

MAY 2015 ISSUE

This report is similar to that of the FED minutes.
Only minor changes take place each month.

So far this year has been tough for the AlgoTrades system. As explained previously the stock market is trading in a phase that is very difficult to profit from as stocks rotate between intermediate up and down trends. The second half of 2015 will generate several trades based on our analysis that this tough trading phase will end.

Most CTA's (commodity trading advisors) and hedge funds had poor performance in 2014, and 2015 has been tough also for the vast majority of investors. Sideways trading markets like this always generate losing trades and are the reason for most losing streaks when trading.

Take a look at last year's top performing hedge funds:

As Bloomberg reminds us, "hedge funds as a group had a horrendous 2014, with an average return of just 1.6 percent among the 2,400 funds that make up the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Hedge Fund Index." Last year AlgoTrades performed well and the second half of 2015 should be an exciting one for clients.

100 TOP-PERFORMING LARGE HEDGE FUNDS

Fund, Manager(s)	Management Firm, Location	Strategy	ASSETS, IN BILLIONS	2014 RETURN*	2013 RETURN
1 Pershing Square International, Bill Ackman	Pershing Square Capital Mgmt., U.S.	Activist	\$6.1	32.8%	9.3%
2 Quantedge Global, Team managed	Quantedge Capital, Singapore	Quantitative	1.0	32.3	9.2
3 STS Partners, Michael Craig-Scheckman, Scott Burg	Deer Park Road, U.S.	Asset backed	1.3	23.9	25.6
4 Hildene Opportunities, Brett Jefferson	Hildene Capital Mgmt., U.S.	Structured credit	1.3	23.6	35.3
5 AHL Diversified, Tim Wong, Matthew Sargaison	AHL Partners, U.K.	Managed futures	4.4	21.1	-3.1
6 MBS Agency, William Mok	Structured Portfolio Mgmt., U.S.	Mortgage-backed	1.0	20.6	-9.1
7 Citadel Tactical Trading, Team managed	Citadel Advisors, U.S.	Multistrategy	2.3	19.7	12.0
8 Stratus, Team managed	Capital Fund Mgmt., France	Multistrategy			
9 Citadel Global Equities, Team managed	Citadel Advisors, U.S.	Market neutral			
10 Dymon Asia Macro, Danny Yang	Dymon Asia Capital, Singapore	Macro			
11 Glenview Capital Opportunity, Larry Robbins	Glenview Capital Mgmt., U.S.	Long/short	2.8	16.9	101.7
12 Tiger Global, Feroz Dewan	Tiger Global Mgmt., U.S.	Long/short	7.0	16.2	14.3

ALGOTRADES
Had a return of
16.2% in 2014
before Fees

Includes only funds with \$1 billion or more in assets. *As of Oct 31st. Source Bloomberg

S&P 500 Monthly Chart – 7 Year Outlook

The SP500 index (US Stock Market) continues to be in and **Uptrend**.

The major trend line on the chart below must be broken in a big way before a full blown bear market will be confirmed. This is still months away at best so do not worry. The AlgoTrades INNER-Market Analysis will get us positioned when the time is right and enable us to profit as the stock market falls in value.

Your long term equity investments can continue to be held at this point. Speculative and momentum stocks (Russell 2K index) continue to show weakness, so I would stay away from them. Large cap stocks will likely be in favor as the safe haven "blue chip" stocks, but when the market is ready to roll over, all stocks will fall. The safe haven plays should be bonds, gold, and inverse ETF funds.

We do fear a US dollar currency crisis, and if so investors will be moving away from US investments and the massive bond bubble may burst. But at this time, it is not a concern.



S&P 500 Quarterly Chart – BIGGER PICTURE

This chart I feel provides a great perspective on the overall market trend and price patterns. This is the 70 year prospective. I hope something like this unfolds. Fingers crossed to a 12 month correction/bear market. This will build the new base for the next super cycle.

US Dollar has now reached the upper resistance trend line... we could see weakness in the dollar going forward...



The Risk-Off Trade Is Slowly Unfolding

The S&P 500 index is losing its momentum. Money has been rotating into Bonds and global markets for a year in anticipation of the stock market correcting.

With six months of the SP500 index trading sideways we have had to focus on some other areas to find opportunities. Some recent winners have been long oil with UCO, long live cattle with COW, long Russia via RSX, and long Japan with EWJ. Those who follow my [ETF trade alerts newsletter](#) have avoided the recent chatter in the SP500. We have be doing even better with our [active stock trades](#).



The Fear Index & Big Trend Analysis

The VIX index has been trading at low levels for a few years. This suggests that fear is low, complacency is high, and that SP500 is becoming vulnerable to a stock market correction.

In the chart below, I have placed the VIX index above the stocks trading above the 200 day moving average. As the number of stocks trading above the 200 day moving average falls it's telling us that fewer stocks are moving up in value while the broad market climbs. This is bearish.

This provides a great visual of how falling markets correlate with investor fears. While overall market breadth remains strong, a change in the VIX often provides an early warning sign of potential danger.

“When The VIX Is Low Its Time to Go, When The VIX Is High Its Time To Buy”



Stock Market Rises with Fewer Stocks – RED FLAG

Since mid 2014 the US stock market has become more volatile. Fewer stocks participating in the markets move up. This can be seen by comparing the percent of stocks trading above their 200 day moving average and the S&P 500 index.

When a stock market stalls, which is what it appears to be doing, the movement is comparable to that of how an aircraft stalls. It slowly continues to rise, things become choppy/unstable, then it drops and picks up speed trying to regain stability and control.

Once the stock market or an aircraft come to a complete stall they both end with a violent drop. While I am not calling a top yet, understand each month we are getting closer.

An [analyst and trader I respect](#) talked about how the Dow Jones is flat for the the year, yet investors think big profits are being made. But in reality we have not seen real gains and the broad market expand in months. More investors are bullish now than we have almost ever seen according to Investors Intelligence Survey with a whopping 57% of investors bullish on stocks.

The CEO of Ameritrade said that almost all of their 6 million traders/investor accounts are completely invested in stocks, and are leveraged using margin also. This is the ultimate contrarian warning sign of a bear market should begin over the next few months.



INNER-Investor Monthly Conclusion:

The great thing about being an investor is that the analysis and trends move relatively slow. We do not buy at the dead low, nor do we exit at the high, and sometimes we get shaken up during tough phases in the market like the second half of 2014 and first half of 2015.

I'll be honest, the second half of 2014 and first portion of 2015 has been exceptionally tough to generate profits.

Winning streaks, and losing streaks are just part of investing and it happens to everyone and every strategy as the market has different market phases and characteristics.

I believe the second half 2015 will provide great opportunities and we will close the year out with decent gains. AlgoTrades is a great way to add diversification to your portfolio and should be used with a portion of your long term capital.



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