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February 13, 2015 – Welcome to Friday the 13th. Will it be bad luck? We don't think so although it has been a nice run this month as we can see in the hourly chart below. We've got two stock ideas today in Market Highlights but you will notice we did not like them enough to put actual buy triggers. Why? We feel that consensus is following us. Sentiment seems to have swung to the bulls' side so we are easing off the gas, as it were. We are long enough for now.

Note that we are not selling anything, either, unless a specific stock looks overbought.

Even though domestic intervention is over, global bond buying is still enough to prop us up here. The Greece thing grabbed headlines but when you think about it, Greece is small potatoes on the world economic stage. It was the fear of spillover into southern Europe that got people nervous but dDon't tell that to Italy, where stocks are soaring (we own the ETF!).

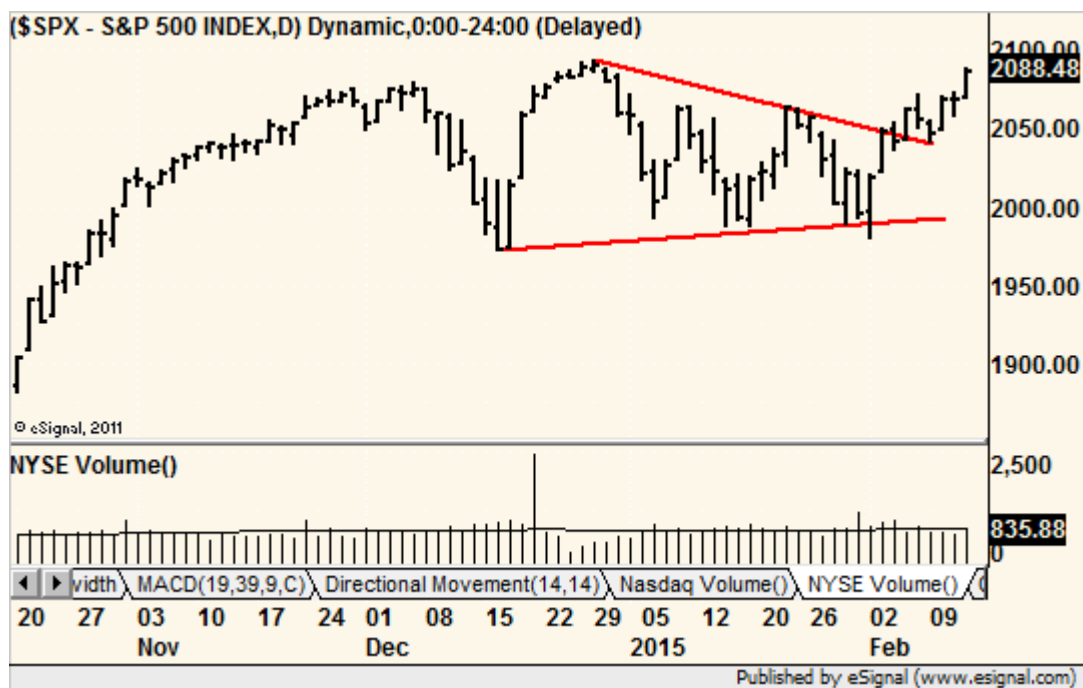
Oil is still doing well but consensus is starting to follow us into energy stocks, too. It's not too strong yet as there are still some people looking for \$20 oil but it is something to watch.



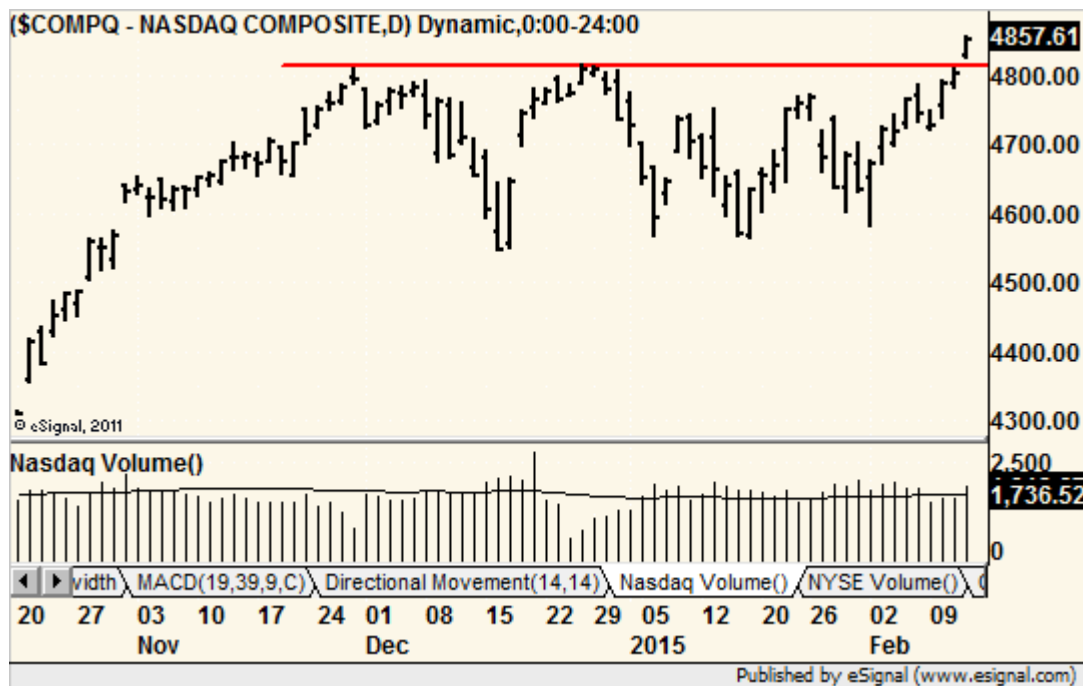
Here is the hourly chart with a revised trendline. We can see it is still a rather straight line rally and RSI is flirting with overbought. It's not a death knell or ever a bad sign but we do have to respect that corrections do happen. And with a long holiday weekend ahead we never know if traders will want to lighten up before they go home.

No newsletter Monday for Presidents' Day as the markets are closed. Northeasterners, stay warm. Everyone else, a raspberry for you ☺

Index Charts of the Day



Still good.



A new high.

The Radar Screen

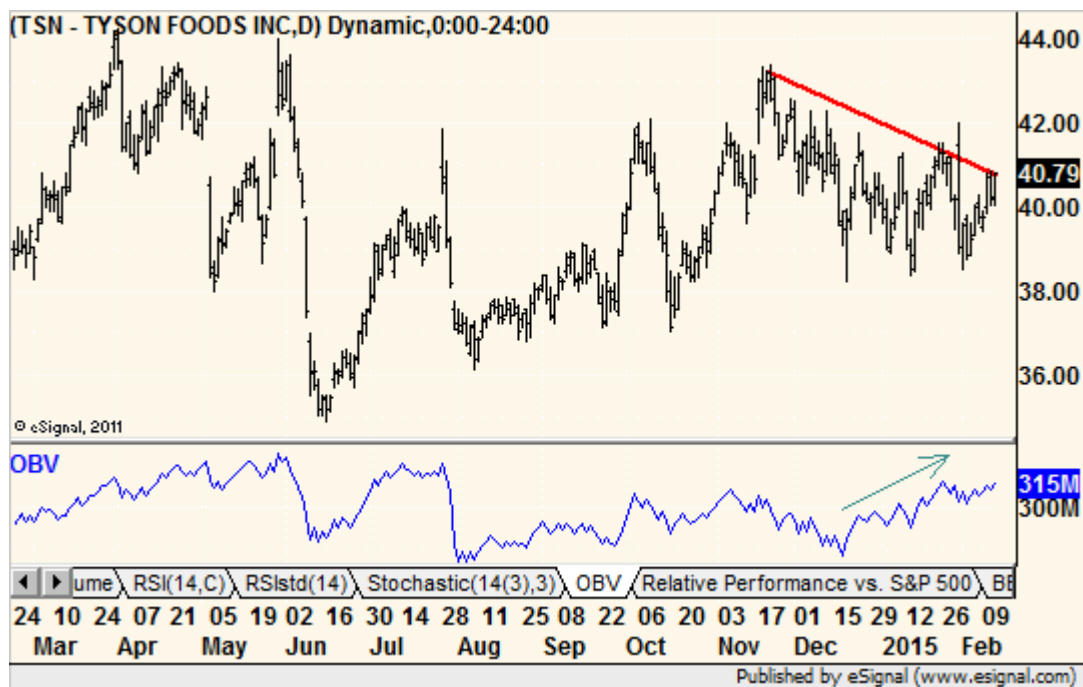
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Bullish Implications		
Gold ETF GLD – Breakout now tested. Buy resumption of the trend at 120.00		2/3
Barrick Gold ABX – This was a free chart of the day Tuesday but we'll make it official now. Buy breakout with a move over 13.25		2/5
Wal-Mart WMT – 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. 3% div yield. Buying now	Changed	2/10
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.	Triggered	2/11
Travelers TRV – An insurance stock with a nice bullish setup following a false breakdown. We do wish volume was better. Buy close over 108.30		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 over 68.45. (not waiting for close)	Changed	2/15
Bearish Implications		
Healthcare ETF XLV – Now holding in a range. Looking at possible sell under 68.50 although with the market staying strong it might not get close. On-balance volume starting to curl higher		1/15
Unknown Implications		
none -		
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. Bear reversal Thursday.		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



CableVision – Their CEO gets in a Twitter battle with an elderly Knicks fan and the stock breaks out? Now above trendline and 50-day average after a pause. Apparently, Madison Square Garden (they own it and the crappy Knicks) is doing well. We are not buying due to its continued market lagging performance but if you are in the mood it is not bad. See next...



Tyson Foods – This one is similar to CVC above but has rising on-balance volume. We like that.

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	167.29	15.3%	162.00	145.05	1/7	36
	LO	LORILLARD INC	68.10	5.6%	66.00	64.46	1/13	30
	CAT	CATERPILLAR INC DEL	83.53	4.8%	80.00	79.74	1/27	16
	TOT	TOTAL S A	54.50	2.3%	52.50	53.25	2/2	10
	EWI	ISHARES MSCI ITALY CAPPED ETF	14.39	1.6%	13.75	14.16	2/2	10
	HRB	BLOCK H & R INC	35.20	0.8%	34.00	34.91	2/5	7
	HAL	HALLIBURTON CO	42.77	-0.5%	41.25	42.97	2/5	7
	PSUN	PACIFIC SUNWEAR CALIF INC	2.95	0.0%	2.80	2.95	2/10	2
	VNM	MARKET VECTORS VIETNAM ETF	19.57	1.9%	18.75	19.21	2/11	1
	MAR	MARRIOTT INTL INC NEW	79.02	2.5%	75.00	77.13	2/11	1
	GOOGL	GOOGLE INC	546.01	0.0%	525.00	546.01	2/12	0
<u>Short</u>	CSCO	CISCO SYS INC	28.99	-7.3%		26.88	1/30	13
	DAL	DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	44.81	-0.7%	48.00	44.50	2/9	3

Notes: New long in **GOOGL** at the close.

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

Raised stops in several positions.

NOC scored a star-like doji and we tightened the stop quite a bit. It may be time to cash this one in soon.

EWI soared!

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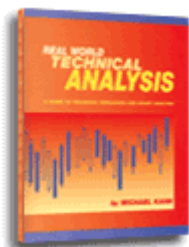
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