

Greek God Trading Group Meeting

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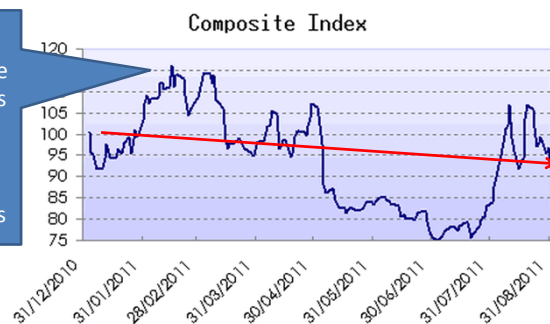
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This is a TOUGH Market

(for trend following)

Organisation / Fund	Return	YTD *	AUM **
Abraham Trading ¹	5.72%	-0.34%	\$53.1M
Alfa Partners ²	4.68%	-18.03%	\$1.468M
Aspect Capital ³	8.14%	3.30%	N/A
Beach Horizon ⁴	5.50%	2.31%	\$733M
BlueTrend ⁵	4.03%	5.99%	\$13.485M
Campbell & Company ⁶	11.10%	7.88%	N/A
Chesapeake Capital ⁷	3.52%	-1.10%	\$873M
Clarke Capital ⁸	13.97%	10.84%	\$39M
Doris Capital ⁹	0.61%	-10.21%	\$376M
Dunn Capital ¹⁰	19.93%	2.03%	\$314M
Eichardt Trading ¹¹	0.89%	-1.68%	\$481M
EMC Capital ¹²	6.80%	-3.71%	\$158M
Hawkeston Capital ¹³	6.92%	10.09%	\$87M
Hyman Beck & Co. ¹⁴	5.52%	-6.01%	\$481M
JOH & Co. ¹⁵	7.12%	-6.78%	\$22M
Man AHL Diversified ¹⁶	0.20%	-5.30%	\$1.057M
Mark J. Walsh & Co. ¹⁷	2.96%	-4.62%	\$108M
Milburn Ridgefield ¹⁸	3.89%	-0.45%	\$1.099M
Rabai Market Research ¹⁹	5.78%	3.46%	\$248M
Raxon Investments ²⁰	0.64%	4.28%	\$168M
Sunrise Capital ²¹	0.10%	-0.05%	\$536M
Superfund ²²	6.20%	3.40%	N/A
Tactical Investment Mgr ²³	1.14%	-16.70%	\$94M
Transfund ²⁴	1.89%	-3.62%	\$7.289M
Winton Capital ²⁵	4.60%	4.66%	\$23.500M
Averages	5.27%	-6.96%	

Note that the range is 35% in less than 9 months



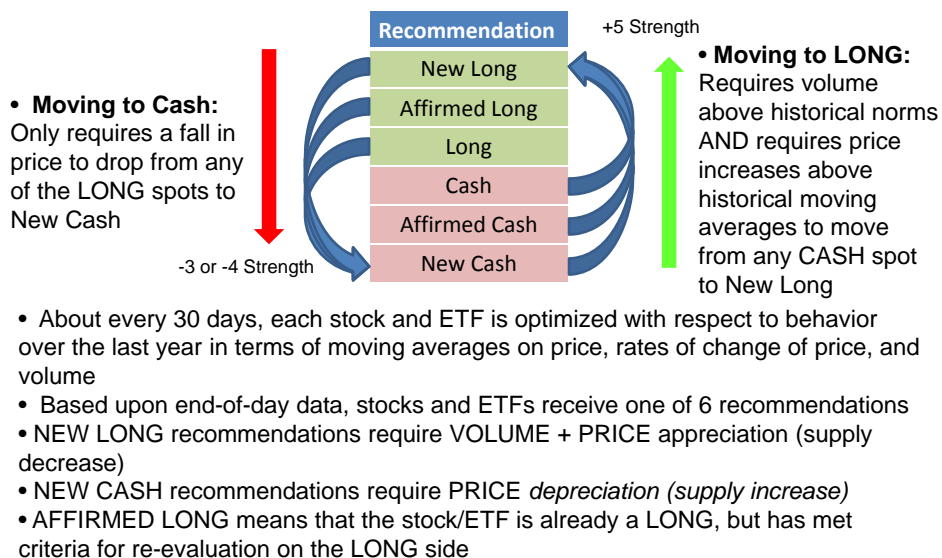
Professional managers, many of whom are formal "Turtles", had a good month in July (August not yet published) but overall, are even on the year.

<http://www.automated-trading-system.com/resources/trend-following-wizards-fund-performance/>

GGT Trend Following Refresher: GGT Stocks and ETFs

- GGT was created to answer problems associated with using the same moving averages (MAs) applied to an index to all equities under consideration (e.g., the 9/25/12 sequence of the MACD)
- Observation showed that equities march to the beat of their own drummer, so the goal was to find if there was a set of Exponential MAs (EMAs) that would work on each individual equity
- In general, GGT finds a set of EMAs that optimizes the performance of the specific equity over a 1-year lookback, and periodically adjusts the values to ensure that they track with the equity as we move through time.
- The result is the ability to determine if a stock is performing above or below its historical “optimized” level, and knowing this gives us an edge

How Does GGT Work?



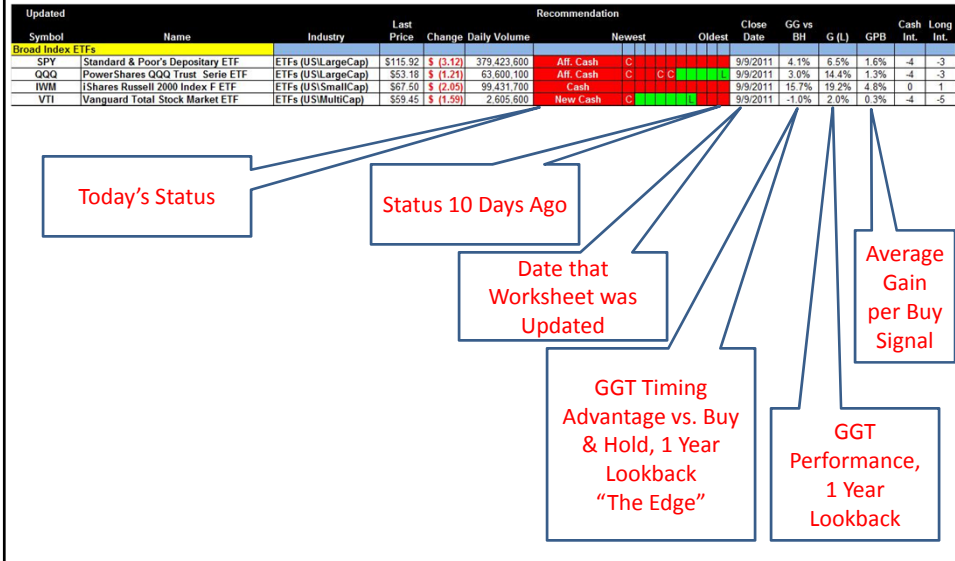
Determining the Trend w/ GGT

- GGT offers a number of methods, most of which I write about in my daily blog. These include the broad 5d/65d crossover timer, the Price Slope Model, the LCR Slope Model, and the Elder Force Index Model.
- Each of these acts on the database as a whole, not on the individual equities.
- One of the powerful methods of GGT is that it determines the trend for each equity.
- Once we know the individual trends, we can manipulate the database to observe the behavior of the larger group.
- Today we'll focus on GGT's individual classification of equities

What is the Present Trend? – *Method 1*

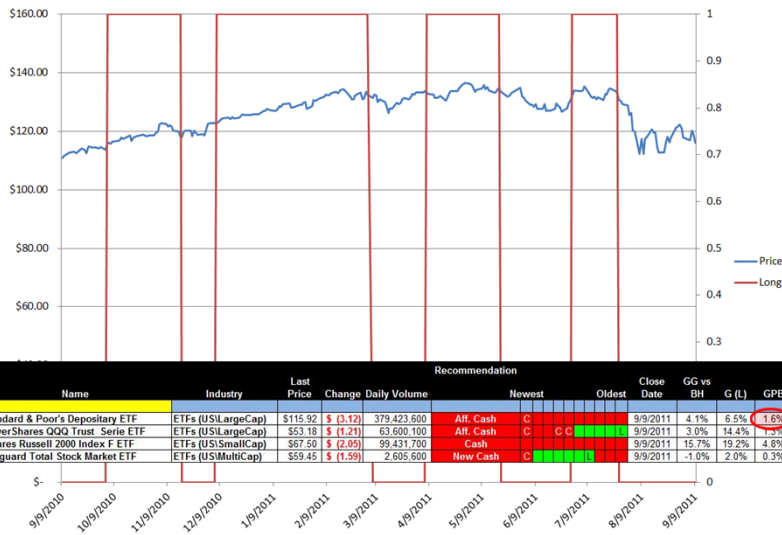
- Pick a Broad Index ETF: SPY, IWM, QQQ, VTI
- Refer to the GGT ETF File in Dropbox (directions to subscribe are posted in the GGT Forum at the EV site – <http://forums.effectivevolume.com>). (There is no cost to register at the EV site for this content.)
- The Control Panel worksheet (in the GGT ETF File) lists all ETFs in the GGT universe. The format is as follows:

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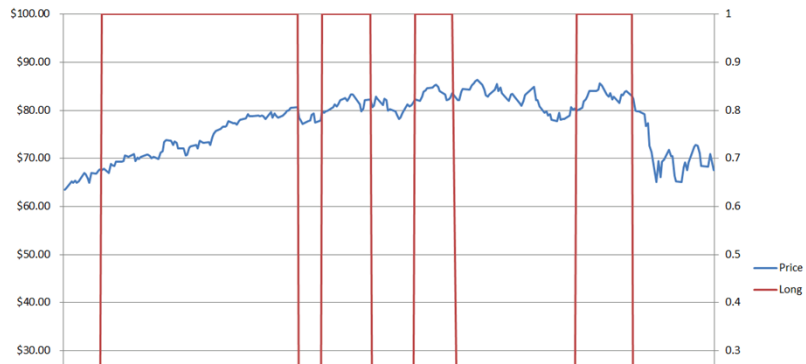
GGT Timing the SPY

SPY: Standard & Poor's Depository ETF



GGT Timing the IWM

IWM: iShares Russell 2000 Index F ETF



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	SPY	Standard & Poor's Depository ETF	ETFs (USLargeCap)	\$115.92	\$ (3.12)	379,423,600	Alt. Cash	C		9/9/2011	4.1%	6.5%	1.6%	-4	-3
	QQQ	PowerShares QQQ Trust Serie ETF	ETFs (USLargeCap)	\$53.18	\$ (1.21)	63,600,100	Alt. Cash	C	C C	9/9/2011	3.0%	14.4%	1.3%	-4	-3
	IWM	iShares Russell 2000 Index F ETF	ETFs (USSmallCap)	\$67.50	\$ (2.05)	99,431,700	Cash			9/9/2011	15.7%	19.2%	4.8%	0	1
	VTI	Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF	ETFs (USMultiCap)	\$59.45	\$ (1.59)	2,605,600	New Cash	C		9/9/2011	-1.0%	2.0%	0.3%	-4	-5

GGT Timing the Q's

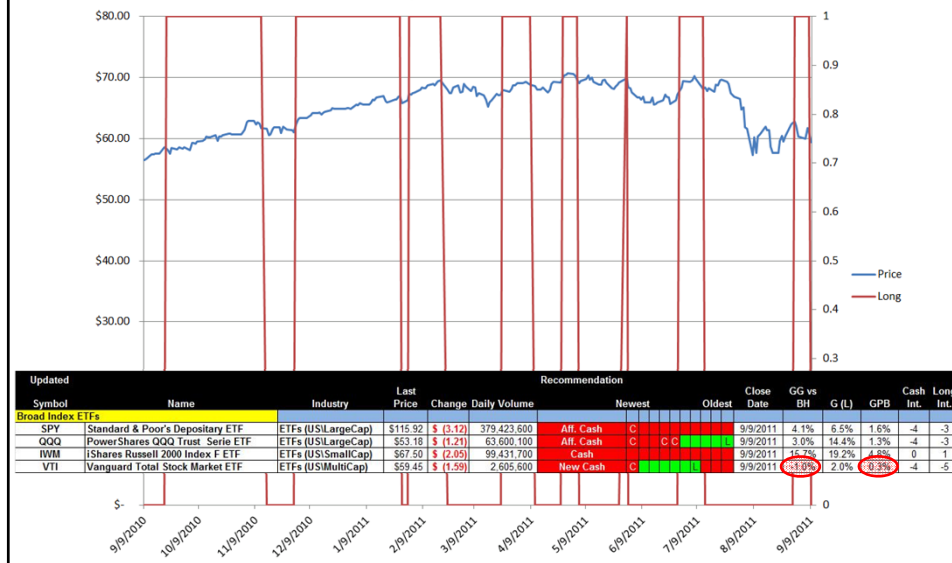
QQQ: PowerShares QQQ Trust Serie ETF



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GGT Timing the VTI

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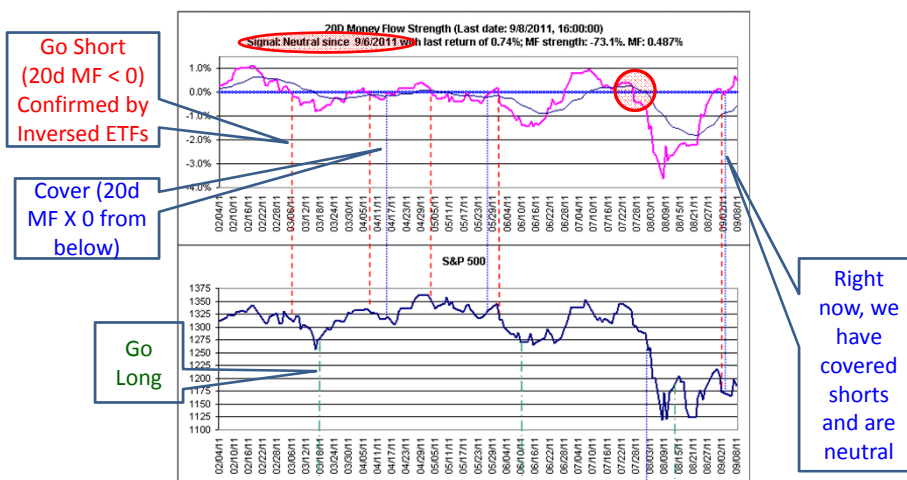
So, What is the Present Trend? – Method 1

- Each equity in the GGT universe is independently evaluated. The trend is the **Recommendation**, either some form of **Long** or of **Cash**
- You can get a good sense of the market trend by looking at the top of the “Dashboard” page in the GGT ETF file – it lists SPY, QQQ, IWM, and VTI
- As evidenced by some presence of green, but mostly red, the broader markets are choppy and down. **For longer-termed investors, you should be in CASH.**
- Note:
 - There are some equities which GGT can’t “lock onto”. These will have a low or negative **GG vs. BH** (GGT versus Buy/Hold) value. Avoid.
 - There are some equities that have a large GGT advantage – **G(L)** – but have poor **GPB** (Gain Per Buy). Avoid these for long-term holdings, as they are volatile and are subject to frequent trades.
 - Your candidate list should have Long-rated equities with
 - Positive **GG vs. BH** values
 - Double-digit *positive* **G(L)** values
 - Larger **GPB** values (the larger the better)

What is the Present Trend? – *Method 2*

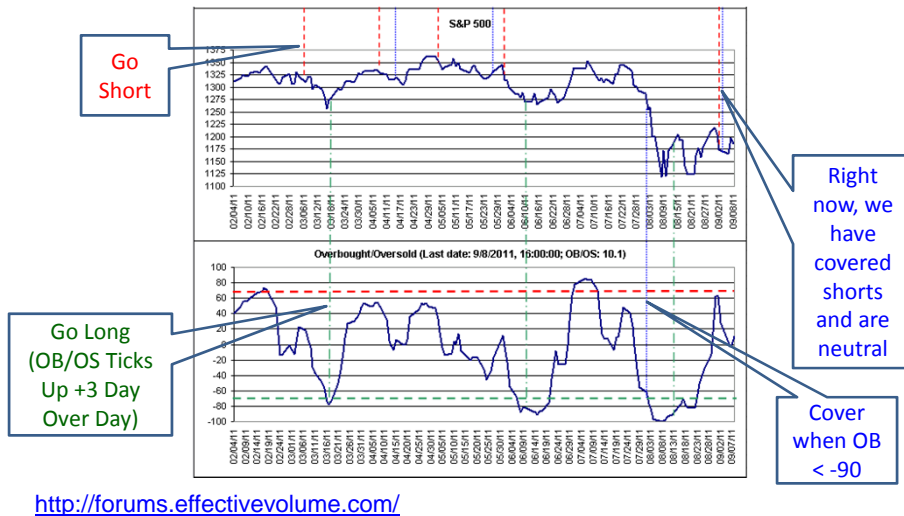
- Pascal Willain, creator of the Effective Volume concept, presents the status of the market trend according to his EV metrics at his EV web site:
<http://forums.effectivevolume.com/content.php?539-20DMF>
- The system is based on the money flow of large players into sectors, determined by individual stocks and ETFs.
- Pascal's system allows for three states: Long, Cash, and Short
- While you must be a subscriber to the forum for signal content, the fees are quite reasonable (\$50/quarter, \$149/year) and entitle you to the 1000+ equity database of EV data. Registration is free and he'll let you kick the tires for a couple of weeks on a trial basis if you ask.
- (Disclaimer: I receive nothing for telling you this)

What is the Present Trend? – *Method 2*

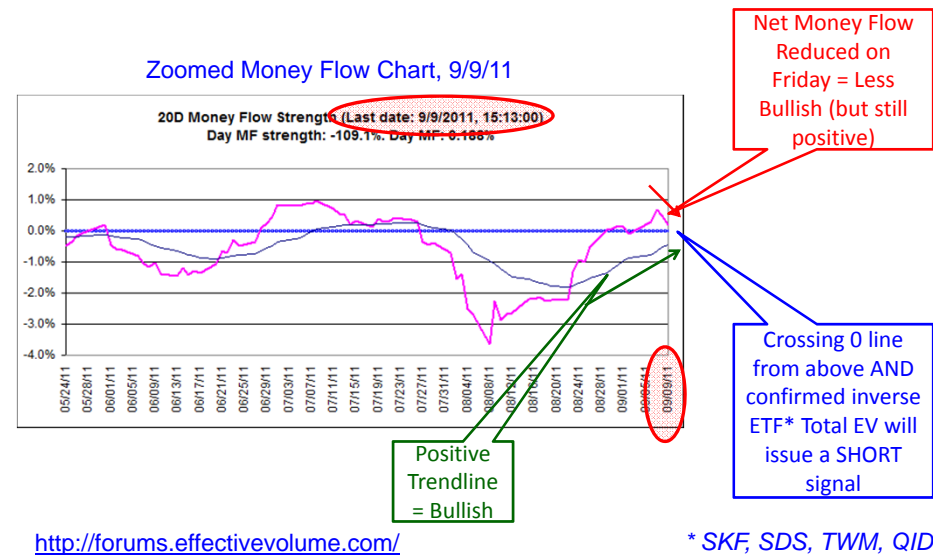


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3 of 4 Inversed ETFs used in the confirmation signal are confirming Total EV levels ABOVE the trend line, showing momentum to the downside. 2 of 4 have positive trend lines. There is a high probability of confirming a short call if it occurs.



What is the Present Trend? – Method 2

- Presently, Money Flow, as of the close of markets Friday, September 9th, was showing a slowing of net money flowing INTO the markets. While bullish because it is still positive, **the slowing of positive money flow is worrisome.**
- Obama's/Bernanke's speech, plus Greek and German turmoil at the ECB weighed heavily on major indexes Friday. This could be somewhat artificial but if the problems in Europe spread, our markets will go with them.
- If Money Flow does cross the 0 line from above, the inversed ETFs are getting closer to confirming a short signal.
- Pascal's system is telling us that we need to be ready to enter short positions, perhaps as soon as Monday/Tuesday, and need to watch for continual breakdown in the underlying support.
- Of course, if the markets reverse ... ☺

Present (9/10/11) Trend Conclusions

- Both methods presented today have roughly the same time frames – once a signal fires, it would be quite possible to hold the signal for several weeks or even months.
- GGT has the trend in cash when we use the broad index ETFs (IWM, SPY, QQQ, VTI).
- EV 20d MF has presently covered short positions BUT is close to signaling another short entry if the markets continue to break down
- Contra ETFs/Shorting appear to be the best play going into next week **IF the downtrend continues** (big IF).
- Knowing the trend, now what? Look first at contra ETFs, as they are more forgiving than shorting stocks.

Picking ETF Candidates in a Down-Trending Market

- Open the GGT ETF file in Dropbox. Ensure that you've saved it in a different location.
- Go to the "By Industry" tab
- At the top of the Excel menu, select "Data" then "Filter".
- Select the following filters (the little arrows over the columns):
 - GG vs. BH > 10%
 - GPB > 10%
 - Cash Int(ensity) = 4, 2
- Your list should look like the next page:

Potential Screening List for Outperforming ETFs in this Market

Symb	Name	Industry	Close	Chan	Volume	Close Date	GG vs E	G (L)	GPB	Cash
BAL	iPath DJ AIG Cotton Total Re ETF	ETFs (Comm)	\$69.26	\$ (1.38)	200,800	9/9/2011	28.7%	94.5%	47.2%	4
TMF	Direxion Daily 30 Year Treas ETF	ETFs (Fixed)	\$61.05	\$ 1.94	243,700	9/9/2011	41.7%	89.4%	44.7%	4
VXX	iPath S&P 500 VIX Short-Term ETF	ETFs (Fixed)	\$45.83	\$ 1.97	48,237,900	9/9/2011	185.9%	88.9%	29.6%	4
FAZ	Direxion Daily Financial Bear ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$63.35	\$ 2.79	28,956,600	9/9/2011	61.8%	58.5%	29.2%	4
SKF	UltraShort Financials ProSha ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$90.73	\$ 4.64	3,454,900	9/9/2011	95.2%	40.5%	40.5%	4
VXZ	iPath S&P 500 VIX Mid-Term F ETF	ETFs (Fixed)	\$67.17	\$ 2.77	562,900	9/9/2011	67.4%	33.1%	11.0%	4
DPK	Direxion Daily Developed Mar ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$47.15	\$ 4.47	126,200	9/9/2011	54.8%	29.5%	14.7%	4
EPV	UltraShort MSCI Europe ProSh ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$61.49	\$ 4.51	476,300	9/9/2011	44.2%	25.9%	25.9%	4
EWV	UltraShort MSCI Japan ProSha ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$40.35	\$ 1.69	31,900	9/9/2011	35.4%	25.7%	12.9%	4
SEF	Short Financials ProShares ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$42.62	\$ 1.22	453,600	9/9/2011	16.1%	21.6%	21.6%	4
SKK	UltraShort Russell2000 Growt ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$49.46	\$ 2.81	11,500	9/9/2011	84.0%	20.8%	10.4%	4
EFZ	Short MSCI EAFE ProShares ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$55.18	\$ 1.88	376,300	9/9/2011	15.5%	15.3%	15.3%	4
DTO	PowerShares DB Crude Oil Dou ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$62.27	\$ 2.14	229,800	9/9/2011	63.8%	34.8%	34.8%	2
ERY	Direxion Daily Energy Bear 3 ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$18.62	\$ 1.63	4,608,600	9/9/2011	246.7%	36.4%	18.2%	2
FXP	UltraShort FTSE/Xinhua China ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$35.08	\$ 1.74	475,200	9/9/2011	28.1%	31.6%	10.5%	2
SRTY	ULTRAPRO SHT RSSL2000 PROSH ETFs (Short)	ETFs (Short)	\$24.03	\$ 1.92	837,800	9/9/2011	146.1%	36.6%	18.3%	2
TZA	Direxion Daily Small Cap Bear ETF	ETFs (Short)	\$48.66	\$ 3.92	32,322,300	9/9/2011	134.7%	29.5%	14.8%	2

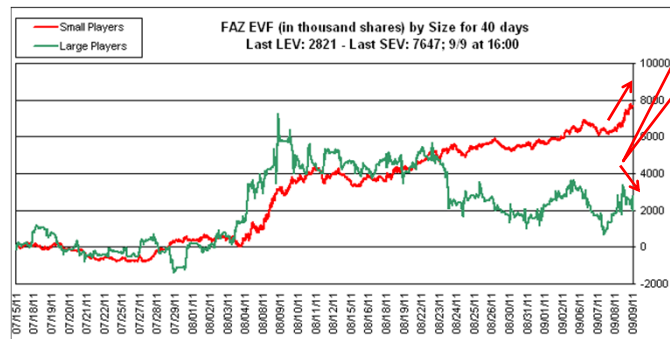
All rather long in the tooth;
lotsa "green". Signals are
mature and are more prone to
failure at this point

Screening ETF Candidates



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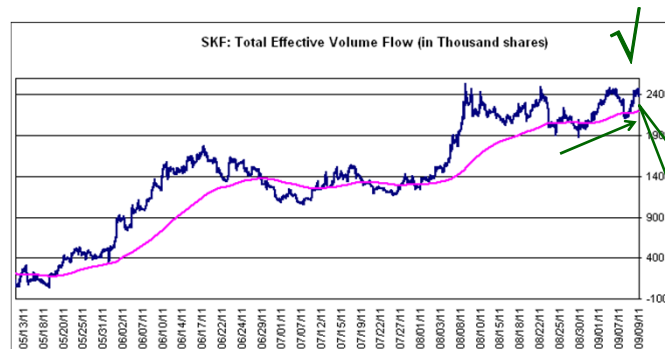


Short-Term:
Negative
Divergence
of LEV from
SmEV

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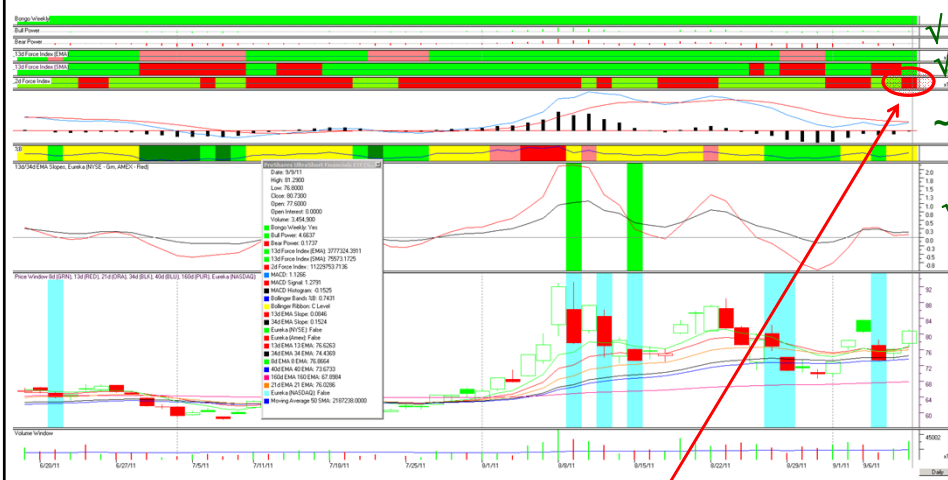
Screening ETF Candidates



Positive
Trending
TEV
Average

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SKF – Should We or Not?



Youbetcha, but wait for 2d FI to go negative, then buy when you know market will be tanking (contra ETF moves up).

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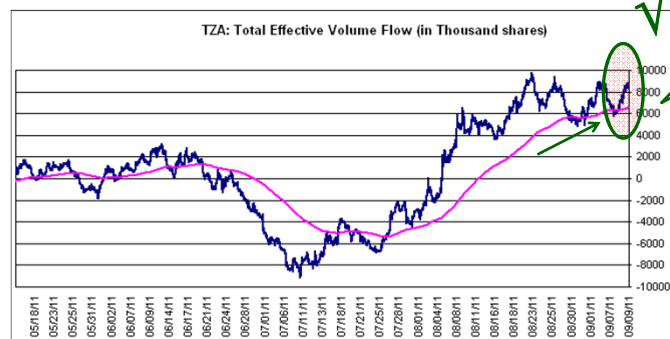
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FXP – Should We or Not?



Yes, but 13d FI calculated with a simple moving average is being stubborn. Again, wait for 2d FI to pull back, THEN enter on new strength as it clears the previous close (aggressive method) or previous high (less aggressive method)

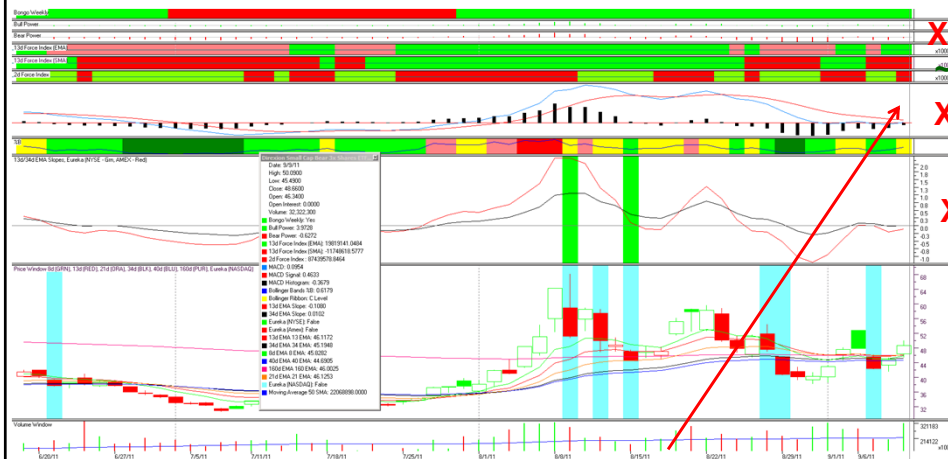
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Positive trend line, strong TEV

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TZA – Should We or Not?



While at odds with other strategies that employ TZA, this method shows that we are a bit early. Bear Power is (-). 13d FI SMA is not confirming. MACD is not accelerating. 13d and 34d slopes are inverted and 13d is negative. Suggests WAIT for longer-term hold potential.

What if Markets Turn Up Next Week?

- The ETF approach does not change. Pick the strongest ETFs that are outperforming B/H and their historical levels and screen for positively diverging LEV from SmEV.
- GGT is a *threshold* system – prices and volume have to exceed certain levels in order to change the recommendation. EV methods do not use these concepts, so watching for EV / price divergences, which are later confirmed by GGT, could be the key if we get a new up leg.
- Every morning the GGT + EV files are update to reflect not only the EV status of about 1000 stocks and ETFs, but initial screening is already in place to get you started thinking.
- I'm specifically interested in three groups:
 - Stocks offering pre-announcement guidance with favorable GGT+EV
 - Stocks that are in sectors (industry groups) that have issued EV buy signals and that are showing positive 2d money flow
 - Stocks that have a positive divergence in EV while price remains low. These sometimes will be GGT cash-rated equities, but the inflow of positive EV gives us comfort that the equity is being accumulated in a "stealthy" mode

Stocks that Offered Guidance

- Open the GGT file containing the stocks
- Go to the “DashboardEV” tab.
- Most likely, the sheet will already be sorted/filtered. On the right you should see nothing but green “guidance” information.
- If the sheet is not filtered, click the “Data” option in the menu bar at the top and then select the “Filter”
- Select <CTRL><Shift>U and the macro should filter for you.
- If this doesn’t work, then filter on the following:
 - Earnings/Guidance column: Deselect Blanks
 - AB signal column: Number Filters > 50
 - Tot EV Status: Deselect anything with “selling” in the tag
- Your list should look like the list on the following page:

Guiding Up Stocks, for 9/12/11

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Further examination rules them out at the present time; AB levels are on a decline (increasing towards 100), which is the wrong direction to go ...

Call out a few examples and let's take a look

EV Column Meanings

- AB Buy Signal: The higher the value, the closer to the lower boundary the stock.
- Strength Avg EV: Position of TEV compared to the level of the past 60 days
- Extension Tot EV: measured in terms of % compared to the maximum variation of TEV for the past 60 days.
 - Extension ToT EV is positive when the blue line is above the pink one in Pascal's Excel charts.
 - Low, single-digit values are considered "indecisive"

EV Column Meanings

- Tot EV Status:
 - "Buying surges" means that the strength Average total EV is below 50 (we are at the start of the accumulation process) and that the extension is above 10%
 - "Buying continues" means that the strength Average Total EV is above 50 (we are at the end of the accumulation process) and that the extension is above 10%
 - "Selling surges" means that the strength Average Total EV is above 50 (we are at the start of the distribution process) and that the extension is below -10%
 - "Selling continues" means that the strength Average Total EV is below 50 (we are at the end of the distribution process) and that the extension is below -10%

EV Column Meanings

- LER Status:
 - indicates the level of the Large Effective Ratio (between -125 and +125)
 - Above 100 indicates that the accumulation is stronger than the past historical accumulation. 125 are rated as "Strong Accumulation", while 100 or above are rated as "Accumulation"
- Rating:
 - LONG plays for stocks whose rating is above 80.
 - Short plays are for stocks whose rating is below 20.

Thrust on Buy Sectors

- Another group that I like is the group of stocks where the sector has just issued a MF buy signal, and these specific stocks are seeing significant (positive) money flow, e.g, "Buy Sector"
- Refer to the GGT stock file, specifically the "DashboardSharpe" page. ToBS stocks are typically at the top of the page. Here are the stocks as of the close of 9/9/11:

Thrusts on Buy Sectors

Ticker	Description	Recommendation	Oldest	Cash In	Sector Name	Alt Buy	Strength	Extension	Tot EV	LEH	LEH	Rating	Date	2D-Thrust	Extension
Thrusts on Buy Sectors															
THS	Therapeutics Development Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TKC	Turkcell Turkcell Telekomunikasyon A.S. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PCS	PCS Telecommunications Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PETM	PetSmart Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PPDI	Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EMR	Emerson Electric Co. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NUAN	Nuance Communications Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SJM	J.M. Smucker Co. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
INF	Infomart Corporation COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
S	Sprint Nextel Corp. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ADG	Astron SE SPONSORED ADR R	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
IBKR	Interactive Brokers Group Inc. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TGT	Target Corp. COM	Cash	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

- TKC, PCS, PPDI, EMR, NUAN, SJM, S, AIXG, IBKR, TGT all look interesting. Avoid PETM (why? – take a look!)
- Note that GGT Recommendation is to avoid most of these stocks because price and volume are not above historical levels where the stock has outperformed. We are quite early.
- Best case scenario would be to launch a small position if the broader markets move up AND complete the position when GGT confirms. Smaller position would lower basis in the full position.

Bullish Divergent Stocks

- Bullish Divergent Stocks have a favorable EV pattern but a decreasing price pattern.
- Within a short period of time, either the EV pattern must decrease towards price (selling begins and EV aligns with price) OR price starts to increase towards EV accumulation (buying reduced supply and drove price upward).
- Again, these are early in most cases, and GGT will often NOT align on the LONG side.
- The goal would be to select and enter small positions in good candidates when the market does signal an up turn, then put a full position on when GGT confirms.
- The same “DashboardSharpe” tab contains the latest list of divergent stocks, focused on the LONG side:

Bullish Divergent Stocks

Ticker	Description	Recommendation	Oldest	Cash In	Sector Name	AD Day	Strength	Extension	Total EV	LEB	LEB	Rating	Date	2D-Threshold	Extension
Diverg	see Stocks - Divergence Point, Increasing TE														
BSBR	Itasca Standard Brand S&B ADR	Long	3	NA	Bank Forgn	25	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TMX	Telefonos de Mexico SAB de C ADR NEP DR	Long	2	NA	Telecom Forgn	05	0%	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CE	Celmar Corp COM	Long	4	NA	Chemical	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BLL	Bell Corp COM	Long	4	NA	Telecom Forgn	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ABB	ABB Ltd SPONSORED ADR	Long	4	NA	Electrical Equip	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
YOD	Yodanis Group PLC SPONS ADR NEW	Long	4	NA	Telecom Forgn	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BNS	Bank of Nova Scotia COM	Long	4	NA	Bank	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MTRN	Metrion Corp COM	Long	4	NA	Pharmaceutical	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BWLD	Bullfinch Wild Wings Inc. COM	Long	4	NA	Restaurant	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
AMR	AMR Corp COM	Long	4	NA	Airline	05	0%	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

- BSBR is an avoid ... take a close look at the calculated upper boundary
- TMX, CE, BLL, ABB, MTRN, and BWLD look interesting.

Putting it Altogether, as of 9/10/11

- Using independent systems, we are in a downtrend.
- There are ETFs which warrant consideration in this down-trending market (SKF, SEF, FXP are good candidates for Monday and beyond if we keep playing in this area). Wait for the Elder 2d to pull back then move positive to enter.
- If there is a reversal within the markets next week, good opportunities exist in
 - Stocks which are offering pre-announcements
 - Stocks which are attracting money in sectors that are also attracting money
 - Stocks which are moving upwards in EV but are dropping in price
- You can get to these ETFs and stocks in the shared Dropbox folder

Proposed Outline, *Next Meeting - October*

- GGT Price Slope Model & Performance
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- MF signals and Performance
- Surgical strikes (day-to-swing-trade-duration) with the TICK indicator
- Using multi-timeframe pivots for equity entry