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February 12, 2015 – More Greece, more chop and more technical reasons to be on the long side. After a see-saw session yesterday we can thank comrade Putin for joy this morning. Of course, that is like thanking yourself for stopping hitting yourself in the head with a hammer. But we chartists care not why the market is breaking out and just try to be there when it does.

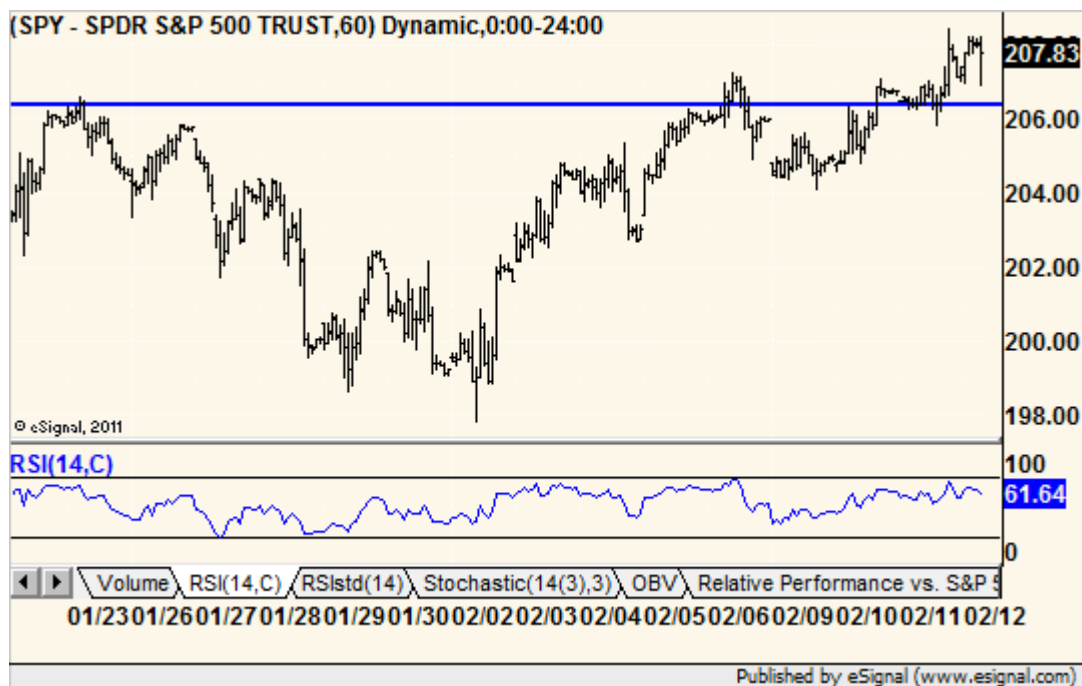
In sectors, we like tobacco, defense, energy and hotels. Retail if you can find stocks just now breaking out from patterns as some sub sectors look overbought.

We do not like airlines, trucking, marine transport and possibly healthcare but it is early.

And we are disappointed but not giving up on precious metals miners. Just biding our time.

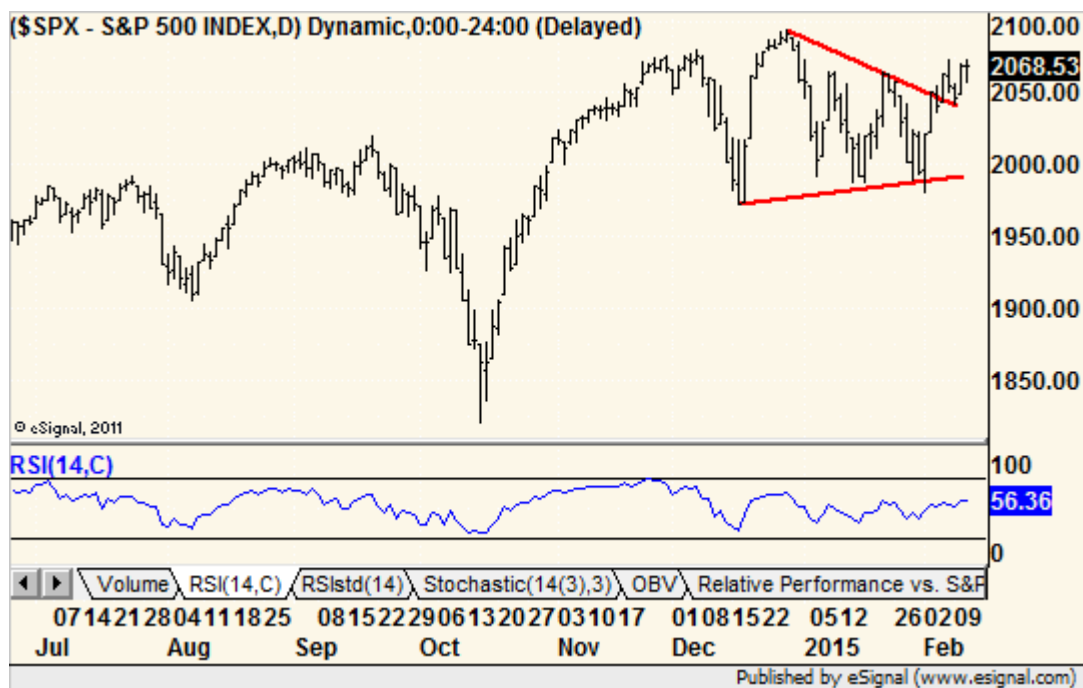
And we are waiting for utilities to come down to our buy levels.

With all that said, you will find a rather full bullish list on the Advice Tracker. Remember, we do not keep a model portfolio so there is no need to buy everything. We offer and you take what you like.

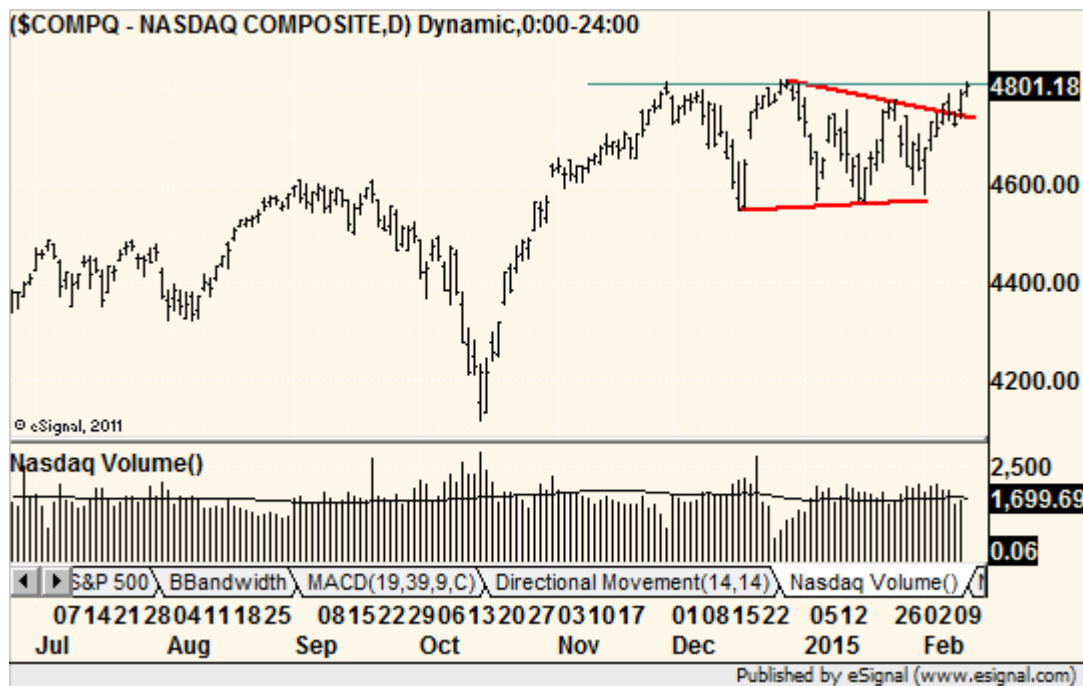


The hourly **SPY** chart now has its breakout in the premarket. Of course, it has to hold it throughout the day but it is a good start.

Index Charts of the Day



Looking good now.



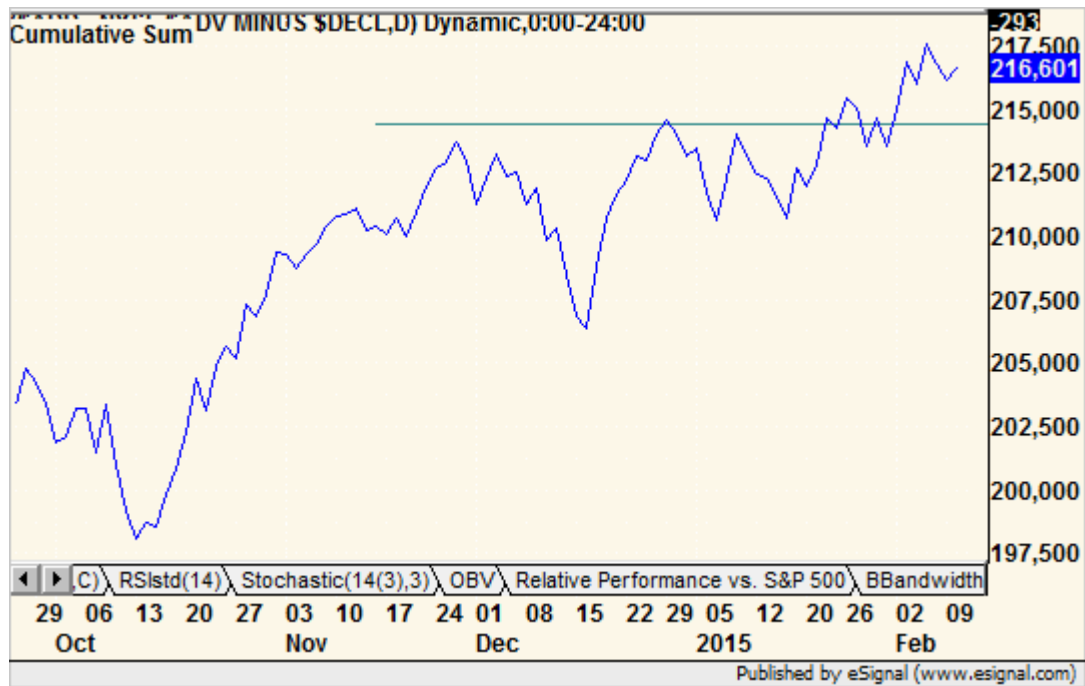
Nasdaq looking good and just a smidgeon from a major breakout.

The Radar Screen

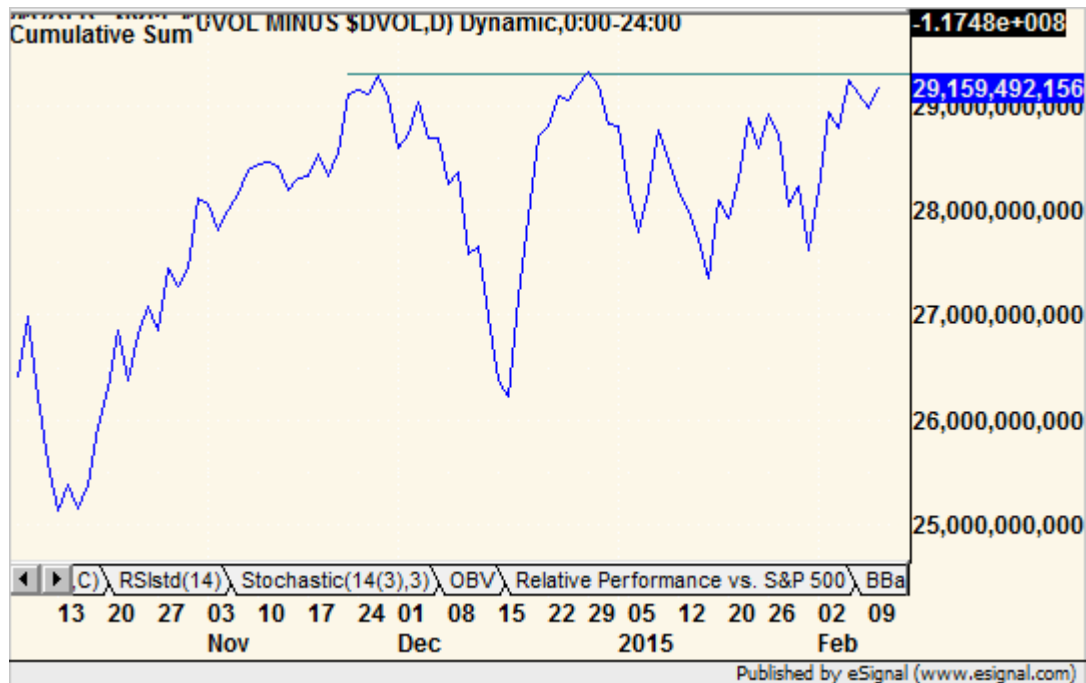
This is a list of potential opportunities, not a recommended portfolio. Underlined text is a change from previous report and if important it will be highlighted in yellow. If and when stocks give buy or sell signals here, they then move into the Advice Tracker section below. Dates listed are first appearances in the Radar Screen or the last major update. We do not take "buy/sell on close" triggers or "at the open" triggers if the stock moves more than 4-5%. See <http://quicktakespro.com/radar.html> for all Radar Screen rules and terms.

Bullish Implications		
Gold ETF GLD – Breakout now tested. Buy resumption of the trend at 120.00		2/3
Barrick Gold ABX – This was a free chart of the day Tuesday but we'll make it official now. Buy breakout with a move over 13.25		2/5
Wal-Mart WMT – We saw a trend break reversed to the upside Monday and now threatens an upside break. On-balance volume not only stayed flat but is close to a new high already. Buy the breakout with a close over 87.50.		2/6
Exxon Mobil XOM – Big oil is on the cusp of a breakout. This one has a nice pause at its July trendline so buy with a close over 92.50. 3% div yield		2/10
Vietnam ETF VNM – Just for a little diversity. A bullish RSI divergence after a long decline and now a pause at the trendline and 50-day average. Buy close over 19.20	Triggered	2/10
Marriott MAR – Clearly last week's dip was a false breakdown. I wrote this up bullish for another website yesterday after the rally It is <u>risky</u> now that it is up even more in the premarket but we like it (and we are covering HLT short).	Triggered	2/2
Energy ETF XLE – Check out the new high in on-balance volume as money pours back into the sector. Now above 50-day average but a new high for the month above 80.85 would be a double bottom breakout.		2/11
Google GOOGL – The breakdown was rejected with a huge volume gap up rally. Already above 50-day average. Now looking at resistance at 543.75. Buy close above.		2/11
Travelers TRV – An insurance stock with a nice bullish setup following a false breakdown. We do wish volume were better. Buy close over 108.30	New	2/15
Conoco Phillips COP – Just another big oil stock. This one has a pause following a trend break. Even though prices are near a 52-week low, on-balance volume is at a 52-week high. Buy close over 68.45.	New	2/15
Bearish Implications		
Healthcare ETF XLV – Now holding in a range but falling on-balance volume. Looking at possible sell under 68.50 although with the market staying strong it might now get close.		1/15
Holding Tank - red shade leans bearish, green shade leans bullish		
Coach COH – This luxury retailer is getting a lot of chatter and it does have a base in progress, albeit with a sloppy "handle" over the past month. Note the relative performance chart is close to a breakout, too. <u>Looks like a slow-mo breakout but volume has been steadily declining. Getting less attractive.</u>		2/4
Utilities ETF XLU – The breakdown is clear. The 200-day average should meet support at the red line in a week or two at 45 and that would be a good place to think about buying some bargains.		2/10
Sector Watch (observations that may spark ideas)		
Retail XRT – On the verge of a breakout.		2/6
Technology XLK – bull flag breakout		
Homebuilding ITB – back in bull mode		
Financials XLF – Broke through resistance. Rally mode but still under 50-day		
Updates		
none –		

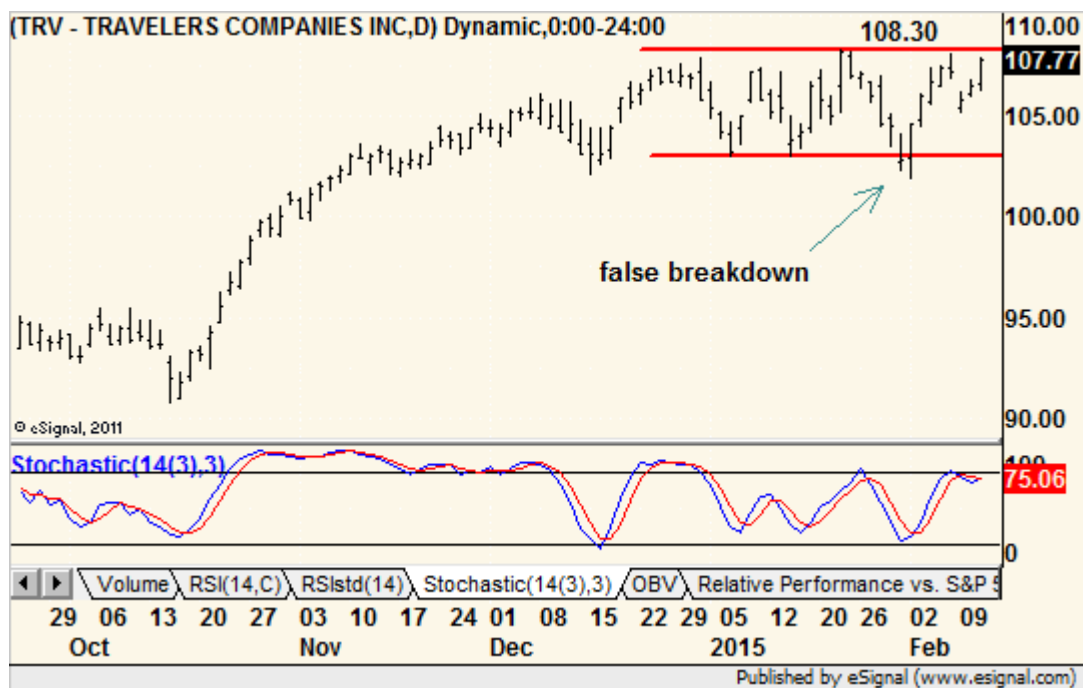
Market Highlights



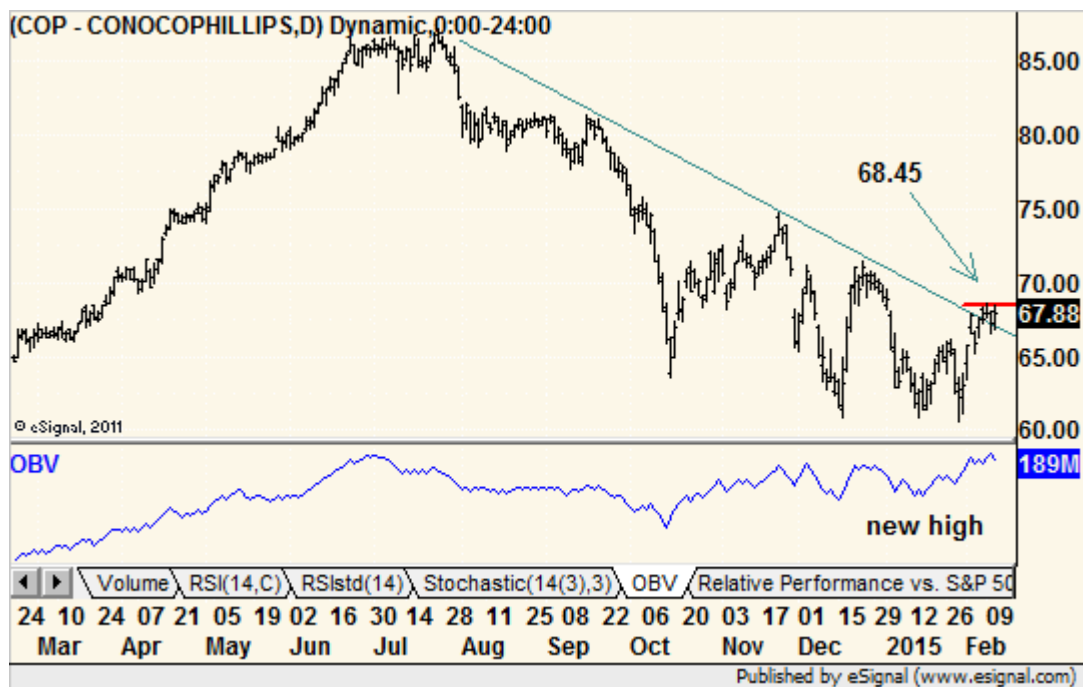
NYSE advance-decline – This includes all issues such as ETFs and bond funds but it broke out earlier this month.



NYSE up volume – down volume – Since most bond funds and preferred stocks are not that active this is more of a representative index. Based on volume, the market is knocking on the door of a breakout.



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Advice Tracker

This is a list of stocks that have triggered buys or sells and not a recommended portfolio. We will track them with suggested strategies but specific stops and position closes are up to the subscriber. Symbols in **red** mean that the position was stopped out. Stops in **red** were changed. Any position that moves in the desired direction and then reverses by 5% from the extreme that day is an automatic stop out. This is to compensate for the inability of this once per day newsletter to alert subscribers to the reversal.

	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>P/L</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>Price in</u>	<u>Date in</u>	<u>#Days</u>
<u>Long</u>	NOC	NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP	166.29	14.6%	160.00	145.05	1/7	35
	LO	LORILLARD INC	67.55	4.8%	65.00	64.46	1/13	29
	CAT	CATERPILLAR INC DEL	83.41	4.6%	80.00	79.74	1/27	15
	TOT	TOTAL S A	53.32	0.1%	52.50	53.25	2/2	9
	EWI	ISHARES MSCI ITALY CAPPED ETF	13.86	-2.1%	13.50	14.16	2/2	9
	HRB	BLOCK H & R INC	35.03	0.3%	34.00	34.91	2/5	6
	HAL	HALLIBURTON CO	42.15	-1.9%	41.25	42.97	2/5	6
	PSUN	PACIFIC SUNWEAR CALIF INC	2.90	-1.7%	2.70	2.95	2/10	1
	VNM	MARKET VECTORS VIETNAM ETF	19.21	0.0%	18.50	19.21	2/11	0
	MAR	MARRIOTT INTL INC NEW	77.02	-0.1%	73.50	77.13	2/11	0
<u>Short</u>	CSCO	CISCO SYS INC	26.93	-0.2%	27.75	26.88	1/30	12
	DAL	DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	44.98	-1.1%	48.00	44.50	2/9	2

Notes: Stops raised for **NOC** and **LO**.

Two new longs – **MAR** at the open and **VNM** as it closed above our trigger.

Bull flag in **TOT** which may break out to the upside today. If you are so inclined, that would be a good place to add more.

Europe doing well this morning on Ukraine news. **EWI** Italy ETF recovering and still looks good.

HRB looks ready to come out of its test of last week's breakout.

HAL took a two-day haircut but also looks ready to come out of a test of its breakout.

CSCO scored an outside-day to the downside but rallied huge after hours on earnings. It will open above our stop so we were trapped.

Here is the result for the short we covered at the open yesterday. A great example of cutting losses without thinking too much about it. The stock rallied 2.55% after we covered so the loss was contained.

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S	HLT	HILTON WORLDWIDE HLDGS	27.47	-2.6%		26.75	1/30	12

Other Information

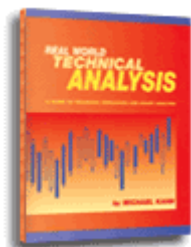
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