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Your Free Wrap today is based on extracts from this week's Edition 591 of Jim Berg's 'Investing & Online Trading' Stock Report

Important Strategic Announcement:

Jim Berg Re-Opens Portfolio and Signals

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1) Background



In our Wrap of 4 November 2016, we wrote; **"We are on the Edge of a Cusp"** - as the market was poised to make a definitive move in one direction or the other at that time. We explained:

- 1) In May 2016 the ASX200 (XJO) switched to a **rising trend**, but the Banking Index was not in sync (as it was in a **falling trend**) so, in his 'Caution Updates', Jim flagged his concerns and decided:
 - a. NOT to re-open our Report's notional portfolio and
 - b. To wait for confirmation by the Banks.
- 2) Our Report's notional portfolio has remained closed since.
- 3) In June we explained the potential for a rally in July*. That rally did eventuate and we achieved a **90% success rate**, with 9 out of 10 profitable trades in our Trading Signals Service).

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During late July- late August 2016:

- 1) Cracks started to appear, so we showed in our mentoring-style '[Investing & Online Trading](#)' Report how a few Signals and other shares had gapped down with unusually extreme volatility
- 2) At that time we flagged the potential for:
 - a. A correction during September to October and
 - b. A 'Christmas rally' after the October anniversary of 'Black Monday' in USA
 - c. Later, we added a caution for the potential for additional volatility around Nov 8th due to this year's USA election.
- 3) By 23rd August we announced to [Signals Members](#) that we would cease posting any new entry Signals until further notice.
- 4) After reviewing feedback received, we amended our *announcement* on 24th August to say that we would post new entry signals for Members' *research only* and "...any Members who wish to continue trading and investing do so against the current General Advice of the Proprietors".

In this week's Edition of our mentoring-style Report, we show the validity and timeliness of those August warnings, because during October and early November the market did indeed:

1. Correct, with many shares in a '**sea of red**' while they fell significantly in value
2. Show increased volatility *before* the USA election
3. Rally strongly *after* the election, with 4 major USA Indices all breaking to new Highs last week.

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2) Latest Update

The **ASX200 Index (XJO)** remains in a confirmed **rising trend** by Jim's 3 specified trend criteria, as explained in [this week's Edition](#).



ASX200 Index Weekly Chart

Since Friday 25th November, the **Bank Industry Group (XBAJ)** is now also in a confirmed **rising trend** by Jim's definitions.



Bank (XBAJ) Index Weekly Chart

In the previous two ASX200 rising trend reversals, the Bank (XBAJ) was a leading Index, confirming a rising trend ten weeks prior to the ASX200 in 2009 and three weeks prior in 2012.

This time the Bank Industry Group (XBAJ) is lagging seven months behind and has confirmed a rising trend a few weeks after the ASX200 came very close to a trend reversal.

Note:

The Bank (**XBAJ**) Index and **ASX200** are now both in a **rising trend**, so we are pleased to announce that **we are now re-opening** the notional **Australian and USA Portfolios** in our weekly mentoring-style '[Investing & Online Trading](#)' Report and also reopening our [Australian Signals Services](#).

Jim has now also withdrawn his 'Caution' from our weekly Report and the additional warning announced to Signals Members on 24th August (see 1. above).

Accordingly, starting this week, Jim is now scanning the market to look for new Entry Signals in those stocks which pass all of his thoroughly tested 'Weight-of-Evidence' entry Rules for:

- 1) The notional portfolios for the USA and Australia markets in our weekly Report
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