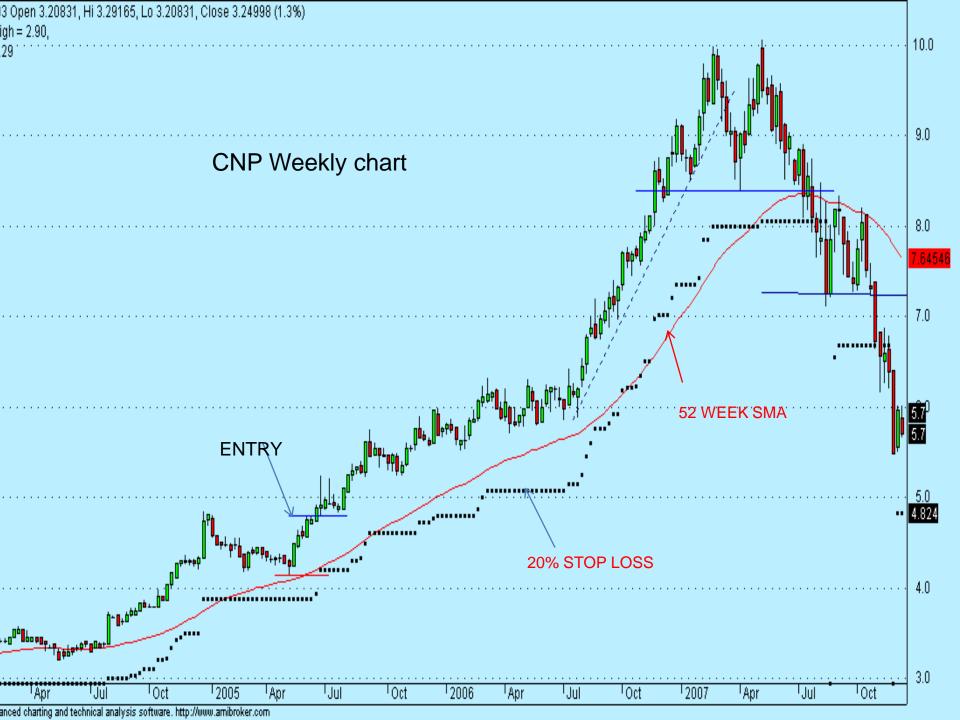


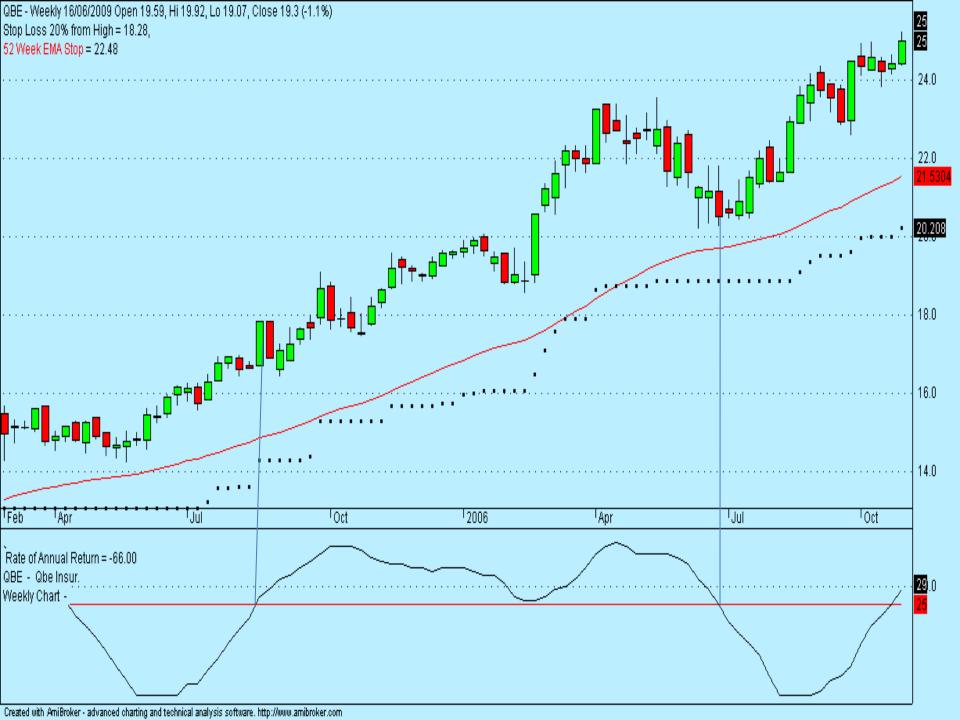
What about the Charts?

We have maintained the portfolio from a spread sheet.

But the trade would be managed using the chart as well as the spreadsheet.

The stops need to be entered on the charts (manually if necessary)...







The Investment approach of Colin Nicholson

Nicholson, C. (2009) Building Wealth in the Stock Market, Wiley...



The Nicholson Strategy

His overall strategy:

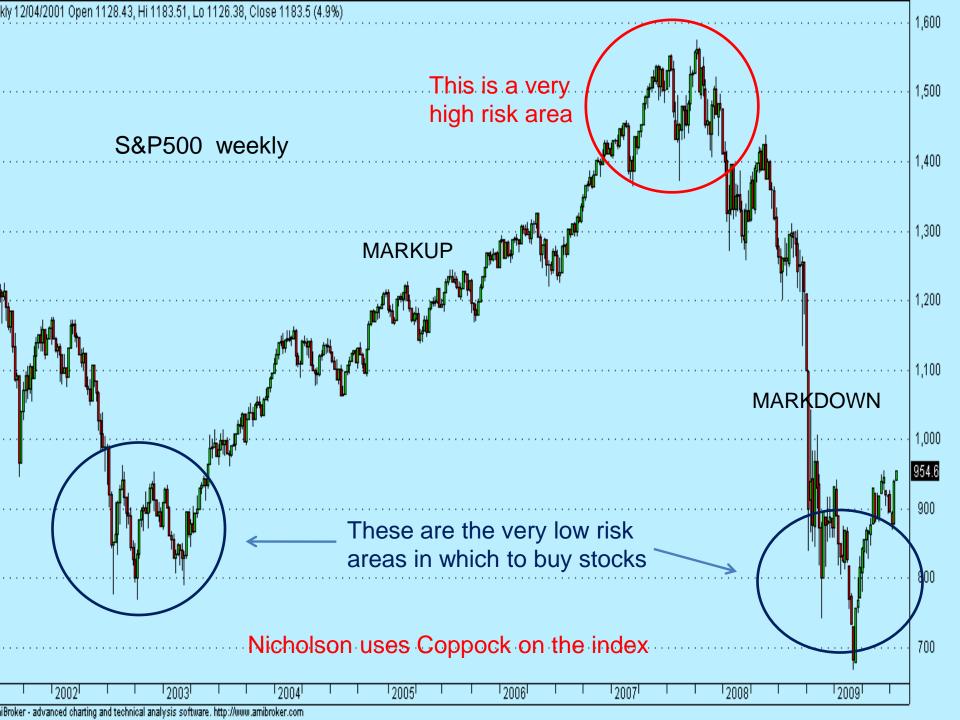
- he buys only quality Australian stocks based on fundamental analysis
- he buys only stocks which are trending up
- he buys partial positions and adds to them
- quickly sells any stock where the trend has failed

He has a comprehensive trading plan:

- he takes into account the risks in investing (very risk adverse)
- he enters the market when risk is lowest and sells when risk is greater
- has a rigorous stock selection method: will buy max of 25 stocks.
- has a specific method for managing his investments
- keeps good records and actively times the market...

He enters the market when risk is lowest and sells when risk increases

When is the market risk high or low? ...





How does Nicholson Select Stocks?

He uses technical analysis first to select any stocks which have made a 52 week high and then subjects these stocks to fundamental analysis.

He then applies fundamental analysis to this preliminary list:

- stock must make profits and pay dividends
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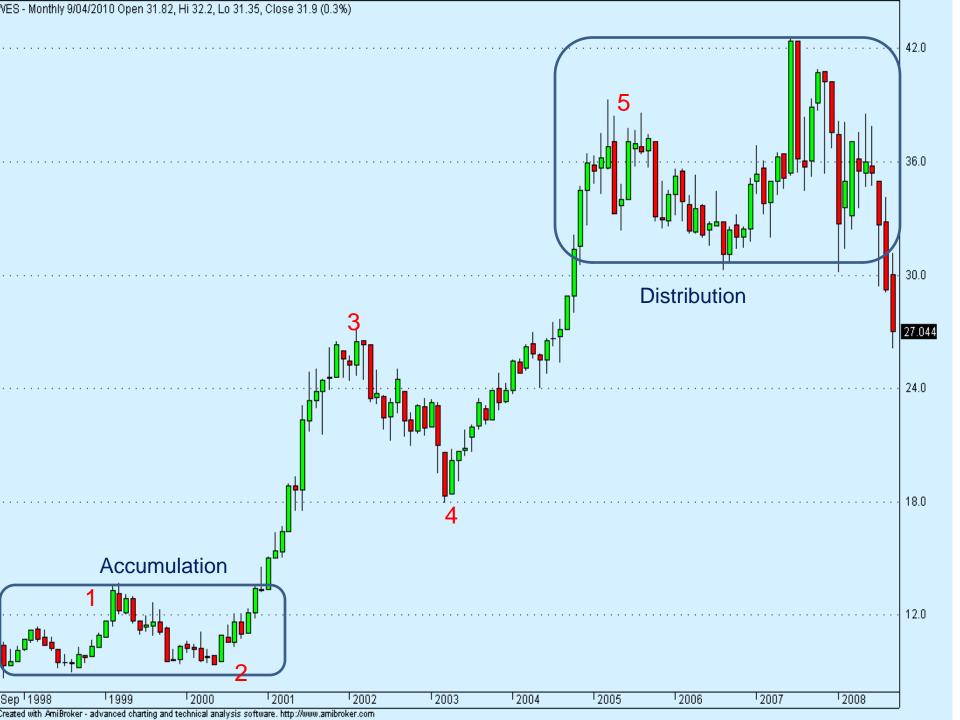
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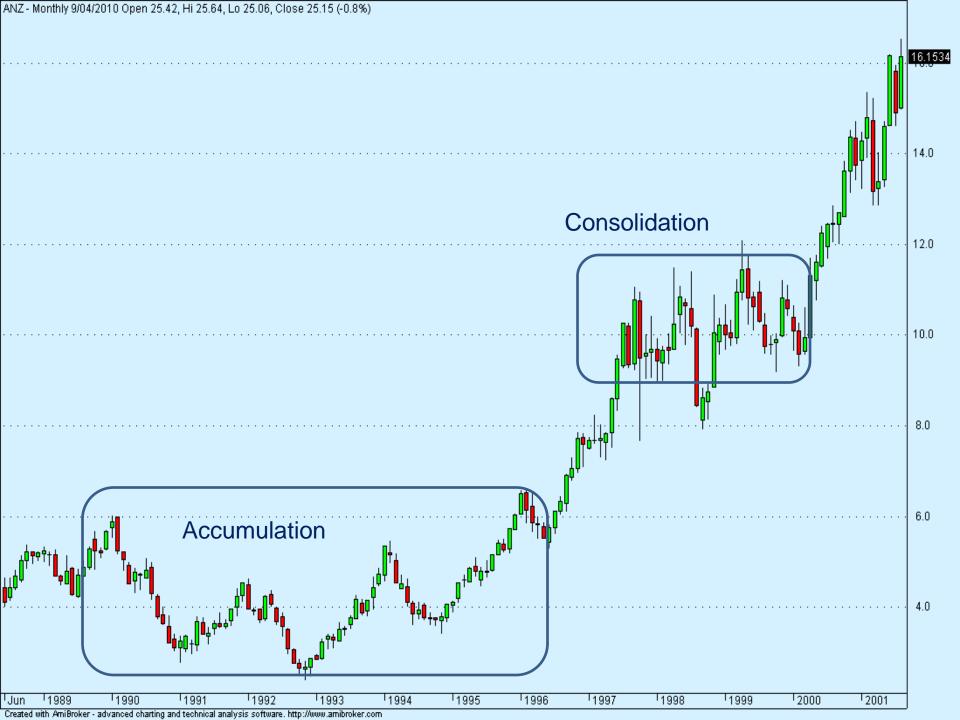
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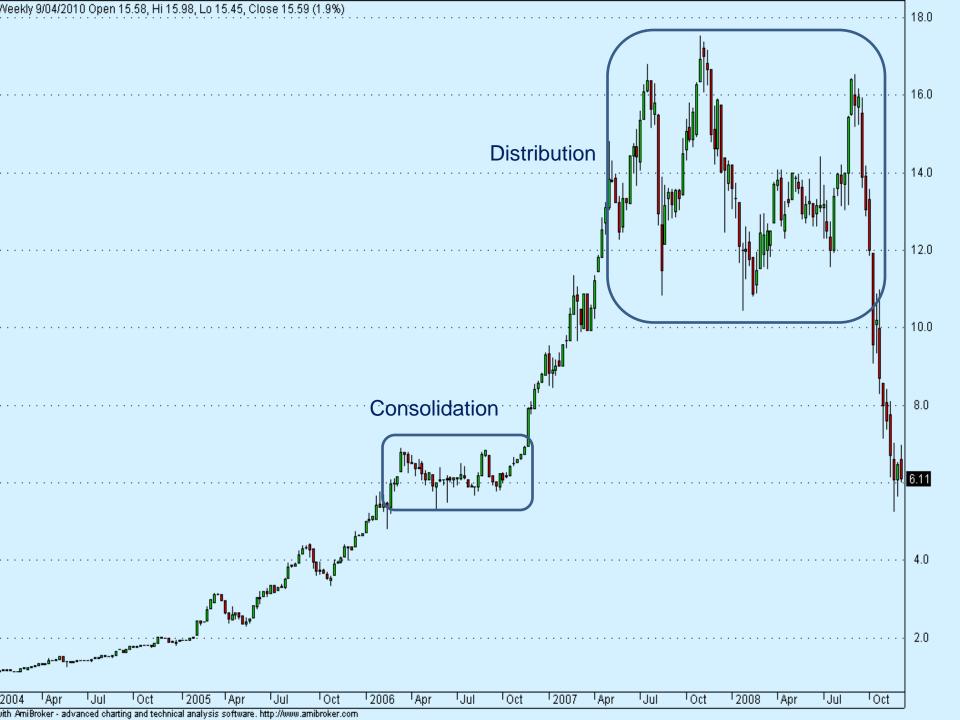
Accumulation, Distribution and Consolidation

Some examples ...













Partial positions

Having selected the stock and decided when to enter the market, the Nicholson approach is to buy a partial position.

He would risk no more than 2% on any one investment. If he planned to buy 3000 BHP he might first buy 1000 BHP and then add to his position with later purchases.

This is a risk adverse approach to investing...



Nicholson uses technical analysis as part of his stock selection method and having bought the stock he manages the trade using technical analysis by understanding the trend...



Comparing the Approaches of Nicholson and Hull

The two approaches are quite different but do have common elements

- they both invest in stocks which are trending upwards
- they both have trading plans which minimise risk
- both are actively managed programs not buy and hold

Hull (is a trader rather than an investor) (uses paytechnical analysis)
• invests available copital acrealists 40 cm.

- invests available capital equally in 10 stocks
 assumes ASX200 stocks are quality not interested in dividends
- stock must have a minim ROAR of 25%
- does not attempt to time the market.

Nicholson (an investor) (uses both fundamental and technical analysis)

- may buy up to 25 stocks
- stocks must be quality and return good dividends
- stock is often at its yearly high
- actively times the market but uses no indicators in trade management...



Stock Selection

Stock selection is not the most important part of investing

- Management of the open position
- Money management

How do investors select stocks?

It must be seen in the context of the investment plan.

The advantages of stock selection are lost if there is no plan:

- To manage risk
- To manage the open position...



The Challenge of Stock Selection

- there are about 2100 stocks listed on the ASX.
- most investors are looking for about 10 20 stocks
- how does the investor select stocks which will be profitable?
- one problem is the huge amount of available information

Today we consider several approaches used to select stocks...



The Stock Selection Process

Investors use one of two main approaches in stock selection.

- passive selection
 - the stocks are selected by a broker or advisor
- active selection (stocks selected by the investor)
 - based only on fundamental analysis
 - using only a technical approach
 - combining technical and fundamental approaches ...



Passive Stock Selection

This is where the investor depends on brokers or advisors to make the selections and decisions and does not participate in the process.

The use of a professional to select stocks is a perfectly logical approach.

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The passive investor must take responsibility...



Active Methods for Stock Selection

Active investors are actively involved in the decision making process they use fundamental and/or technical methods to select stocks.

fundamental methods

give information on which stocks to buy

technical methods

give information on when to buy and when to sell

combining both fundamental and technical methods.

takes advantage of the strengths of both methods ...



Using Fundamental Analysis as a Stock Selection tool

Fundamental analysis is the study of the various factors that affect the company's earnings and dividends. It looks at various aspects of the company's financial position and performance.

The objective is to determine the stock's intrinsic worth or its growth prospects. If the shares are trading at less than their intrinsic value then the shares are be seen as good value.

As investors we can make use of fundamental ratios to compare stocks...



Sources of Fundamental Data

- newsletters
 - Eureka report
 - Huntley YMW (Morningstar)
 - Intelligent Investor
- investment journals, internet, Financial Review
- software
 - Clime
 - Stockdoctor
 - broker software
- Roth Top Stocks ...

"... one of the best sources of information for sharemarket investors. Professional investors and occasional dabblers alike will find this values extremely assisted."

Deck Parker, THE AUSTRALIAN

Martin Roth

TOP PUBLICATION YEAR OF STOCKS 2005

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115 LEADING AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES



Stock Selection Using Both Technical and Fundamental Methods

Some investors prefer to do the fundamental search first and subject the filtered candidates to technical analysis. Others prefer to filter the market using technical methods first, followed by fundamental analysis.

The important thing is to reduce the market to a manageable number of stocks then subject these to further detailed analysis using the other approach.

The following example, selects stocks using fundamental analysis first and then uses technical analysis to further refine the selection...



Using software for selecting stocks based on fundamentals

- there is useful software available which provides filters offering many different fundamental criteria with which to scan the market.
- the following market scan uses software from the broker E*TRADE.

This is a useful approach since the result of the screening process provides full quantitative data which can be transferred into Excel for analysis.

The following analysis was carried out in March 2009 ...





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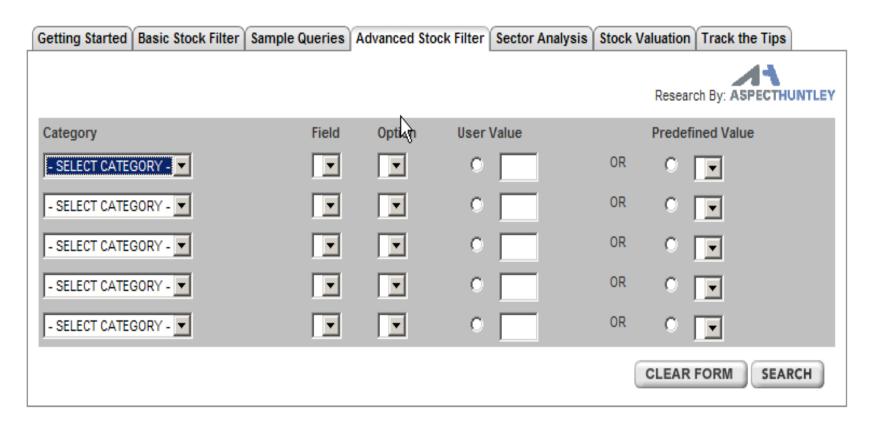




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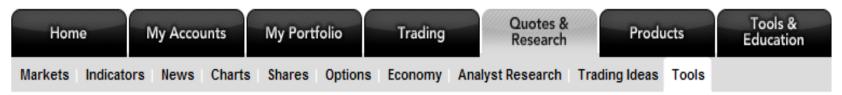




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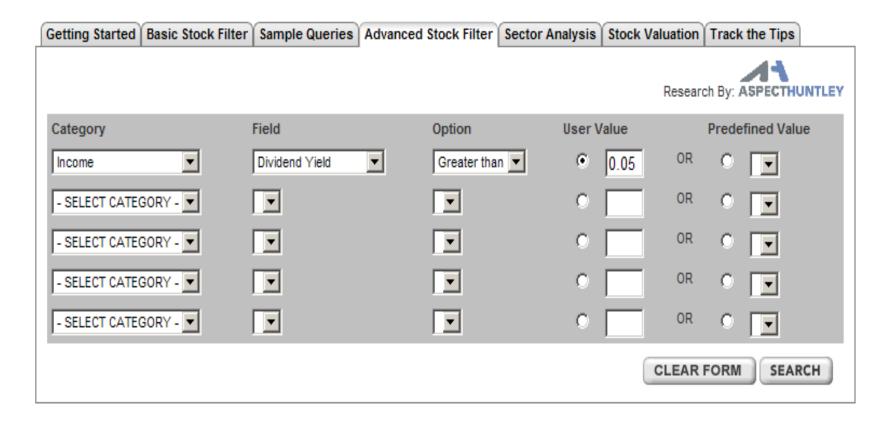




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Research Tools: Advanced Stock Filter





USING THE ETRADE FUNDAMENTAL FILTER

FILTER	NUMBER OF STOCKS
NO FILTER (TOTAL STOCKS AVAILABLE)	1942
STOCK PRICE IS GREATER THAN \$2.00	259
P/E RATIO < 12	87
MARKET CAP > \$ 500 M	45
DIVIDEND YIELD > 5%	30
RETURN ON EQUITY > 15%	17

STOCKS FROM ETRADE FUNDAMENTAL FILTER

ASX Code	Price	P/E Ratio	Market Cap	Dividend Yield	Return on Equity
<u>WAN</u>	4.2	9.22	892,322,172	10.65%	131.90%
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Using the Results from the Fundamental Approach

- these filters provide a short list of interesting stocks
- the investor could simply buy the top stocks in the list
- an alternative is to apply technical analysis to this list of stocks.
- today we will look at three stock from the list, WAN, CNA & IPL ...

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Technical Analysis is now Applied to These Data.

Technical analysis is now used to study these stocks from a different perspective. (and tell us when to buy).

Looking for stocks which are now in an uptrend.

Technical analysis may warn of other factors affecting the price of these stocks, factors which are not evident from fundamental information.

- Is there a trend?
- Evidence of insider trading
- Lack of liquidity etc...













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Summarising the Dual Filter Approach

From the list of 17 stocks selected on fundamental grounds - three were evaluated using technical analysis. On technical grounds, none of these three stocks would be bought at this time. (March 2009)

- 1. IPL is a potential purchase but needs to overcome resistance before buying.
- CNA is a high market capitalization stock but was eliminated as it has low liquidity and so is an investment risk.
- 3. WAN was the top prospect on fundamental grounds but remains on a watch list as this stock is still in a down trend and could pose a potential risk of capital loss.

This was the conclusion in March 2009. So how did these stocks perform subsequently?...







Having used the fundamental approach followed by technical analysis: now consider an alternative method of stock selection.

This time using technical analysis to find a list of suitable stocks....



What help can Technical Analysis offer in stock selection?

Charts provide a number of opportunities to understand a market.

- identify trends and support & resistance
- show market patterns which can be used to interpret market sentiment
- offer a range of indicators which may identify trend continuation or termination...



What software is needed to select stocks using technical parameters

Charting packages offer the opportunity to select stocks using technical parameters in a process called screening or exploration.

This is simply a means of reducing the 2000 ASX stocks to provide a usable list of perhaps 10 – 20 stocks...



Many suitable software packages are available

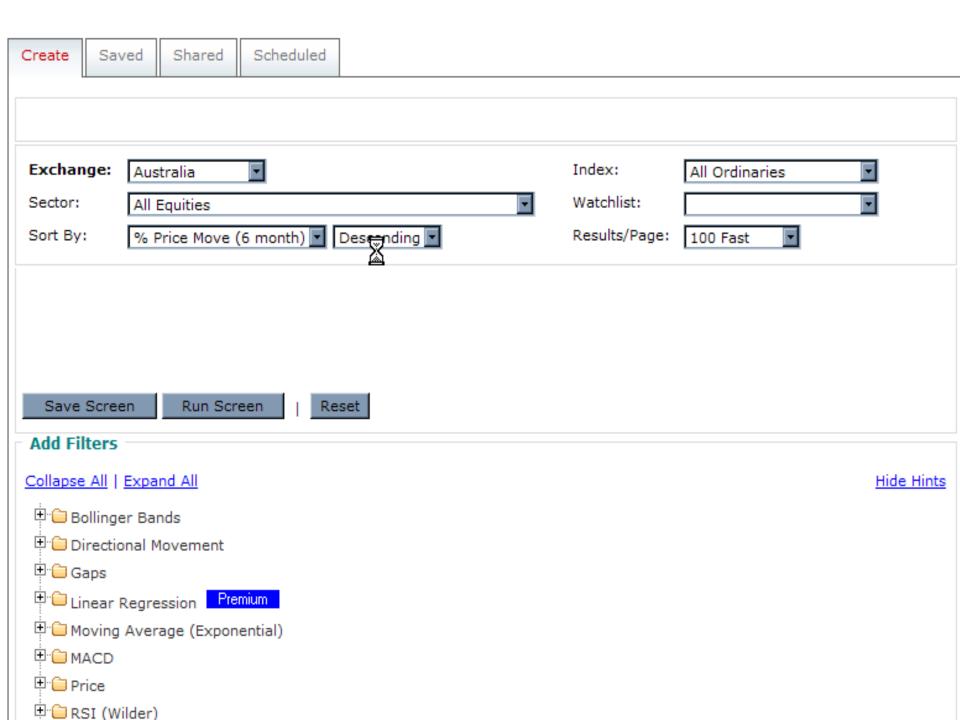
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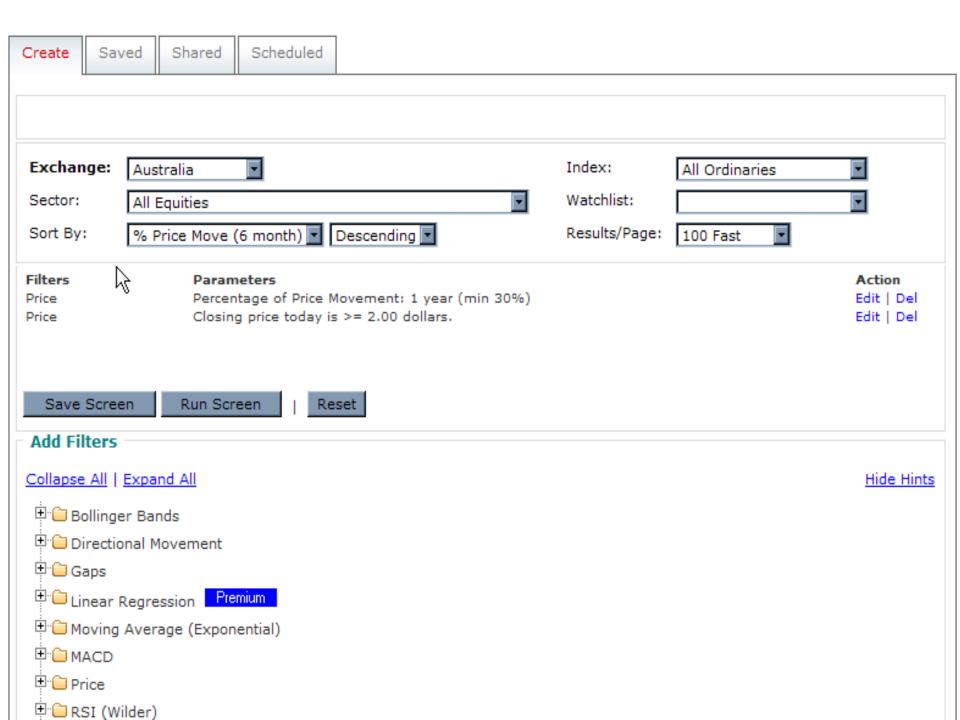
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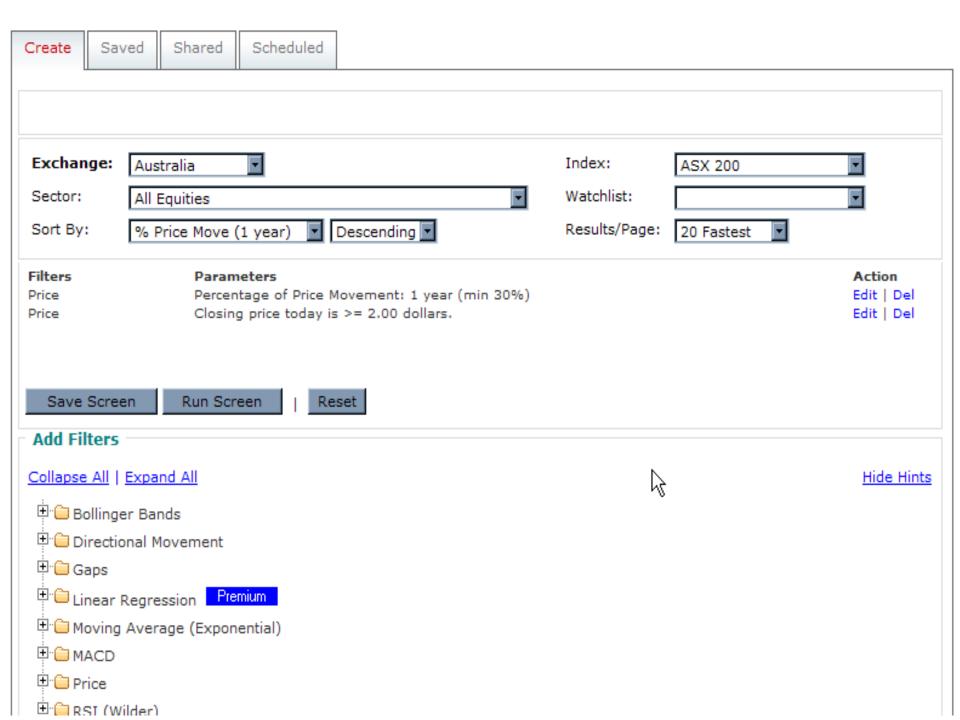
Incredible charts

In this example Incredible Charts is used:

Here we Screen the market to select a list of stocks for a "Hull portfolio"...







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Security	Exchange	Sector	Close	Indexes	%PM(1Y)
AURORA OIL & GAS [AUT]	ASX	Oil & Gas Exploration & P	303	ASX 200	597
INTREPID MINES [IAU]	ASX	Gold	210	ASX 200	546
LYNAS CORPORATION [LYC]	ASX	Diversified Metals & Mining	214	ASX 100	337
COALSPUR MINES LTD [CPL]	ASX	Speciality Chemicals	200	ASX 200	300
ILUKA RESOURCES [ILU]	ASX	Diversified Metals & Mining	1175	ASX 100	170
REGIS RESOURCES [RRL]	ASX	Gold	228	ASX 200	127
SANDFIRE RESOURCES [SFR]	ASX	Diversified Metals & Mining	699	ASX 200	96
RIVERSDALE MINING [RIV]	ASX	Speciality Chemicals	1615	ASX 100	87
MEDUSA MINING LTD [MML]	ASX	Gold	721	ASX 200	85
LINC ENERGY LTD [LNC]	ASX	Oil & Gas Exploration & P	287	ASX 200	77
AUSDRILL LIMITED [ASL]	ASX	Diversified Metals & Mining	376	ASX 200	67
MINERAL RESOURCES. [MIN]	ASX	Diversdified Support Ser	1184	ASX 200	63
PERSEUS MINING LTD [PRU]	ASX	Gold	310	ASX 200	59
TOWER AUSTRALIA [TAL]	ASX	Multi-Line Insurance	393	ASX 200	53
INDEPENDENCE GROUP [IGO]	ASX	Diversified Metals & Mining	656	ASX 200	53
BOART LONGYEAR [BLY]	ASX	Construction & Engineering	449	ASX 100	47
ATLAS IRON LIMITED [AGO]	ASX	Steel	352	ASX 100	47
ST BARBARA LIMITED [SBM]	ASX	Gold	220	ASX 200	44
ALUMINA LIMITED [AWC]	ASX	Aluminum	239	ASX 50	44
FLEETWOOD CORP [FWD]	ASX	Automobile Manufacturers	1215	ASX 200	42



Having selected a list of stocks on a technical basis, the investor could buy the top 10 stocks on the list or:

Apply fundamental analysis to these stocks to further refine the list.

In summary: using both fundamental and technical analysis in stock selection is a very useful approach...



Other Stock "Selection" Methods

- newsletters
- the media
- brokers
- tips

Most of these methods are suspect.

Always evaluate any stock by looking at a chart before you buy...



Conclusions

Stock selection is important but it is only one step contributing to a successful investment result.

- while fundamental and technical analysis are valuable tools in stock selection, both techniques must be used with care.
- a sound investment plan, with good risk management and trade management strategies in place is basic to profitable investing.
- from this position, appropriate stock selection methods become important to an investor's profitability...





How to Manage Market Risk

Finding the Position of the Market



The Problem of Market Risk.

We have considered the risks in investing and how each risk factor can be avoided or at least managed.

We discussed how an investor would manage **specific risk** but we have not addressed **market risk**.

Perhaps market risk is the most poorly considered aspect of risk management and yet nearly every investor does make some attempt to evaluate market risk every time they buy or sell a stock.

It is the process of evaluating market risk that I would call **Position of the Market...**



The Position of the Market

- Is an assessment of market risk.
- Market risk is one of two risk situations which we cannot control.

 As investors we need to make an assessment of probable future market moves before we invest in the market.
- As an investor I would like to be fully invested early in the bull market.
- But I do not want to invest at the last stages of a bull market...





This is the approach that I use

I Fundamental analysis to assess the World and Australian situation

II Technical Analysis of International and Australian markets...



I. Fundamental Appraisal of the Markets

USA

- High sovereign, corporate debt. Consumer debt. Unemployment, real estate crisis.
- Monetary solution vs.. Fiscal solution, Further QE --- inflation, Baby boomers
- Unfunded liabilities for pension and medical. No bull market.

The European Union

- The crisis of sovereign debt, corporate debt. Fiscal and political indecision.
- In recession. Greece will default. Spain, Portugal and Italy?
- Recession, deflation, changes in the EU?

China

- Inflation, Bubble in real estate. Regional infrastructure debt. Transparency of info.
- slowing economy. A manufacturing nation. The EU effect. Social issues.

The Islamic Region

- Moves for social and democratic change. Sectarian differences
- Oil, Iran and Saudi Arabia, Disruption of world economy oil.

Australia

- Dual economy, Unemployment rising, Government and consumer debt,
- Real estate bubble? Reliance on China.
- World recession will affect Aust. Unduly complacent....



World Fundamentals in Summary

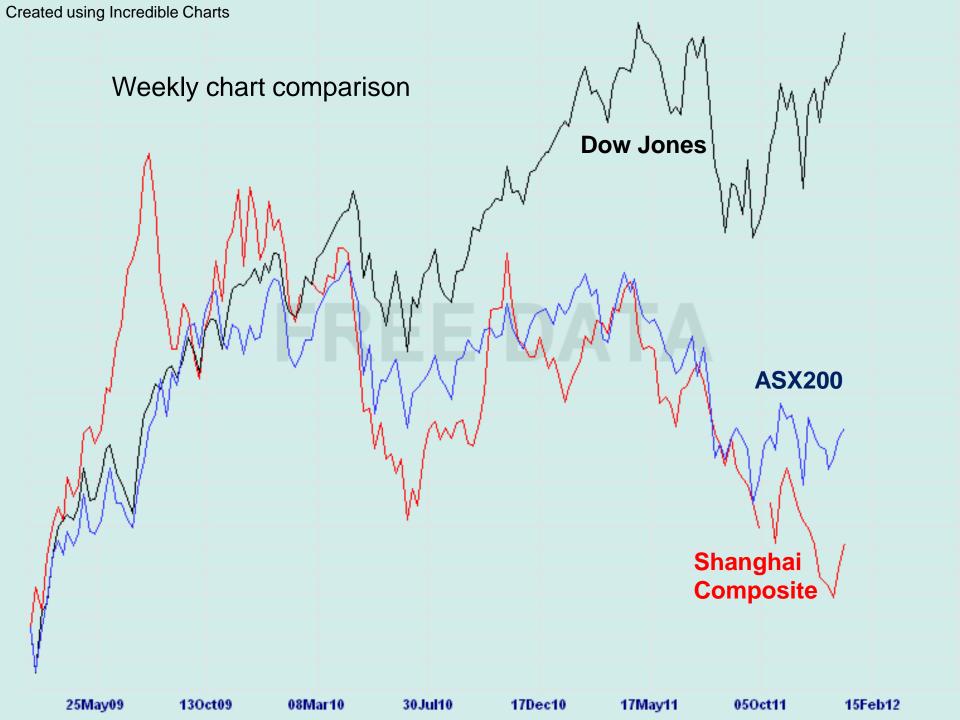
- •There are now serious issues with sovereign debt.
- the EU will lead the world into recession
- Period of low growth, deflation, markets performing poorly
- Inflation inevitable in the longer term
- Australia closely coupled to China...



China is vital to Australia

- Lack of credible information
- But investors have inside information on China's economy
- The Shanghai Composite index...







The Australian economy is linked to China

- Australian investors need to follow the Shanghai Composite index
- Take less notice of the Dow Jones index...



Using Technical Analysis to assess the Position of the Market

The following are the <u>independent</u> technical approaches to assess the position of the market.

- a. Elliot wave theory
- b. Classical methods support and resistance
- c. Pattern recognition
- d. Indicators Relative Strength Index (RSI)

Elliot wave theory has not been discussed.....



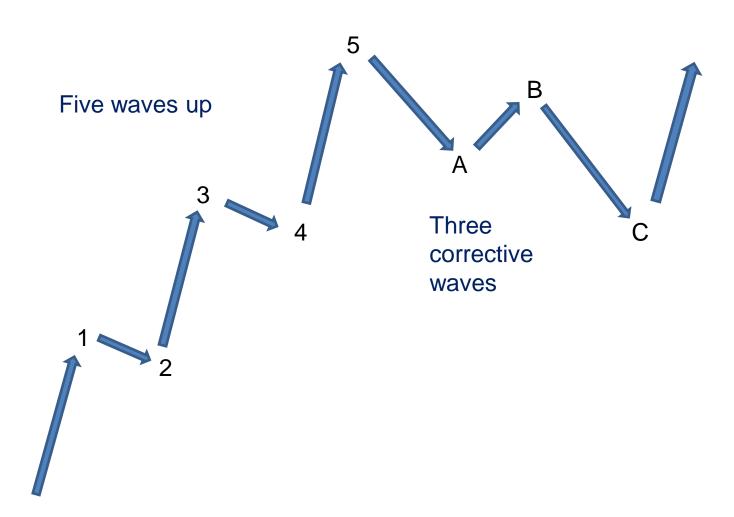
So What is Elliot wave theory?



Elliot Wave theory is based on the idea that there is order in the market.

The market is not random but moves in wave-like patterns...

An overview of the Elliot Wave model



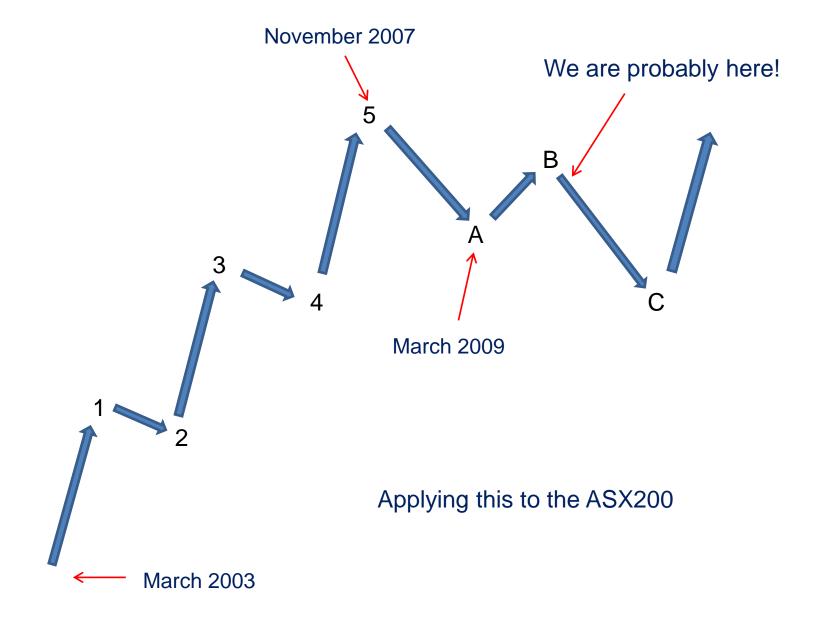


Applying Elliot wave analysis to the ASX200

Elliot wave analysis can tell the investor about the current position of the market.

So what is our current position?...

What is the market position in February 2012?







The Elliot Wave model suggests that we are now in this final phase of the bear market which started in November 2007



How do I routinely use technical analysis

to assess the Position of the Market?...







Some observations from technical analysis

• The Australian market is now uncoupled from the major markets of the developed nations but closely aligned with the Chinese market.

 Technical data from <u>independent</u> analyses (Secular market, Elliot wave, pattern analysis and indicators) show that there is a high probability of further market decline...



Overall impressions on Position of the Market

When considering world fundamentals, sovereigh debt particularly in the EU gives cause for concern. With US economic problems in addition to the EU situation this suggests the probability of a world recession.
 Technical analysis of the markets using several independent approaches

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Investing in the Share Market

Other topics

- 1. How do I start to invest?
- 2. What if I have very little capital?
- 3. Using stock broker services
- 4. What if I don't want to invest directly?
- 5. Data recording
- 6. Investor psychology
- 7. Information overload...



How do I start to invest in the market?

- Starting a new venture is difficult. Investing is no different!
- Open a brokers account deposit some funds in a CMA
- If you have investment capital of \$100,000 consider investing \$5,000?
- Buy a small holding in a secure, low volatility blue chip stock <u>or</u>
 Commsec and E*Trade have "share packs" (6,8 stocks br \$66 or \$80)
- Understand the risks involved before you actually invest. Buy stock(s)
 which are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value...



What's Value Today?

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JBH	Consumer D	<u>R</u>	JB HI FI LIMITE	\$19.86 \$22.5	7 13.6%	13.9%	128.3%	4.5%
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What if I have very little Capital?

(Starting with \$6,000)

Investing in any position with less than \$2000 means that the brokerage becomes a bigger percentage of each trade and limits profit!

With \$6000 it is suggested that the investor/trader use a 1:2 approach:

- \$2000 placed in a speculative stock (Why a speculative stock?)
- \$4000 in two blue chip stocks

When capital increases to \$21,000 use a 1:2:4 approach:

- have \$3000 in one speculative stock
- \$6000 in two midcap stocks
- \$12000 in four blue chip stocks

Source: Guppy, Daryl (1996), Share Trading. Wright Books Chapter 13, "Turning \$6,000 into \$21,000"...

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Using Broker services to buy & sell shares

When dealing with any professional we must be able to assess:

- how competent they are at their job
- what they charge for their services
- what services they can and will provide.

What can we say about Stock Brokers?...



Quotation from Michael Covel (2009) in "Trend Following" p241 FT Press

Remember that October 2000 was the start of a very significant bear market.

"....in 2000, there were 28,000 recommendations by broker house analysts.

[At] the start of October 2000, 99.1% of those recommendations were either strong buy, buy or hold. Just 0.9% of the analysts said sell."

So at the start of the bear market only 1% of brokers understood the seriousness of the market situation!

Does this mean that only 1% of stock brokers are competent? ...



Stockbrokers

Full service or online broker?

- Full service broker
 - high fees
 - may get excellent service and advice
 - access to IPOs, newsletters
- Online brokers (discount brokers)
 - low fees online (higher fees by telephone)
 - minimal personal service, no advice
 - often excellent information on website
 - need for good facilities for transfer of funds ...



Take Care when Selecting a Broker

There is a need to assess:

- how competent they are at their job
- what they charge for their services
- what services they can and will provide

Consider the need for a specialist (full service) broker:

- fixed interest
- options
- futures
- CFDs
- foreign exchange (forex) ...



Using an On-line Broker to Buy Shares

This example uses the discount broker E*trade

We want to buy ANZ shares

Total investment capital is \$6,000

First question is, how many shares can we buy?

This is the approach that Nicholson would use...







So how many ANZ shares can we buy?



Stocks: Place Order





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Order to be placed on Account: 1090707

ANZ BANKING GRP LTD ORDINARY FULLY PAID

	Last Price	Today's Change	Bid	Offer	Day High	Day Low	Volume	Туре
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Your Order Details

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Code:	ANZ	Term:	Good till Cancelled
# of Shares:	100	Price Type:	At Limit \$16.860
Security Type:	Equity		

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Estimated Brokerage including GST: \$32.95

ESTIMATED ORDER TOTAL (AUD): \$1,718.95

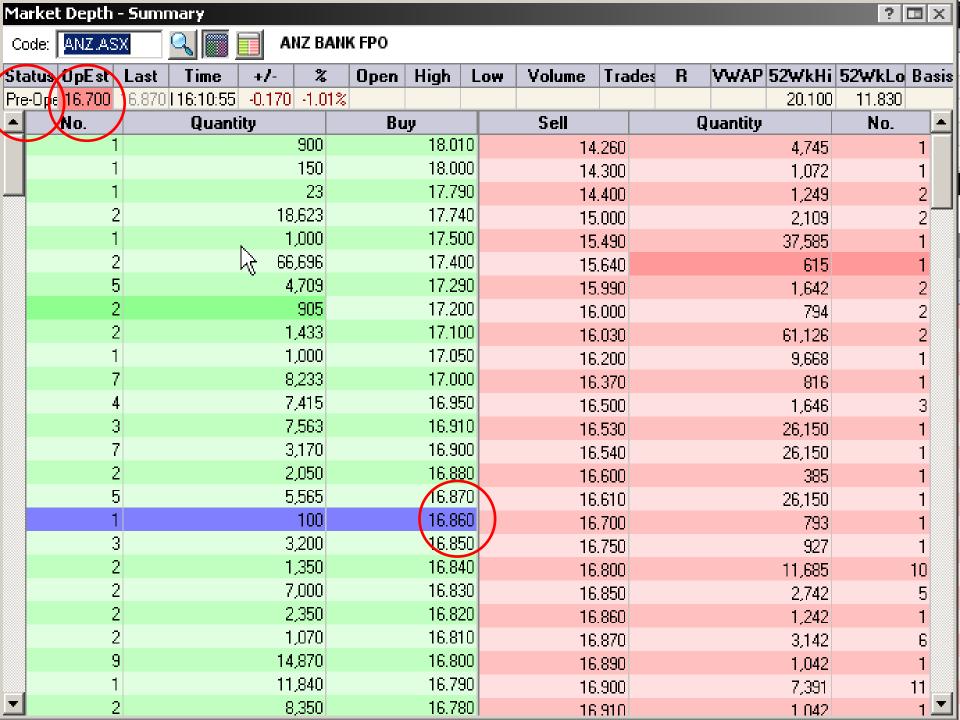
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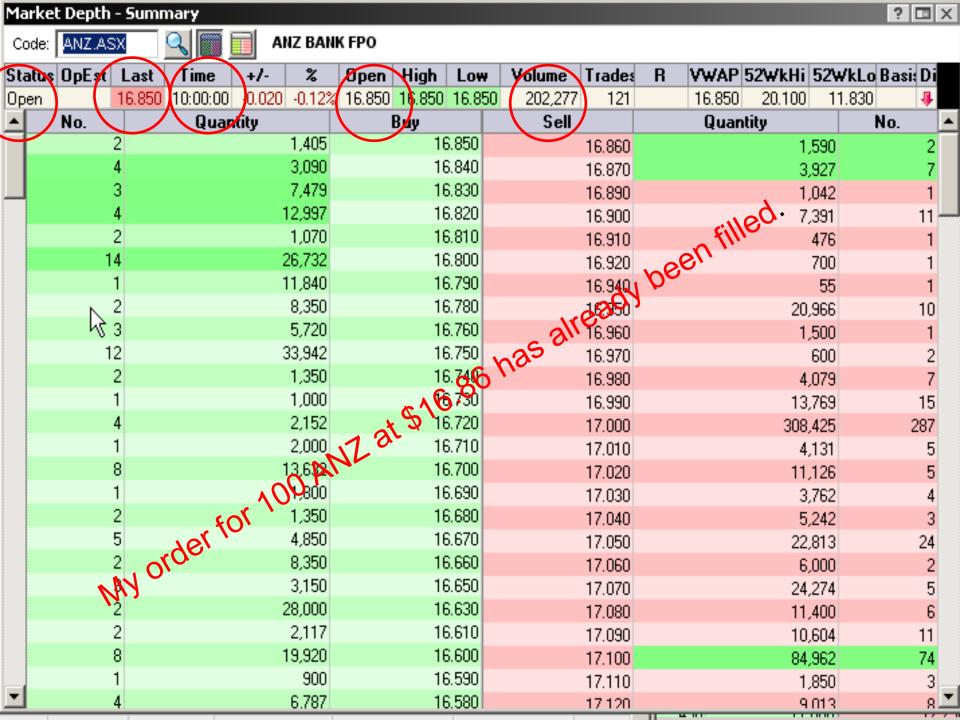
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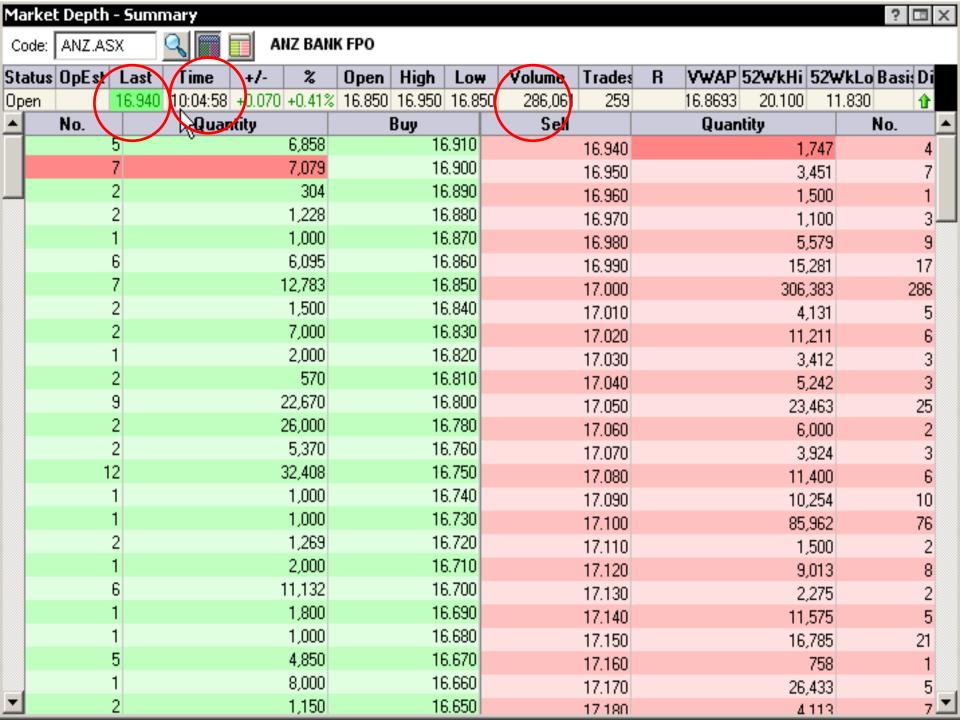
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PLACE BUY ORDER









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Factors to consider when placing an order

Closing prices reflect value (set by the professionals)

Opening prices can be very volatile (amateurs buy on open)

A good depth of market screen is an asset ...



On-line Broker Services will Vary

Very low cost online brokers may provide minimal services.

You may get a limited depth of market screen.

Access to all of your past records on line is important.

Simple online procedures to transfer funds are essential...

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What if I Don't Want to be a Direct Investor?

Not everyone wants to invest directly in shares

There are some alternatives:

- a good broker
- an experienced and competent investment advisor

and/or

use managed investments ...



Managed Investments in Summary

Managed investments are an excellent alternative for those investors who would prefer not to invest directly in shares.

Investors need to be aware of the very poor performance of many (most) professional fund managers.

It is essential for investors to regularly monitor the progress of their investments and compare them to the index...

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Data Recording

Good records are essential

Spreadsheet or software.

Need to maintain an equity curve...

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Psychology!

Questions that all investors need to ask:

- 1. Is my temperament suitable for independent investing in equities?
- 2. Should I be investing in lower risk securities?
- 3. The crowd is usually wrong. Do I understand the "madness of crowds"?
- 4. Do I suffer from over confidence?
- 5. Do I fall in love with a stock?
- 6. Is my personality impulsive and impatient or am I disciplined and patient?
- 7. Do I have the tendency to blame others for a bad investment?
- 8. Which mindsets will prevent me from buying at the start of the next bull market?...

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Information Overload

It has been suggested that the amount of information available to investors doubles each year.

How do investors cope with information.

We delete it. (we ignore it)

We generalise it

We distort it.

So the information we have may be valueless because of the way we see it, process it and make use of it.

It is often said that we trade our beliefs we do not trade the market...



Coping with Information Overload

Some suggestions:

- •Use an independent newsletter service which can provide impartial fundamental analysis and data.
- •Use technical analysis to provide a further analysis and a different approach
 - 1.Be cautious about using too many indicators
 - 2. Have good data
 - 3. Use an adequate package but don't pay too much. IC might be useful.
- •Avoid listening to the media and don't act on tips: try always to be impartial.
- •Have a written investment plan, update it regularly and refer to it when buying, managing and selling an investment



The characteristics of successful investors.

There are many different pathways to successful investing.

Generally successful investors will have the following. They:

- Have a written plan.
- Make independent decisions and accept responsibility for them.
- Understand risk and have a strategies to deal with it.
- Are aware that psychology may be their biggest shortcoming.
- Keep good records...



Our Journey Today

Risk assessment

The investment plan

Stock and market analysis

Technical analysis

Fundamental analysis

Stock selection

Investment strategies. The approaches of Hull and Nicholson Managing market risk. The Position of the market Other topics

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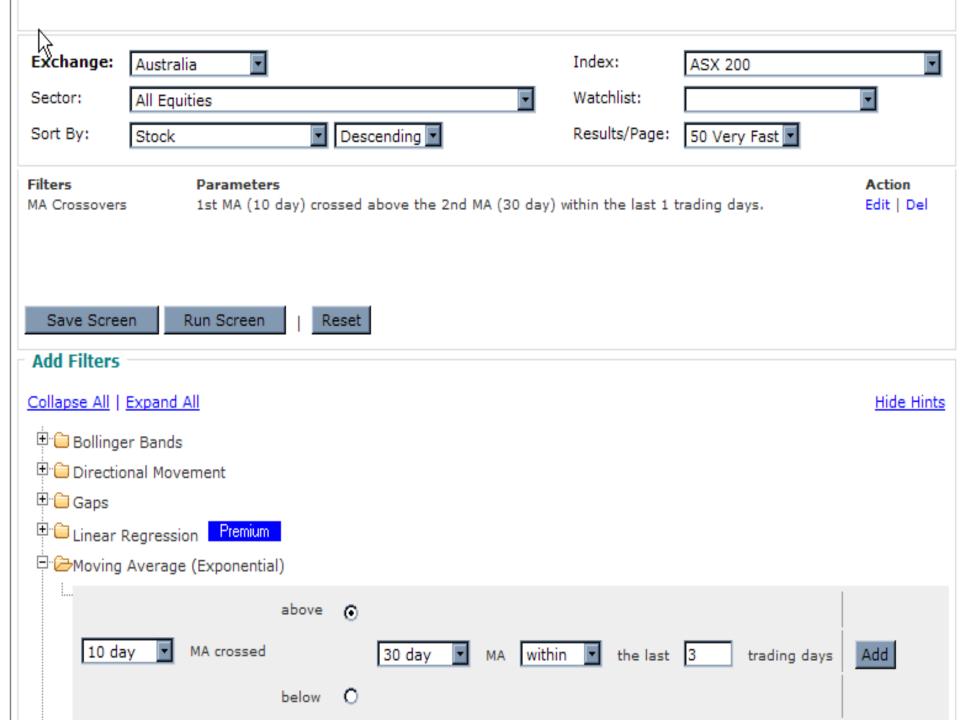
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