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" Six Feet Apart or Six Feet Down? "

On 28th January 2020, in our Signals Service and weekly Report, Jim Berg assessed market Volatility at '*dangerous levels*', so ceased all new Entry Signals from that date.

On 1st February 2020, in Edition 757 of our '[Investing & Online Trading](#)' Report, we detailed our Exit Plan for any remaining notional positions in Jim's Trading & Investing Signals Services, should the market turn down*.

During February, we expressed our surprise that markets were continuing to tick higher to record Highs, while apparently ignoring the rapid spread of the coronavirus across China, South Korea, Iran and Italy. For example, on 15 February, in Edition 759: "We believe that one factor which is probably influencing this apparent '*head in the sand*' response is that to date there are only 15 cases reported in the USA and similarly in Australia (of which 6 have now been cleared) so there may be an element of " *it's not in my back yard*' at play..."

One week later, the American and USA markets peaked at record Highs and on 27th February 2020, we closed Jim's 2 remaining 'open' [Investing Signals](#). (All notional Trading Signals positions had already triggered Stops)*.



Our notional Signals Portfolios were therefore insulated from most of the '*Fastest fall from Peak to Trough since 1931*' for the Dow Jones Industrials and since 1933 for the S&P500*.

Since markets hit Lows on March 23rd 2020, we have highlighted that they are now in a strong '*Tug-of-War*':

The Bulls

From developments in recent weeks, the Bulls are now looking at:

- 🚩 Lockdown Eases
- 🚩 Stimulus Measures working – don't fight the Fed
- 🚩 Virus Flattens
- 🚩 Hope

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The Bears

Meanwhile, the Bears are wondering if *'The end is nigh'* with:

	Consumer spending		Deep recessions
	Oil market 'mess'		Increasing bankruptcies
	Economic Cliff		Crippling unemployment

Many market watchers are surprised by the denial and disconnect between recent market action and economic fundamentals.

Also, since February, there has been a marked difference between Australia's and America's leadership and their nations' response in their effectiveness and efficiencies to manage their health and financial risks.

Sadly, these [results at the John Hopkins website](#), as at Friday 8th May, speak for themselves:

6 Feet Apart or 6 Feet Down?

	USA	Australia	Australia as a % of USA
Population	328 Million	25 Million	7.6%
Confirmed Cases	1,257,023	6,913	0.55%
Deaths	75,662	97	0.13%

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How to Avoid the High Fliers:

Buffet Sells Airline Shares at a Loss, Calls Buy 'Mistake'

On Wednesday 6 May [World of Aviation reported](#):

' Legendary American investor Warren Buffett has sold his entire airline holdings, worth \$4 billion, in American, United, Delta and Southwest.

In a virtual address to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders, he called his recent purchase in the businesses an "understandable mistake".

" I don't know whether two or three years from now that as many people will fly as many passenger miles as they did last year," Buffett said. " They may and they may not, but the future is much less clear to me about how the business will turn out through absolutely no fault of the airlines themselves."

Buffett is reportedly the world's fourth-richest man, and his words are likely to cause significant damage to the airline business' confidence.... *"The world changed for airlines,"* Buffett said. *"It turned out that I was wrong about that business because of something that was not in any way the fault of four excellent CEOs."*

But the companies we bought were well managed. They did a lot of things right. It's a very, very, very difficult business because you're dealing with millions of people every day and if something goes wrong for 1 per cent of them, they are very unhappy.

We made that decision in terms of the airline business. We took money out of the business basically even at a substantial loss. We will not fund a company ... where we think that it is going to chew up money in the future.

Last week, American Airlines announced a \$2.2 billion loss for the first quarter of 2020, and United \$1.7 billion. *"Never before has our airline, or our industry faced such a significant challenge,"* American chief executive Doug Parker said. *" We all expect that recovery will be slow and demand for air travel will be suppressed for quite some time."*

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Members of our ['Investing & Online Trading'](#) Report who follow Jim's lead would **NOT** have been invested in:

- ✚ ANY of the 4 American Airlines mentioned. I.e. American Airlines (AAL), United Airlines (UAL), Delta Airlines (DAL) and South West Airlines (LUV), NOR in
- ✚ Australia's 'flying kangaroo' (QAN) or Virgin Australia (VAH) - which is now in voluntary Administration.

Here's why:

Name	Ticker Code	Check NOT a speculative trade	Check NOT a type of share Jim prefers to avoid (see #1 below)	Has Con PRIOR to due to R Trading
American Airlines	AAL	Y	N	
United Airlines	UAL	Y	N	
Delta Airlines	DAL	Y	N	
South West Airlines	LUV	Y	N	
Qantas	QAN	Y	N	
Virgin Australia	VAH	Y	N	

- To qualify as an Entry Signal, every stock **must 'tick' all the boxes** in our 'Stock Selection Tool' (provided with our compliments to Members of our weekly Report).
- In the 2nd check on that Tool, **all airlines are to be avoided** as they are one of the 9 types of shares listed for Members that Jim Berg prefers to avoid.

So using our Stock Selection Tool, **all 6 airlines would have been rejected**, with no further analysis required*:

- In addition, for those who still chose to trade or invest, **all 6 airlines** triggered daily and weekly stops and/or switched to **falling trends** long before Buffet announced this week of his losses on \$4 billion of airline investments, *as shown below**:

American Airlines (AAL)



American Airlines (UAL) weekly chart

AAL: Falling trend since Friday 13th April 2018. Exit following Monday at **\$46.13***. Low in March 2020 at **\$9.09 = -80.3%** down.

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United Airlines (UAL)



United Airlines (UAL) weekly chart

UAL – **Falling trend** since Friday 24th January 2020 . Exit following Monday at **\$78.00***.
Low in March 2020 at **\$17.80 = -77.2%** down.

Delta Airlines (DAL)



Delta Airlines (DAL) weekly chart

DAL – **Falling trend** since Friday 28th February 2020. Exit following Monday at **\$46.22***.
Low in March 2020 at **\$19.10 = -58.7%** down.

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South West Airlines (LUV)



South West Airlines (LUV) weekly

LUV – Falling trend. Emergency Stop on 25th February 2020. Exit following day at **\$50.09***. Low in March 2020 at **\$24.77 = -50.5%** down.

Qantas (QAN)



Qantas Airways (QAN) weekly chart

QAN: Falling trend. Emergency Stop on 28th January 2020. Exit following Monday at **\$6.44***. Low in March 2020 at **\$2.03 = -68.5%** down

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Virgin Australia (VAH)



Virgin Australia (VAH) weekly chart

VAH – **Falling trend** since Friday 13th April 2018. Exit following Monday at **\$0.235***.
Low in March 2020 at **\$0.05** = **-78.7%** down. *Now in Voluntary Administration*

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Also in this Week's Edition of the 'Investing & Online Trading' Report:

"Second to None"

I have been a member of Jim and John's 'Investing & Online Trading' stock market Report for many years and will continue to be a member for the foreseeable future.

In my opinion the advice given in this weekly Report and its trading education is second to none.

Thank you for this high quality newsletter. I only wish I had known about it years before!

Stephen Dunn, private trader,
Melbourne, Vic. May 2020

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Many thanks

Adrian Tench, Private Investor,
Rivervale, WA, March 2020



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