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Your Wrap today includes an extract from the latest Edition 716 of the 'Investing & Online Trading Report':



12 Profit Targets Now Hit

By John Atkinson and Jim Berg

1) Amended Profit Target Rules

For investing using *weekly and/or monthly charts*, Jim's approach is to 'let profits run' using Stops. I.e. Short term profit taking does *NOT* apply for investors.

For short term trading using *daily charts*, in our mentoring-style '[Investing & Online Trading](#)' Report and Jim's Trading Signals service, we teach the step-by-step rules for Jim's *traditional* profit taking, including the use of his unique JB Profit Taker.

In Edition 702 of our Report in January 2019, after the ASX200 (**XJO**) switched to a **falling trend**, we announced that we had made **2 new profit target changes** to all new Entry Signals added to Jim's [Australian Trading Signals Service](#).

On Friday 5th April 2019, the Australian market reverted to a **rising trend**.

Until further notice, particularly after such a strong V-shaped recovery in USA, in both Jim's Trading Signals Service and our hands-on Report's notional [trading portfolios for USA stocks & Australian shares](#), we continue to use these 2 reduced profit taking rules.

In our Report in recent weeks we have featured the Entry & Exit details for the **first 10** of Jim's Trading Signals which achieved our new Profit Targets which were designed specifically to adapt to today's market conditions*.

Since then, **2 more** of Jim's Trading Signals have also achieved our new Profit Targets, including Saracen Minerals (SAR), shown below*.



This now brings the total to **12 Trading Signals** (of 21) added since 28th December 2018 which have achieved our new Profit Targets*.

This means **57.1%** of the 21 new Trading Signals have now achieved our new Profit Targets*:

- ✚ The individual trade durations varied between **0.9** and **7.4 weeks***
- ✚ The mean trade duration for 12 closed trades was **4.8 weeks***

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2) Current status: Notional Trading and Investing Positions

Losses in the market are usual, so no investor or trader will be consistently profitable ALL of the time.

To be profitable overall, the aim is to **learn how** to keep the **size and number** of your losses **small** compared to the size and number of your profits.

To put in perspective what traders and investors can 'expect' when they handle their own trades without the experience and knowledge provided by our [mentoring-style hands-on Report](#), we need to establish what is the 'norm'

For this we turn to Louise Bedford's easy-to-read, yet comprehensive book '[Trading Secrets](#)' in which she wrote:

"The majority of robust systems produce wins only 50% of time"

To examine this ratio further we also refer to another excellent book, Daryl Guppy's '[Better Trading – Money and Risk Management](#)', in which he wrote:



" Armed with just a little knowledge, **Trader Novice** calls the direction of a trend successfully **50% of the time**.

With more knowledge and skill **Trader Average** finds it relatively easy to boost the success rate to **60%**. This means that for every 10 trades he enters, only 4 are losers or unsuccessful. There are a lot of traders in this grouping.

Getting from 60% to 70% is much more difficult. For every 10 trades, only 3 are failures. This success rate is sufficiently high for **Trader Success** to realistically consider trading as a full-time occupation.

To turn this sustainable trading into a major success we shoot for an 80% success rate to become **Trader Superstar**.

This is like the **top of the mast**. Very few people make it to this level....."

Daryl Guppy, [Better Trading](#)

With this in mind, it would be unreasonable to expect to maintain an extremely high success rate long term, because statistically losses would have to start to appear at some stage.

That's why, in our weekly '[Investing and Online Trading Report](#)', his [Signal Services](#), [Home Study Courses](#) and his step-by-step Ultimate [JB Combo Signature System](#) package, Jim's aim is to teach investors and traders the all the rules of his '[Weight-of-Evidence](#)' strategies to:

1. Minimise losses and protect profits and to aim for a:
 2. **Success rate** of 50-65% of positions to be profitable*
- AND a**
3. **Profit to Loss Ratio** of greater than 2.0:
(I.e. the size of your profits overall to be more than 2 x your losses)

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For example, the following Table summarises the current results* for all the **21 open and closed** notional positions which Jim has identified in his Australian [Investing and Trading Signals Services](#) since 28th December 2018, using the entry, management and exit 'Rules' – as detailed in each week in our mentoring-style '[Investing & Online Trading](#)' Report:

Table 2: Signals Status as at 19th April 2019:					
			Trading Signals		Investing Signals
			<i>(Daily Charts)</i>		<i>(Weekly Charts)</i>
1. OVERVIEW	<i>(Since commencement on 28/12/18)</i>				
	No. of Closed Positions		15		3
	No. of Open Positions		6		18
	Total Notional Signals since 28/12/18		21		21
2. 'CLOSED' POSITIONS*					
	No. of positions closed at a profit		12		0
	No. of positions closed at a loss		3		3
	Total notional closed profits	\$	14,940		0
	Total notional closed losses	-\$	4,545	-\$	5,450
	Total Net Closed notional Profits*	\$	10,395	-\$	5,450
3. 'OPEN' POSITIONS					
	No. of positions in open profit		4		12
	No. of positions in open loss		2		6
	% of open Trades in profit		66.7%		66.7%
	Total notional open profits	\$	1,458	\$	21,222
	Total notional open losses	-\$	1,661	-\$	4,015
	Total Net Open notional Profits*	-\$	202	\$	17,206
4. COMBINED 'OPEN' & 'CLOSED' POSITIONS					
	No. of open & closed profitable trades		16		12
	% of open & closed profitable trades (Target > 50%-65%)		76.2%		57.1%
	Total open & closed profits	\$	16,398	\$	21,222
	Total open & closed losses	-\$	6,206	-\$	9,465
	Total Net open & closed profits	\$	10,192	\$	11,757
	<i>(Excl Dividends & transaction costs)</i>				
	Open & closed Profit to Loss Ratio (Target 2:1)		2.64	to 1	2.24 to 1

This Table compares the present overall performance outcome using *daily charts* for short term trading vs (primarily) *weekly charts* for investing*.

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