Jim Berg’s Live $100K Investing Signals Portfolio: Update
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1. Portfolio Design

For Jim Berg’s ‘Live $100K Investing Signals Portfolio’, we:

1. Aim to ‘cut losses & let profits run’ and expect that a few shares will outperform others

2. Feature notional positions, as selected by Jim for his Investing Signals Service, using his proven ‘Weight-of-Evidence’ Technical Analysis Entry Rules (as taught in our weekly ‘learn-by-doing’ Report)

3. Split the $100k into 8 x $12.5k notional positions

4. Started to create this notional portfolio for 2019 on 28th December 2018 (see below)

5. Progressively add new positions to the portfolio in exactly the same consecutive order as they occur in Jim’s Investing Signals Service

6. Note that once the first 8 positions were full, then no new extra positions can be added until any existing Positions are exited

7. Hold all notional positions until an Exit Signal(s) is announced

8. Action that after exit, replace the notional position with the next new weekly Investing Entry Signal(s) to appear
2. The First Quarter Recap

When we originally published Edition 700 of our weekly ‘Investing & Online Trading’ Report on 29th December 2018, the Australian market was in a falling trend, so we announced the introduction of our new initiative to look for ‘Rising Shares in a Falling Market’ at that time:

"As at Friday 28th December’s Close, Jim has identified the first of 3 new Entry Signals which pass all his tightened entry rules for ‘Rising Shares Within Falling Markets’ - so we will post these for Signals Members to look at over this weekend.”

We posted those first 3 confirmed Entry Signals for ‘Rising Shares in a Falling Market’ into Signals Members’ Entry Logs that weekend. The data included:

✓ Jim’s recommended Maximum Entry Prices
✓ His Initial Stop Loss values and
✓ His suggested Position Sizing and
✓ Associated Money and Risk Management criteria. E.g. Trade Risk & Portfolio Risk

All 3 shares met Jim’s suggested entry price on the following Monday 31st December 2018, so they were added as the first 3 new positions on the Signal Members’ Master Logs.

(We use our 2 Master Logs as working tools, on behalf of Signals Members, to monitor all open positions daily and to update prices, Profit Targets, Stop Loss type and values.)

Three months later, in Edition 713 of 30th March 2019, we provided our first quarterly update for Jim’s ‘$100k Live Investing Signals Portfolio’. This included:

‘Since 28th December 2018, there has been a total of 17 Entry Signals which have passed Jim’s ‘Weight-of-Evidence’ entry criteria - and Jim’s suggested maximum entry price:

➢ The first 8 Signals were ‘entered’ in the Investing Signals Master Log between 31st December 2018 and 1st Feb. 2019.
➢ ALL of the first 8 Entry Signals remain OPEN, as at Friday 29th March 2019
➢ This means that after those first 8 positions were filled, there has been no further cash available to add any further trades, until an exit is made, in the future, from any of those first 8 notional positions
➢ A net overall combined notional profit of $10.17k or a +10.2% increase to a Jim’s $100K notional Investing Signals Portfolio in approx. 3 months.’

3. The Second Quarter Update

Since our last update:

1. On 5th April 2019, the Australian market switched to a rising trend, by Jim’s documented trend definitions
2. In the 6 months between Friday 28th December 2018 and 28th June 2019, Jim issued a total of **44 new Entry Signals** for Investing which have met his recommended Maximum Entry Prices.

3. **As at 28th June 2019**, of the first 8 notional positions in this $100k Live Investing Portfolio, 3 shares (Signals 3, 6 and 7) and one replacement (Signal 22) have since been exited and replaced at a total net notional loss of -$4.4k, as shown in Table 1 below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Exit Date</th>
<th>Profit Loss after Dividends (%)</th>
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<th>Replaced By</th>
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<tr>
<td>2/04/2019</td>
<td>-8.5%</td>
<td>$1,111</td>
<td>18 10/04/2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>23/04/2019</td>
<td>-8.3%</td>
<td>$1,038</td>
<td>22 24/04/2019</td>
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<td>18/06/2019</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>$392</td>
<td>41 19/06/2019</td>
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<td>3/06/2019</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
<td>$2,682</td>
<td>28 5/06/2019</td>
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4. The other 5 original positions and 3 replacements remain open, as shown in Table 2:

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<th>Signal No.</th>
<th>Comments</th>
<th>Current Price</th>
<th>Purchased Price</th>
<th>Entry Date</th>
<th>% Total Profits</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Supply-chain logistics</td>
<td>$12.88</td>
<td>$10.23</td>
<td>31/12/2018</td>
<td>27.3% $3,415</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Logistics company</td>
<td>$3.04</td>
<td>$2.59</td>
<td>31/12/2018</td>
<td>18.8% $2,355</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Retailer of baby goods</td>
<td>$2.16</td>
<td>$2.19</td>
<td>3/01/2019</td>
<td>0.1% $17</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Information technology &amp; cloud computing</td>
<td>$2.85</td>
<td>$1.24</td>
<td>4/01/2019</td>
<td>131.5% $16,431</td>
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<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Exploration for gold &amp; other minerals.</td>
<td>$11.65</td>
<td>$8.74</td>
<td>1/02/2019</td>
<td>34.0% $4,248</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Explosives &amp; tunneling ground support</td>
<td>$20.27</td>
<td>$18.22</td>
<td>9/02/2019</td>
<td>11.3% $1,406</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>Metallurgical &amp; thermal coal producer</td>
<td>$1.425</td>
<td>$1.365</td>
<td>5/06/2019</td>
<td>4.4% $509</td>
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<td>41</td>
<td>Automotive parts &amp; service</td>
<td>$1.71</td>
<td>$1.78</td>
<td>19/06/2019</td>
<td>-4.2% $527</td>
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As at 28th June 2019, Table 2 shows a healthy net combined notional open profit (after losses) of $23.5K or a **+23.5% increase** to Jim Berg’s ‘Live $100K Investing Signals Portfolio’ in Six Months*.

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3. Performance Comparison: Portfolio vs XJO

During December 2018, CNBC reported that:

1. U.S. stocks plunged on Monday 24th in their **worst day of Christmas Eve trading ever**
2. The Dow and S&P 500 recorded their **worst December performance since 1931** and their biggest monthly loss since February 2009.

After such an extreme melt-down, just 2 days later, the USA markets re-opened for trading on Boxing Day, with Marketwatch reporting: "... the best day-after-Christmas trading day on record, with the Dow logging its first-ever 1,000-point, single-day gain as equities roared back from oversold conditions"...

History now shows us that this was the start of a V-shaped recovery in not only the USA market but also the Australian market, with the ASX200 (XJO) rising **+17.1%** between 28th December and 28th June 2019.

Table 3 and Figure 1 below compares this growth with the performance of Jim’s ‘Live 100k Investing Signals Portfolio’ over the first 2 quarters of 2019:

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<th>ASX200 (XJO)</th>
<th>Increase</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Jim Berg’s ‘Live $100k Investing Signals Portfolio’</th>
<th>Increase</th>
<th>Outperformance: JB $100k Live Investing Signals Portfolio</th>
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<tr>
<td>5654.32</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>28/12/2018</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>6180.73</td>
<td>9.3%</td>
<td>29/03/2019</td>
<td>$110,173</td>
<td>10.2%</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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<td>6618.77</td>
<td>17.1%</td>
<td>28/06/2019</td>
<td>$123,506</td>
<td>23.3%</td>
<td>6.4%</td>
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**Figure 1**

They also show how Jim Berg’s ‘**Live 110k Investing Signals Portfolio**’ progressively **outperformed** the ASX200 (XJO) index during those 6 months by an **additional +6.4%**.

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